



**ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL  
APPROVED Sept 2020 MINUTES  
October 30, 2019**

Agenda Item	Details	Action Items
<b>Attendance</b>	Caroline Athaide; Nicole Hennessy; Mario Pascucci; Claudia Filipe, Stephanie lassogna, Aishling Martins, Andrea Gavrilovic, Joe Schiavone, Julia Karnaukhova, Julia Van De Kraats, Kathy Kure, Nelly Xavier-Cordner, Sofia Ortiz, Steve Starceric.	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> order of business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome to all who attended, including our Trustee who is attending tonight's Council Meeting to give an update related to the Board.</li> <li>• Motion to include Steve Starceric as a member of St. Teresa Council (Approved for the totality of the members). Having in total the participation of the School Principal, 1 teacher's Representative and 12 parents as a Council member</li> <li>• Motion to approve June agenda: 1<sup>st</sup>- Nicole; 2<sup>nd</sup>- Claudia - All in favor</li> <li>• Motion to approve September minutes: 1<sup>st</sup>-Nelly; 2<sup>nd</sup>- Aishling - All in favor</li> </ul>	
<b>Trustee's report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is no new information about Teacher issues.</li> <li>• Bi-laws regulations will start in the next couple of months.</li> <li>• All procedures related to children protection are in place.</li> <li>• There is no new information about new Programs whiting the Board</li> </ul>	
<b>Treasure's report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All the information is up to date (merging of information with previous Treasure representative was made).</li> </ul>	
<b>Parish report</b>		
<b>Student report</b>		
<b>Principal's report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Virtue of the Month for October is Empathy (Virtue assembly was on Tuesday, October 29)</li> <li>• Thanksgiving Food Drive had a great outcome this year               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ All food donations went directly to needy families in our community as well as the St. Mary's Food Bank (Donations were picked up on October 21)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Thank you' to school council for supporting the Open House it was a great turnout</li> <li>• Thank you to the parents who have helped with chocolates and Halloween decorations</li> </ul>	<p>All amounts approved with a 10% +/- leeway</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ As the Chocolate fundraising finish, the School faced issues related to payment. Some parents were unable to pay online.</li> <li>❖ Gift Cards were already purchased and the time to distribute them and the prizes will be around the middle of November.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EQAO data improved compared with last year results             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Grade 3 Reading 89%, Writing 89% Math 85% (Last year 64, 72, 52)</b></li> <li>❖ <b>Grade 6 Reading 87% Writing 87% Math 52% (Last year 76, 72, 40)</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• This year will be focused on Math, especially in Junior Math.</li> <li>• Related to Numeracy,             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ “Mathify” (formerly Math Homework Help); all students in grade 7 and 8 should now be registered</li> <li>❖ Renewed Math Strategy Plan (RMS) is being implemented board wide this year – electronic resources will be available to teachers</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Board Plan 2019-2023 Multi-Year Strategic Plan–The Five Priority Framework – Believe (Faith) Excel (student achievement) Respect (human dignity and equity) Thrive (supporting mental health and Well-Being) Trust (transparency, accountability)</li> <li>• Thank you to Nicole who completed the Annual Report of 2018-2019 and the School council survey which are due Oct. 31</li> <li>• <b>School Generated Funds</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Our current balance in SGF is \$23 K with the additional allocations from council we will be able to cover our expenses</li> <li>❖ Our plan for our SGF budget this year will cover student-based costs that include:                     <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Performances/Activities – Mathletics, Drumming for the whole, Author visit</li> <li>2. Purchase new poles and basketball net</li> <li>3. Enhancement books for classroom- Level Reading/Math Books and Materials</li> <li>4. Enhancement/replacement of older technology in classrooms (laptops and desktops which operate the Smart Boards)</li> </ol> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Gym mats for safety reasons, new tables, other beautification maintenance items such as painting some of the outside games on the asphalt</li> <li>6. With the reallocation of funds from money raised by Council the following items would be covered: trips and movie \$15 per student, Razkids, Halloween DJ, prizes, decorations, items for the responsive classroom design, Principal fund for needy families/students</li> <li>7. Keeping surplus of 12K in case 2 Smart boards need replacing and for beautification (trees)</li> </ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The school board and ICT department are working together at automatically downloading and posting SGF reports for each school on the school's website (starting in approx. one month)</li> </ul>	
<b>Teacher Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The goal for this year is make classrooms more welcoming for students.</li> <li>• Setting accommodations inside the classroom must be approved by the Board before to be placed in it.</li> <li>• Changes in the design of the classroom, including chairs and tables, will encourage students to read and work around the room.</li> <li>• Teachers will make a "wish list" for the Silent Auction, every class will have a theme and will require collaboration from parents/guardians to put the baskets together.</li> <li>• This year, instead of the Christmas concert, it will be a Crafts Night.</li> <li>• Students, parents/guardians and teachers would enjoy with cookie decoration and family photos.</li> </ul>	
<b>Approved items</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trip or School activity (\$10 per student / 240*\$10=-\$2400) and Christmas movie (\$5 per student / 240*\$5=\$1200) for a total of \$3600</li> <li>• Raz Kids (6 licenses) \$660 US / \$720-\$740 CAN</li> <li>• Christmas Craft Night (Dec 18) \$6</li> <li>• Halloween DJ (\$530), decorations and Customs contest gift and card prices (\$160) for a total of \$690</li> <li>• Teacher allotment (\$150 each class / 11*\$150=\$1650) and 5 planning time for teachers (\$75 each / 5*\$75=\$375) for a total of \$2025</li> </ul>	
<b>Adjournment</b>	<b>Next meeting will be held on December 4<sup>th</sup> instead of November 27<sup>th</sup></b>	



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