

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School
CSC Meeting Minutes – Virtual Meeting #7

June 2, 2021 6:30pm to 7:45pm

In attendance: Principal: Leslie Marchand

Teacher Representatives: Katie Box Hodgins

Parent Representatives: Tara Harkin, Atzire Perez, Sarah Kelemen, Nadia Shea, Alex Irving

Parents of Children (non voting): Suzanne Nunne, Keri Keast, Cristina Gouveia, Christine Tsung, Julie Mueller, Samantha Marino

Regrets: Kayla Stephenson but was able to join towards the end

Council

- Chair: Tara Harkin
- Chair: Kayla Stephenson
- Treasurer: Donovan Irving
- Secretary: Sarah Kelemen
- OAPCE Rep: Atzire Perez
- Parish Rep: Alex Irving
- Teacher Rep: Ms. Katie Box
- Volunteer & Fundraising: Nadia Shea

Require 4 for Quorum

April and May meeting notes approved.

Principal's Report

Catholic Education Week – Igniting Hope

- Students held up signs of hope or sent a message of hope
- Shared with school assembly
- Teachers are engaging students with workshops (coding, indigenous learning) to keep them engaged
- Break out rooms with group of friends
- Focus on the wellbeing of students
- New faith ambassadors put together spirit week,
 - Monday - Canada day
 - Tuesday - Crazy hair day
 - Wednesday - Dress up day as favorite character
 - Kahoots challenges for a sense of community
 - Thursday - Spirit wear day
 - Friday -Beach wear
- Mr. Jones is retiring on Friday, staff did a virtual ceremony (current and past staff)

- Virtual subgroup, put together a video on June Virtue of fairness shared Thursday
- June Events
 - Dedicated to sacred heart, 9 day prayer to bring us closer to Jesus
 - Sat-Monday prayer will be sent home to keep it going
 - Catholic school board will fly the pride flag
 - Rainbow poster on the school doors, including the principal's office that will never come down
 - Schools only have one flag pole and rule dictate that only the Canadian flag can be hung
 - Indigenous focus in June, focusing on some of the heros to create more awareness about this heritage
- Grad – all schools will have outside graduations (TBC)
- Still having a Virtual grad June 23, 7pm
- Valedictorian, 2 students chosen by their peers (English and French)
- Memory book is being completed and will be sent to the printer shortly. May arrive after the end of school, pick up will be arrange at a later date
- Grad photos still to be confirmed but looking promising – June 18th.
- Memory book will be the composite photos sent by the students (can't be mixed on professional and self taken)
- Next year, Hybrid is not an option, unless a 2 week covid related absence.
- Currently working on the tentative plan for teachers for 2022 year.
- Current class sizes are based on pre-covid class sizes, adjustments could be made for next year

Chair's Report

- Parent engagement funding \$500 per school for this year
- Not sure how this will be used in this short amount of time
- Question is can we keep the \$500 until next year? Mrs. Marchand to confirm.

Treasurers Report

- Voted & agreed to collapsing School budget into the main school account to avoid banking fees.
- Banking fee is the only change to the budget
- Too early for the May report so the below is still the April report

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School Advisory Council					
Monthly School Council Treasurer's Report					
Month End (Month/Year)				March 20211	
Opening Cash Balance per books:				=	\$2,414.28
Add: Sources	Code	Dep	Amount		\$0.00
Total Sources of Revenue =					\$0.00
Less: Expend	Code	Chq	Amount		
Cleared Cheques / Payments					
Bank Fee			\$ 15.95		
Cheque1598 Sacramental Gifts			\$ 293.00		
Total					\$0.00
Uncleared Cheques/Payments					
Kernels fundraiser			\$162.44		\$162.44
Total Expenditures =					\$308.95
BANK RECORD: (A + B - C)				= \$	\$2,398.33
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Fundraising Ideas & Timing

- No major changes since April update.
- Questions came if accounts were closed out
 - Flip Give \$276 new total end date June 1st. Suggested closing it and getting the cheque.
 - Voluntary donation amount now \$685.00
 - Sits with board until we close the charity number. Once closed it will get transferred from the board to the school.
 - Spirit wear is available for pick up
 - Reminder that Sarah has products for a fundraiser auction.

OPACE REPORT

Link to the OPACE meeting notes are available on the site. No more meetings for the balance of year.

Parish Report

Nothing to report

Looking for a live stream mass for end of year

Teacher's Report

Nothing to report

Future Meetings:

2022 year – Sept 22nd is the tentative at 6:30

School Council: Parent volunteers, which act as a liaison between the parents, students, principal, teachers, and board. The goal is to increase the experience for all students.

Chair & Co Chair: Main points of contact with the school. Host the school council meetings, set and send out the agenda. Ensure the school council is adhering to the guidelines set up for the council per the board directions.

Treasurer: Responsible for coming up with draft budget and final budget. Also responsible for generating monthly reports to indicate all money generated by council fundraising activities and the expenses.

Secretary: Capture the minutes of the council meeting. Ensure each committee has had an opportunity to provide input. Send meeting notes to the school council following the meeting and ensure that they get approved at the following meeting.

OPACE Rep: Members for the regional council are formed by the appointed OAPCE representatives on each of the local school councils in the DPCDSB. This provides a direct connection and opportunity to meet with the Dufferin-Peel Regional OAPCE directors on a monthly basis. This parent information sharing council is made up 100% of parent volunteers.

Parish Representative: Monthly meeting with the priest. Relay information that is happening in the parish to the parent council.

Volunteer & Fundraising: Act as the lead in fundraising and volunteer events.