

St. Paul Catholic Secondary School
"Everything with Heart"



2020-2021 ST. PAUL S.S. CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Meeting: February 10, 2021 6:30 PM – Virtual Meeting

Item	Summary
Acknowledgement of First Nations Sacred Territory: Mr. James McLevey	We acknowledge and thank the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation for being stewards of this traditional territory.
Opening Prayer	Mr. James McLevey – included a prayer for the soul of Mario Messorè, a St. Paul alumnus who passed away on February 8.
Attendance	<p>School Council Members: Grace Siracusa, Rosemary Chambers, Daniela Cavatassi, Kyla Lepore, Erika De Rango</p> <p>Staff: Peter Cusumano (Principal), Derek McWilliam (Vice Principal)</p> <p>Chaplain/Teacher Representative: James McLevey</p> <p>Student Representative: Ella Uppal</p> <p>Trustees: Mario Pascucci, Mississauga Wards 1 & 3 Bruno Iannicca, Mississauga Ward 7</p> <p>Parents: Anil Kanwar, Filomena Aurelio, Carla Basso, Frank Ritacca, Trixia Gener, Mercy Jopia, R. Mastromarco, A. Gdamag, Erin Di Carlo, Susan Seguro, Matthew Watt</p>
Approval of the Minutes of October 07, 2020 Meeting	<p>One correction was made to include the attendance of Student Rep Ella Uppal at the December 02, 2020 meeting.</p> <p>1st: Kyla Lepore 2nd: Daniela Cavatassi</p> <p>Approved</p>
Approval of the Agenda of December 02, 2020	<p>One correction was made to Kyla Lepore's name.</p> <p>1st: Erika De Rango 2nd: Daniela Cavatassi</p> <p>Approved</p>
Updates from School Trustees: Mario Pascucci	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Things are going as well as expected under the circumstances. • There is real interest in hearing parents' feedback. Trustees want questions/issues to be raised by parents so they can bring them to

<p>Bruno Iannicca</p>	<p>the Board to be addressed. Parents should feel free to contact Trustees if there are questions/concerns.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental Health comment by a parent: please keep focus on this matter – very important for our students’ well-being. • Questions about Grade 12 Graduation: what are the Board’s thoughts on this? (1) Parent feedback will be solicited; (2) some form of keepsakes and potential grad photos may be available; (3) Board is seeking to standardize the graduation format to ensure consistency across all schools. Committee has been created to set up format/guidelines. • Grade 12 Graduation update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Committee has been created to establish a standardized format/guidelines for all Board schools. ○ Need parent feedback. ○ Ultimately, the Medical Health Officer’s recommendations will dictate what will be doable.
<p>REPORTS:</p>	
<p>Parent Council Chair: Grace Siracusa</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCCSC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parent engagement event to be held on February 25: Canadian Blood Services initiative. The need for blood exists through the pandemic. ○ Superintendent will be present at next CCCSC meeting – let Grace know if there are any questions/issues/concerns you would like addressed. ○ Meeting will be held on February 11 to brainstorm graduation ideas. Any ideas/thoughts can be shared with Grace. ○ Good News Member Report – School representatives share good news from their schools – what can we communicate? • Fund Raising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>Cobs Bread Bakery Initiative (Applewood Plaza location):</u> Two scenarios possible: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Scenario 1:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$20 - \$30 card for \$30 - \$40 worth of products. ▪ Cobs would keep \$5 of \$20 card and St. Paul would get \$15 ▪ Cobs’ owner has offered to print the cards for us to save us the cost of cards. Better option would be to use “e-cards” that could be printed at home. These could be numbered to avoid duplication. <u>Scenario 2:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tie the sale of cards to an event – such as Easter.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Can do \$10 cards for cinnamon rolls to be ordered through the school and picked up at Cobs. ○ Council’s preference is Scenario 1. ○ Initiative can be tied to cafeteria mural. Cost estimated to be \$10,000 ○ Foyer, doors and cafeteria are being painted (starting today) – cost = \$11,000. ○ Mural for foyer has not been priced yet. ● St. Paul’s Parent Engagement Event: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Topic: Mental Health ○ Prof. in Psychology Carla LaBella – “Raising Resilient Children” - will provide techniques for coping with stress, overcoming it and building resilience. ○ Price is reasonable. ○ Timing: Mental Health Week in April (April 12-16) would be a good opportunity. Next School Council Meeting is scheduled for April 14 – can have the meeting earlier and then hold this parent engagement event – Agreement from Council to proceed.
<p>Principal’s Report: Peter Cusumano</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Black History Month: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Black Future’s Committee will remain active beyond February. ○ All school staff participated in an Antiracism Talk. ● 2021-2022 Enrolment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Current enrolment for September 2021 is 584 students. ○ Increase in enrolment will result in increased staffing and increased diversity of courses. ● Student Trustee Elections are being held on February 25. One rep for all Mississauga. St. Paul’s candidate is Jonathan Plutas. ● IB Exams: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No fees have been solicited for May Examinations yet. ○ Exams will take place. ○ Provincial meeting will be held on February 11 to communicate how exams will be run. ○ Letter to Grade 12 IB parents has been sent since supplementary instruction will be needed to prep students for these exams. ● Distinguished Alumni: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Initiative to identify distinguished alumni from each school. ○ Short list of 1-2 names to be provided to the Board. ● EQAO: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Quadmester 2 Math test was deferred. ○ Quadmester 3 plans are on their way and will be communicated shortly. ● Grade 10 Literacy Test: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Optional this year – decision left at the school level. ○ St. Paul has decided to defer this test to next year.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Students will be able to write this test next year (Grade 11). ● 2019 – 2020 Awards Ceremony: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ceremony to be held in early Spring, during the school day. ○ There will be no evening Awards Night. More details to come. ● Grade 12 Graduation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Standardized approach being established by Board. ○ Aiming for event to take place in June 2021. ○ Photo book may be a replacement for a yearbook. ○ Diploma distribution method to be determined. ○ 2021 Grad hoodies are being assessed as a keepsake. ● Virtual Tutoring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Information has been made available to students. ● Cohorts A and B returning to class on February 16: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New requirement for each student to complete an on-line COVID-19 assessment – results to be shown to staff before entering the school. ○ In the event of an issue, a quarantine period of 14 to 24 days will apply. ● Passing of a St. Paul Student: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mario Messoré’s funeral service will take place this week. ○ St. Paul teachers will attend the service therefore some teachers will not be available for morning classes. Materials will be posted for those classes. ○ Idea is being explored to create a Peace Garden for St. Paul students and staff who have passed away.
<p>Student Rep Report: Ella Uppal</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Wellness Week: to be held in April. ● February Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>Valentine’s Day:</u> Art submissions will be requested to participate in a Virtual Valentine’s Day Art Show. ○ <u>Black History Month:</u> Black Futures Committee, consisting of teachers and students, was put together. During February, weekly issues will be published on black history month topics. Events/activities will go on beyond February.
<p>Teacher Report: Mr. McLevey</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Community Outreach: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Program led by wife of a Malton MP. It subsidizes 20 families per week with groceries – provides meat every two weeks. Response has been very generous. ● 2021-2022 Leadership Program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Preparations have started for next year’s Leadership Program. Focus will be social outreach. ○ ~100 students have filled out applications to participate in Committee. ○ 40 core students will be selected. ○ Interviews will be held Feb.22 – March 05. ○ Training to be conducted April – June.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grade 9 Retreat: in the plans for next year.• Ash Wednesday: Virtual ceremony with participation from Father Terry.• Lent: Trying to incorporate some safe drop-offs for donations. More to come on this.• Catholic Education Week: (Beginning of May) Scientists from Yukon want to do a virtual message for the St. Paul students.• Mental Health: Calls are being made to Cohort C students to check in and see how they're doing. Some kids expressing concerns about returning to school since routines have been established at home, etc.
Treasurer Report: Daniela Cavatassi	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Balance: \$1373.01.
Parish Rep Report: Ann Worobec	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No report provided – Ann was not present at meeting
OAPCE Report: Rosemary Chambers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• OAPCE's last meeting was held in January.• The OAPCE website (www.oapce.org) is a good place to find resources for parents to support children through the pandemic.• The results from the survey on the November webinar series are in. Feedback received on all webinars but in particular on the Human Trafficking webinar. Suggestions for improving the content (more specific details) were made. Hoping to adapt a presentation for parents of younger children.• Another good source of parent and student engagement events, and other helpful resources, is available through Lets Get Together (website: http://letsgettogether.ca/).
Closing Prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. McLevey
Adjournment:	7:57 PM
Next Meeting:	Wednesday, April 14, 2021 @ 6:00 PM*

* Due to the change in dates for the Spring Break, the next meeting date was changed to Wednesday, April 21, 2021 (@ 6:00 PM).