



**Philip Pocock Catholic School Council Meeting
November 25th, 2020 6:30 pm**

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Mario Pascucci, Stefano Pascucci, Caroline Hastings, Lina Iacobucci, , Yonas Lijiam, Anna Farmer, Gracie Candido, Sally Chang; Stepanie Cox, Maya Charbin, Donna Grossi, Agnes Kwaczek, Kalina Rachwal, Dora Vitu

Land Acknowledgment

We wish to acknowledge this land on which Philip Pocock Catholic Secondary School operates. For thousands of years it has been the traditional land of the Huron-Wendat, the Seneca and, most recently, the Mississaugas of the Credit River. Today, this meeting place is still the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work on this land.

Prayer

COVID-19: A Prayer of Solidarity

*For all who have contracted coronavirus, We pray for care and healing.
For those who are particularly vulnerable, We pray for safety and protection.
For all who experience fear or anxiety, We pray for peace of mind and spirit.
For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety, We pray for policies that recognize their plight.
For those who do not have adequate health insurance, We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.
For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status, We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.
For our brothers and sisters around the world, We pray for shared solidarity.
For public officials and decisionmakers, We pray for wisdom and guidance.
Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all.
Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing. Be with us, Lord. Amen.*

Welcome

Caroline Hastings

Introduction of new attendees

Greetings from Trustees:

Stefano Pascucci (Mississauga , Ward 4)

- Welcomed all parents in attendance
- No changes to report since October meeting
- Human Trafficking presentation – approx. 600 attendees
- November 16 – re-organization of elementary schools
- If anyone missed any parent engagement nights including mental health presentation – will be posted on board website
- Hoping to have another newsletter before the end of the year

Mario Pascucci (Mississauga, Ward 1, 3)

- Thanked parents for all their patience
- Acknowledged and thanked hard working staff and parents
- Dufferin-Peel Community is working hard to serve our children
- Will be bringing identified issues to local MPPs
- Praised Pocock Student Council Co-Presidents for their leadership roles

October 7, School Council Minutes

Approved

Anna Farmer

Student Council Student Co-Presidents Update

**Paola Lipo
Esosa Obano**

- Slowly building activities for student engagement
- Celebrated:

October – Orange Shirt Day	Pumpkin carving contest
Halloween Virtual Activities	Quizzes with prizes
	Student Insta-gram posts
- Current Initiative

Bullying Awareness Campaign
Instagram and School Announcements
- Christmas Planning

Classic Stars
Foyer Decorations by teachers
Chaplaincy Team Virtual Stars to be features on school tv monitors
- Challenge

looking for ways to include the Cohort C students into the Pocock School Community
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Updates

OAPCE

Anna Farmer

- Annual General Meeting Procedures not followed and being reviewed because they directly affect Dufferin-Peel

Parish

Dora Vitu

- Churches are closed however youth links from Sts Peter and Paul now posted on Pocock's Chaplain's Google Classroom and Instagram Account

School Principal Updates

Caroline Hastings

- On-line Student Agenda "My School Day App" now available on school website
 - Students and parents/guardians are encouraged to download and use app
- School Finances
 - 2019-2020 surplus \$35, 000
 - School side significant investment to upgrade technology equipment being received daily to enhance virtual teaching
 - Matrix entrance refreshed
 - Phys Ed safety standards upgraded – weight room safety
 - Next Project – Refresh Cafeteria
 Used for student lunches, assemblies, awards, graduation and other ceremonies
- \$25 refund to families with paid school activity fees
 - No year books anticipated for this year
 - Modified retreats
- Athletic Baquet Fees from 2019-2020 returned to families who had paid
- Graduation Gift Bags with diplomas, transcripts, and yearbooks for 2019-2020 graduates prepared and distributed
- Thanksgiving Food Drive very successful – thank you to our generous Pocock Community
- Remembrance Day Celebration
 - Mr. Raya's grade 10 Religion Class Virtual Celebration
- Christmas Support for our community families of the school, St. Patrick, Nativity of our Lord and St. Vincent de Paul
 - Information available on our website
 - Donations can be made on-line or through gift cards – no cash

THANK YOU TO ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND ENSURING SAFETY FOR EVERYONE

WISHING EVERYONE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS!

Meeting Ended 8 pm