



Queen of Heaven Elementary School

2021-2022 School Council

Meeting Minutes, March 9, 2022 Online Meeting, 6:30-8:00PM

Attendees: Ms. Gizzi, Ms. Mete, Tara Cruz, Jennifer Toth, Gia D'souza, Catherine van Broekhoven, Georgia Kowtun, Cathy Ceci, Feliciano Silva-Correia, Tania Ferreira Moral, Edyta, Katarzyna Menendez, Joanne Giaimo, Lenka J, Debbie Cabral

Guests: Mario Pascucci

Regrets: Rosa D, Lorena F, Monica K

AGENDA ITEM & NOTES	ACTION ITEMS / PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE
<p>1. Prayer & Land Acknowledgement</p> <p>O HOLY SPIRIT, source of truth and grace, enlighten our minds, strengthen our wills, and fill our hearts with generosity so that our school may cooperate effectively with You, and we may build a strong community with one another in the mission of Catholic Education. We make our prayer through Christ, our Lord. Amen.</p> <p>We would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather, and which the Region of Peel operates, is part of the Treaty Lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit. We are grateful to have the opportunity to work on this land, and by doing so, give our respect to its first inhabitants.</p>	<p>Gia D</p>
<p>2. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes & Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Minutes dated Feb 2, 2021 ● Agenda dated March 9, 2022 	<p>Motion to approve minutes/agenda: Georgia K Second: Feliciano S</p>
<p>3. Board Trustee Update</p> <p>HPV Vaccine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Anticipated to begin this year; Still waiting for dates; Will raise again at Board table; ● Parents at meeting raised information they received indicating families will receive a letter mid-late march from peel public health <p>Mask mandate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Board is reassessing policy; updates anticipated in 2 weeks <p>Board Finances</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Finance committee meeting held; concern regarding \$44M deficit; partially attributed to declining number of students, partially COVID costs ● Mario P will report back once there is more information on next steps 	<p>Mario P</p>
<p>4. Principal's Update</p> <p>Updates from Mrs. Gizzi:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Virtual Ash Wednesday liturgy ● Spirit week and Share Life fundraiser held ● Boulevard sign likely to be installed this summer 	<p>Mrs. Gizzi</p>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lights in school are being retrofitted; movement to LED ● Updating school electronics policy ● Using grant to schedule X Movement event for students; anticipate event in May ● Opportunities for teams and clubs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New Board policies anticipated post March Break ○ Miss Taylor started a book club ○ Mr. N initiated robotics club ○ Basketball teams ○ Boys club ○ Eco team ○ Social justice and outreach ● Grade 7/8 students are leading announcements ● Book Fair - May 9 (in-person) ● Board currently reviewing policies re: masking, cohorting, pizza days, trips, etc. ● Anticipating gift card collection for Easter to support families in need ● April 29 – Easter mass ● May 5 – Welcome to kindergarten session ● June 21/23 – Grad mass; Grad ceremony June 22; event ideas being planned ● April 1 – Photo retakes + grad photos ● April 1 – Early On program will open again ● May 4 – June 24 – EQAO testing dates: May 4 – June 24 (block off May 23 – June 6 for other events) <p>Questions raised by parents:</p> <p>Q: Buddy program – will that come back into play? A: Yes, just a matter of timing; dependent on Board decisions re: updated COVID policies</p> <p>Q: Other schools have already started pizza days etc. Can our school reinstate pizza day? A: Schools that have re-started pizza days are part of a different Board. We can reinstate once the DPCDS Board approves this.</p> <p>Q: In past had individual fundraiser for grad events. The Council welcomes requests from school. Is there a possibility to invite past grads back? A: We will not be inviting past grads back as we already had events for them (albeit restricted due to COVID)</p> <p>Q: Is there an opportunity to have a spring dance? A: If the Board updates COVID policies to allow for such an event then we can organize a spring dance at QofH. Suggest creating a sub-committee to plan in the event the Board policy changes. If Board allows, aim for May 20 (Friday before long weekend).</p> <p>Q: Is there an opportunity to get a new Canada flag for the flagpole? The current one is looking tattered. A: A new flag has already been ordered and will be raised as soon as it is received.</p> <p>Q: Autism Awareness Day is April 2 (April is awareness month). Is there potential to raise the Autism Flag?</p>	



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<p>A: Yes, we can do some things in April to bring greater awareness to autism. Potentially have the kids do a little parade with the flag.</p> <p>Q: Parents want to know if kids can start using equipment outside? Council can help replenish equipment if funds are needed.</p> <p>A: To be discussed at future meeting.</p> <p>Q: Can mesh be added to basketball nets outside? Other schools have mesh.</p> <p>A: Ms. Gizzi will look into this.</p> <p>Q: Is there an opportunity kids with special needs to participate in organized sports?</p> <p>A: Ms. Gizzi indicated that there will be more opportunities to run intermural sports for everyone to participate in (non-competitive sports for fun; organized during lunch etc.).</p> <p>Funding requests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grad event - School requested \$1000 to cover costs of composite photo • Confirmation and First Holy Communion keepsake from school - requested \$300; suggested rosary; Suggested Beading Buds (run by mother in our community) https://www.beadinbuds.com/ 	<p>Motion to approve \$1000 for Grads: Kasia M Second: Feliciana S</p> <p>Motion to approve \$300 for sacrament memento: Gia D Second: Debbie C</p>
<p>5. Co-Chair's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	<p>Tara C</p>
<p>6. Treasurer's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current balance as of March 9: \$2979.07 	<p>Tania M</p>
<p>7. Fundraising Committee Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Gizzi led the editing of letter drafted for chocolate campaign • School will be sent out letter tomorrow; campaign opens Friday and closes March 25 	<p>Feliciana S / Debbie C</p>
<p>8. Community Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
<p>9. Parish Representative Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No new updates 	<p>Gia D</p>
<p>10. OAPCE Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Engagement Event DPCDSB's Special Education Advisory Committee Explore Digital Parenting Thursday, March 31 6-8:30pm http://forms.gle/URrLFKrxuWH7po9J9 *Register by: March 17th, Isabel.Ferreira@dpcdsb.org 	<p>Rosa D</p>



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11. Other Business	
MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:39pm	Motion to adjourn meeting: Tania F Second: Feliciano S

REMINDER – NEXT MEETING: May 4, 2022