



# Queen of Heaven Elementary School

2021-2022 School Council

Meeting Minutes, May 4, 2022 Online Meeting, 6:30-8:00PM

**Attendees:** Ms. Gizzi, Ms. Mete, Tara Cruz, Jennifer Toth, Gia D'souza, Rosa da Silva, Lorena Ferrari, Sylvia Decarvalho, Georgia Kowtun, Feliciano Silva-Correia, Tania Ferreira Moral, Joanne Giaimo, Lenka Jendrusiak, Debbie Cabral, Miss Escalona, Michelle Dalisay, Vanessa ?, Monica Cabral, Ms. Mete, Anna ?

**Guests:** Mario Pascucci

**Regrets:** Miss Evans, Cathy Ceci, Katarzyna Menendez, Catherine van Broekhoven

AGENDA ITEM & NOTES	ACTION ITEMS / PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE
<p><b>1. Prayer &amp; Land Acknowledgement</b></p> <p>Catholic Education Week Prayer: God of Grace, help us to be side by side in rebuilding our communities of faith and learning. Help us restore harmony and balance in our relationships, and renew our desire to approach challenges confidently and with peaceful hearts. May we always rejoice in recognizing the blessings our lives hold. 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>	Gia D
<p><b>2. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes &amp; Agenda</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Minutes dated March 9, 2022; updated to reflect teachers that participated</li><li>• Agenda dated May 4, 2022</li></ul>	Motion to approve minutes/agenda: <b>Debbie C</b> Second: <b>Georgia K</b>
<p><b>3. Board Trustee Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Budget continues to be key issue; Enrollment numbers are down across the board; approx. 84,000 down to 79,000 students; many newcomers in areas not from catholic regions of the world</li><li>• In late December draft budget created; last week input from parents requested; finance committee meets again next week</li><li>• Mario has put his name forward for Trustee next year</li></ul> <p><b>Q:</b> 90% of budget is allocated to salaries. The survey asks parents to prioritize various items (all very important), but this is only affecting 10% of the budget (i.e. a very small amount of funds). What is the Board doing to in terms of fiscal review to ensure the 90% is being used efficiently?</p> <p><b>A:</b> Administration/salaries has always been about 90% of the budget. Salary increases for leadership roles has been kept to 1%; Board is looking at LTDs; Trying to maintain student:teacher ratios and admin:student ratios; Income has been reduced – can no longer rent out gyms etc.; Mario will raise concerns with Board and ask for greater transparency</p>	Mario P



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<p>● <b>Principal's Update</b></p> <p><b>Faith Development:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Celebrated staff on St. Joseph the worker day on Monday</li> <li>● Congratulations to Grade 2s that received First Communion; We will be celebrating Confirmation soon; We will celebrate all those that received sacraments at the next school Mass; Council will be invited to give out gifts</li> <li>● Gift for communion – medallion and rosary</li> <li>● Gift for confirmation – Prayer card and mini rosary</li> <li>● Catholic education week continues; Board wide mass today virtually</li> <li>● During Holy Week Grade 8s put together Stations of Cross</li> <li>● Collected donations for Dr. Simone</li> <li>● Continued collections for Share Life (up to \$926 currently)</li> <li>● Board presentations upcoming – anti racism, faith formation, etc.</li> </ul> <p><b>Health &amp; Safety:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Hepa air filters added a couple of weeks ago</li> <li>● Going to be speaking with board maintenance to relieve drainage issues in parts of field that get very soggy</li> </ul> <p><b>Academic Activities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pro grant is being used towards Vex and robotics training for teachers</li> <li>● Grades 7/8s participated in Board wide Film Festival contest; Awards ceremony showcased top 5 videos for our school; Top 1 will go against other schools; May 12</li> <li>● EQAO dates set up – 4 days</li> <li>● Tutoring program underway – Wednesday and Thursday – literacy and numeracy; grades 3-8 – offered to students where teacher and family identified there are needs</li> <li>● Journey into learning for new FDK students planned soon</li> <li>● June – grad plans – liturgy + ceremony + party; hall and DJ booked for June 22</li> <li>● Composites from last year are now arriving and will be distributed</li> <li>● Mental Health awareness week</li> </ul> <p><b>Extra-Curricular Activities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pizza day is back and initial challenges have been resolved; Youth ambassadors help to distribute; Thank you to Ms. Mete for organizing</li> <li>● Play day scheduled for June 28 (rain date June 29); Will be asking council parents to get involved (e.g. hand out freezies etc.)</li> <li>● Eco schools application has been completed; QofH reached platinum this year (Big Gulp and Big Crunch were two big initiatives)</li> <li>● Spirit wear that was ordered is arriving shortly; Was made available through an online store; Closed at the beginning of April; There will be opportunities to re-open the store for additional orders in the future</li> <li>● Week of May 16 XMovement will be in the school running sessions for kids; PRO grant funds used for XMovement community event for all families (June 8)</li> </ul>	<p>Mrs. Gizzi</p>





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<p><b>5. Treasurer's Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current balance as of May 4: \$6,516.77</li> </ul>	<p>Tania M</p>
<p><b>6. Fundraising Committee Report</b></p> <p><b><u>Chocolate Fundraiser</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sold: 27 Full cases, 17 ½ cases</li> <li>Raised \$1365.00 + \$420.00 in donations</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Sandwich Day Fundraiser Idea</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Lunches/snack offered by council.</li> <li>Options: Mr. Sub, Pita Pit, Kids Essentials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6" subs - \$4.50</li> <li>Pita pit - \$6 for kids meal including drink and cookie</li> <li>Kid Essentials – 4 week trial</li> </ul> </li> <li>Dates: May 24 and June 14 – Tuesdays</li> <li>Pricing \$6 per sandwich</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Popcorn Days Fundraiser Idea</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kernels Popcorn – sizes: monster bags, or snack bags come individually sealed</li> <li>Cost to council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$1.25 per snack bag</li> <li>\$32.99 per monster bag – butter &amp; salt flavour qualifies for 2 for 1 pricing</li> </ul> </li> <li>Pricing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$2.25 per snack bag</li> <li>\$35 per monster bag</li> </ul> </li> <li>Dates: 4 Fridays - 2 in May, 2 in June</li> <li>Flavours to be offered for snack bags: Butter/salt, light caramel</li> <li>Flavours to be offered for monster bags: full menu of Kernels offerings</li> <li>Volunteers: Joanne, Sylvia, Gia</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Additional Fundraising Ideas</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider Krispy Kreme donut day</li> <li>Held at highschoools in area</li> <li>\$1 cash per donut; very successful</li> </ul> <p><b><u>School Dance</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Theme ideas: Tropical, Halloween in spring, winter theme, colour theme</li> <li>Location: In the gym</li> <li>Date: June 16</li> <li>Freezies being donated</li> <li>Tropical decorations; Summer send off; Allow kids to dress up</li> <li>Members of subcommittee: Amber T, Debbie. C, Georgia K, Jenn T, Tania M</li> <li>Information exchanged via school council email: qofhschoolcouncil@gmail.com</li> </ul>	<p>Feliciana S / Debbie C</p> <p>Motion for Mr. Sub Fundraiser: <b>Georgia K</b> Second: <b>Tania F</b></p> <p>Motion for Popcorn Fundraiser: <b>Rosa D</b> Second: <b>Tania F</b></p> <p>Motion to approve \$500 for School Dance: <b>Debbie C</b> Second: <b>Rosa D</b></p>
<p><b>7. Community Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upcoming events in Port Credit</li> <li>Carmen Corbasson closing; Renovations until Fall 2024</li> </ul>	



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<b>8. Parish Representative Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No new updates</li></ul>	Gia D
<b>9. OAPCE Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Parent share St. Marguerite D'Youville webinar w/speaker Sara Westbrook May, 19th 7pm zoom. Email M.Licata at <a href="mailto:dufferinpeel@oapce.org">dufferinpeel@oapce.org</a></li><li>Reminder school board survey to provide feedback on budget open until May 12th</li><li>Next OAPCE Dufferin Peel meeting: Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup></li></ul>	Rosa D
<b>10. Other Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Teacher evaluation/how is parent feedback received and implemented</li></ul> <b>ACTION ITEM:</b> Topic to be deferred to next meeting; Mrs. Gizzi to address on June 8	Gia D
<b>11. Closing Prayer</b>  Dear Lord, Thank you for being with us today and keep us safe and in your heart until we meet again. Amen.	Gia D
<b>MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:37 pm</b>	Motion to adjourn meeting: <b>Gia D</b> Second: <b>Tara C</b>

**REMINDER – NEXT MEETING: June 8, 2022**