



Queen of Heaven Elementary School

2020-2021 School Council

Meeting Minutes, October 6, 2021 Online Meeting, 6:30-8:00PM

Attendees: Ms. Gizzi, Mario Pascucci, Gia D'souza, Tara Cruz, Cathy Ceci, Feliciano Silva-Correia, Rosa da Silva, Miss Evans, Miss Escalona, Tania Ferreira Moral, Michelle Dalisay, Katarzyna Menendez, Georgia Kowtun, Jennifer Toth, Monica Keyes-Cabral, Catherine van Broekhoven

Regrets: Sylvia Decarvalho, Debbie Cabral, Krista Blondin

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| <p>1. Prayer & Land Acknowledgement</p> <p>Father, you call us together at the beginning of this new school year. We ask you to send your spirit upon us that, as the days and terms unfold, we may be always mindful of your presence and alert to opportunities to see and serve you in those around us. 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 & Mrs. Gizzi</p> |
| <p>2. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes (from June 2021)</p> | <p>Motion to approve minutes: Catherine V Second: Georgia K</p> |
| <p>3. Board Trustee Update</p> <p>Question: Has there been any discussion at board level re: vaccine roll-out for 5-11y old children? Is there the possibility of a public health mobile unit which would provide an option for classmates to get vaccinated together? This would provide a more positive vaccination experience for kids. Answer: Mario P will raise this topic with the Board. Idea was acknowledged as a positive one.</p> <p>Question: Does the Board have a plan regarding HPV and Hepatitis vaccinations for grade 7 kids that did not receive it last year as a result of the pandemic? Will the missed students have access to the vaccine this year? Answer: Mario P had not heard of any plans to date. This will be raised with the Board.</p> <p>Council members were encouraged to send Mario P an email with their concerns requesting that he forward it on to the appropriate people for a response/solution.</p> | <p>Mario P</p> |
| <p>4. Principal's Update</p> <p>Updates from Mrs. Gizzi:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Thank you to outgoing committee and new members ● Dates for 2021-22 meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ November 10 ○ December 8 ○ January 12 ○ March 9 | <p>Mrs. Gizzi</p> <p>Motion to approve dates: Gia D Second: Tania F</p> |



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ May 4 ○ June 8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School enrolment is currently 340 students in person and 22 remote (stable numbers from last year) ● Possible reorganization in February if a significant number of students change from in-person to remote (or vice versa) ● EQAO will take place this year ● Waiting to set up first school mass as well as first communion and confirmation dates ● School has experienced a few positive COVID cases; classes were closed as per the direction of Peel Public Health ● COVID safety protocols are in place (e.g. all students wearing masks); various blocks of outdoor time scheduled to allow for mask breaks; signage in place throughout the school to help manage flow of students indoor ● Kiss n'Ride pick-up and drop-off working smoothly so far; continuing to monitor ● Picture day at end of October; no class composites ● Still on hold for food vendors in school ● Updated soccer fields; new turf installed; basketball nets now up; items for FDK area coming ● Expecting outdoor classroom; awaiting landscaper for installation ● School is being painted currently (in evenings) ● Plans for Halloween being developed (awaiting direction from Board) ● Hoping to get some clubs and teams up and running; updates will be shared ● ShareLife and Terry Fox fundraisers were successful ● Progress reports Nov 9; parent-teacher interviews Nov 11 (virtual) <p>Discussion/Questions:</p> <p>PRO GRANT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Looking into application deadline ● Not sure how to increase parent participation ● Possibility of using PRO GRANT for another art night? <p>GRADE 8 SCHOOL APPAREL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Is there an opportunity to give grade 8s their school shirt/sweater earlier this year to allow for more use? <p>COMMUNICATION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Add parent council email to school blasts so parents know how to get in touch <p>BEFORE-AFTER SCHOOL CARE SERVICES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parents are requiring more flexibility for after-school care services (often as a result of COVID work schedules); YMCA program only offering full-time services ● Does the school have the ability to influence the services provided? | |



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs. Gizzi explained that the after school care services are controlled by board and that the school has little input Opportunity for Grade 8s to advertise their babysitting services to parents! | |
| <p>5. Co-Chair's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome and thanks to all council members!! Reminder: for anyone who has questions, suggestions etc. our school council email is gofhschoolcouncil@gmail.com | Tara C |
| <p>6. Nominations and Elections for Positions</p> <p>Role of Council – as per bylaws: “...through the active participation of parents, [the purpose of the council is] to improve pupil achievement and to enhance the accountability of the education system to parents... to promote the vision, values and sacramental life of Catholic practices of the DPCDSB and the Catholic community it serves, and advise the principal and the board.”</p> <p>Mrs. Gizzi read out the descriptions of each role</p> <p>Co-Chair # 1: Tara Cruz Co-Chair # 2: Jennifer Toth Secretary # 1: Gia D'souza Secretary # 2: Tania Ferreira Moral Treasurer: Tania Ferreira Moral Parish Representative: Gia D'souza Community Representative: Georgia Kowtun OAPCE Rep: Rosa da Silva Fundraiser Committee #1: Feliciano Silva-Correia Fundraiser Committee #2: Debbie Cabral</p> | <p>Motion to endorse Debbie Cabral for Fundraiser Committee role (despite being absent from meeting): Feliciano S Second: Monica C</p> |
| <p>7. Treasurer's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current balance \$2991.57 | Tania M |
| <p>8. Fundraising Committee Report</p> <p>Potential fundraising ideas for discussion at future meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pizza – Domino, direct to home fundraiser Spirit wear – Sell QofH apparel to families Flippgive – Continue to promote | Feliciano S / Debbie C |
| <p>9. Community Report</p> <p>None</p> | |



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| 10. Parish Representative Report None | |
| 11. OAPCE Report None | |
| 12. Other Business Support for Kids with Special Needs <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Concerns raised with the amount of support provided to kids with special needs that are integrated into classrooms● Seems like the older the child gets, the less support they receive; for example need more support during outdoor time to help kids integrate and interact with other students● Council knows that the school is doing the best they can with limited resources; nonetheless the perspective of parents is valuable as they may provide some suggestions that will improve the student experience with existing resources● Mrs. Gizzi responded to the concern:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Number of ERWs is determined by Board based on student numbers○ Special education programming; Board allocated resources to the school○ CYW (Child & Youth worker) available 0.5 at school; going into more classes and educating all students● Council discussed potential solutions:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Education of parents is also important when there is a student in the class that requires additional support○ Opportunity for parent engagement evening event○ Potential for Buddy system in the class; build on virtues in the classroom○ Letter to parents to increase awareness of kids with special needs in the school; Jen to draft letter;○ Allow for mixing of cohorts to provide support to kids across classes○ Raise issue and request for support to Board○ Mario's email: Mario.pascucci@dpcdsb.org○ School board number: 905-890-1221 | |
| MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:30pm | Motion to adjourn meeting: Georgia K Second: Rosa D |