



Queen of Heaven Elementary School

2020-2021 School Council

Meeting Minutes, October 7, 2020 Online Meeting, 6:30-8:30PM

Attendees: Ms. Gizzi, Jen T, Monica C, Lorena F, Catherine V, Georgia K, Gia D, Miss Evans, Mr. Bronstein, Ms. Taylor, Tara C, Catherine C, Tania F, Sylvia D, Joanne C, Mario P, Debbie ?, Rosa D, Krista B, Gizella B, Debbie C, Felician S

Regrets: NA

AGENDA ITEM & NOTES	ACTION ITEMS / PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE
1. Prayer & Land Acknowledgement	Mrs. Gizzi
2. Welcome & Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each participant introduced themselves 	Mrs. Gizzi
3. Trustee Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appreciation and thanks to families for choosing catholic education • Mr. P opened floor to questions from parents <p>Comment: School has done good job with new procedures but class sizes are still an issue. The Board should consider creative solutions like spreading a class over two rooms and having a teacher spend half the day in classroom #1 and then having a lower cost supervisor with classroom #1 for the afternoon while the teacher goes to classroom #2</p> <p>Answer: Will bring ideas to the Board. There is a possibility opening shuttered classrooms to create more space.</p> <p>Comment: Parents received survey regarding changes to mode of learning – how will the influx of students from online learning impact class sizes which are already high?</p> <p>Answer: The Board is looking at various approaches to respond to needs</p> <p>Comment: As an educator in post-secondary – we have had good success reducing class sizes by breaking students into smaller cohorts. The Board should look to post-secondary institutions for some ideas on how to operate classes with kids in cohorts of smaller groups.</p> <p>Comment: Concerns regarding the impact of changes on children with special needs, it is especially hard on them if there isn't regular schedule</p> <p>Comment: Concerns regarding kids in virtual stream feeling disconnected to home school.</p> <p>Answer: Board is looking at ways to keep kids better connected to home school.</p>	Mr. Pascucci
4. Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes	Motion to approve minutes: Debbie C Second: Catherine V
5. Co-Chair's Report Send-off from 2019-20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council is a very active team! Welcome to new participants • Last year we accomplished a lot despite COVID: 	



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dance-a-thon & DJ • Movember • December Movie Night • Poinsettias fundraiser • Craft Club • Tshirts Sizing completed • Big Box fundraiser ready to launch • COVID friendly grade 8 graduation celebration • Opportunity to leverage plans we had ready to go for activities post March from last year 	
<p>6. Selecting This Year's Council</p> <p>Co-Chair #1: Tara C Co-Chair #2: Monica C Secretary #1: Gia D Secretary #2: Joanne C Treasurer #1: Tania F Parish Rep: Gia D Community Rep: Krista B Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education: Rosa D Fundraising Chair #1: Feliciano S Fundraising Chair #2: Debbie C Fundraising Chair #3: Catherine V Fundraising Chair #4: Sylvia D</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bilaws allow for a maximum of 17 people on council; additional non-voting participants very welcome • One applicant came in after deadline; council members agreed to accept the additional person 	<p>Seconded by: Tania F Seconded by: Tania F Seconded by: Joanne C Seconded by: Debbie C Seconded by: Catherine V Seconded by: Monica C Seconded by: Joanne C Seconded by: Monica C Seconded by: Gia D Seconded by: Gia D Seconded by: Gia D Seconded by: Gia D</p>
<p>7. Principal's Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule of meetings for the year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ November 18 @ 6:30pm ○ December 9 @ 6:30pm ○ January 20 @ 6:30pm ○ February 24 @ 6:30pm ○ March 24 @ 6:30pm ○ April 28 @ 6:30pm ○ May 26 @ 6:30pm ○ June 9 @ 6:30pm • Appreciation for patience of families as we have started school year in a very unusual set of circumstances • Enrollment: 274 in person, 70 virtual • Possible reorganization after Nov 1; Survey deadline is Oct 13 • EQAO is on hold for this year • Opening mass will be virtual – Oct 16; Kids will watch in classrooms • Weekly school masses on hold – but working on organizing virtual masses • First Assembly done virtually – one for each division • Considering rosary apostolate virtually with classrooms • First Communion/reconciliation/confirmations – parish has continued 	<p>Ms. Gizzi</p>



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- Grade 2s this year will celebrate First Communion during Easter 2021 and First Reconciliation during Lent 2021
- Grade 7s will celebrate Confirmation during Easter 2021
- Most communication to parents is through School Messenger
- Updated screening tool has been distributed; parents are being asked to use this daily
- Recent updates from Peel Public Health: If there is a positive case in a class, the entire class will automatically be dismissed and will move to online for the duration of the isolation period
- Health and safety protocols – students doing well; leveraging good weather for outdoor time; added 20 minutes of outdoor time; ‘walk n talk’ time; distancing in halls and classrooms
- Kiss n Ride is going well. Reminder that kids need to exit on their own and get out on right side of vehicles only
- Food Drive for Thanksgiving & Orange Day of Reconciliation
- Eco club is being established
- Pizza days cancelled
- Soccer nets painted
- New water filling station has been installed upstairs
- New mural in the gym was painted over summer
- Agendas have been distributed for students in grades 1-6
- Picture day on hold
- Halloween & Remembrance Day activities – waiting for direction from Board
- Future project: new digital sign for boulevard
- All classrooms have Google Classroom set up
- Report & engagement – progress reports scheduled Nov 10; interview evening will be virtual; tentatively scheduled for Nov 12
- Project Wish list: murals in staircases, turf for soccer nets, painting of school

Question: Is there an opportunity for grade 7/8 kids to act as ambassadors – reach out to virtual students from QofH?

Answer: Would need to ensure parent approval for each student; will look into ways older students can play a leadership role

Question: Regarding policy to dismiss class if COVID positive case identified - would siblings of students in dismissed class stay home?

Answer: No, policy does not require this currently

Question: Report on news highlighted use of air purification systems. Is this something our school could consider and Council could help with?

Answer: Will bring idea to Board

Question: Is it possible to allow virtual students to participate in assemblies? This would help them feel more connected to home school

Answer: Board is thinking about ways to connect students with home schools

8. Treasurer’s Report

- Balance as of Oct 5, 2020 \$12,043.49

Tania F



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirmation has been received that funds carry over to this school year 	
<p>9. Fundraising Committee Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Given COVID constraints Council felt strongly that we should focus fundraising activities on FlipGive (easy way for families to raise funds through their existing purchases). Felician S will create something to include in future newsletter. School has raised \$1139 via FlipGive to date! Big Box of Cards has created a video to share with potential 'buyers' to help support sales for the fundraiser Idea was raised to use some of our funds to support families in our school – for example winter boots or coats Ideas was raised that there is an opportunity to leverage school alumni – connect with them and see how they might be able to support with the school Council needs to ensure that the purpose of any fundraisers is clearly communicated so people know why money is being raised 	
<p>10. Community Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report 	
<p>11. Parish Representative Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communions for past Grade 2 students have been taking place this fall 	
<p>12. OAPCE Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report 	
<p>13. Student Voice Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider trying to set up committee virtually – allows older students to get connected to the rest of the students 	
<p>14. Other Business</p> <p>School Tshirts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be discussed at upcoming meeting Good way to connect kids Re: sizing - let parents choose sizes <p>Open House</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cancelling due to COVID Revisit possibility for spring time <p>Halloween</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cancelling dance-a-thon Waiting for direction from Board on what else could be done Conscious on not imposing expenditures on families <p>Team Snap</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of funds for TeamSnap as communication tool for Council Cost is \$99US Ms. Gizzi is confirming with Board that this communication platform is endorsed by the Board; defer final approval until confirmed 	<p>Approval of TeamSnap Funds Pending Board Approval: Debbie C Second: Tania F</p>



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Human Trafficking Presentation

- Parents are invited to participate in virtual presentation being organized by St. Martins
- Nov 12 @ 7pm
- Information to be circulated

Celebration for Last Year's Grade 8s

- In June we talked about graduation organizing an event in the future to give out diplomas. Have any plans/ideas been raised? Is there a possibility of using the church?
- Answer: Hasn't been raised at board yet, but anticipate they will address it

Supports for Parents

- Council should discuss at future meeting how we can help support parents during this atypical time

Student Events

- Request to brainstorm events that could be done virtually or safely in-person at future meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:20pm