

# St. Sebastian Catholic Elementary School CSAC Meeting

Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @ 6:30pm

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Meeting Minutes

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## **In Attendance:**

Adriana DiCicco (Principal)  
Angela Longerich (Treasurer)  
Carmela Moody (Teacher Rep)  
Cristina Roda (Vice Principal)  
Fernando Fecher  
Helen Antonio  
Moya Marr (Chair)  
Rachael DiClemente  
Samantha Welch  
Tosin Duru  
Vanessa Menszies (OAPSE Rep)  
Vesna Zovko (Non-teaching Rep)

## **Regrets:**

Nerissa Coronel (Parish Rep)

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## **OPENING PRAYER**

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

- Meeting Minutes for this session will be recorded by Samantha
- Introductions of attendees

## **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- Approval of current agenda by Carmela, seconded by Helen

## **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Minutes from previous meeting approved by Rachael, seconded by Carmela
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## **UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR:**

### **(Notes provided by Moya)**

On Monday, Oct. 25 I attended the Central Committee for Catholic School Councils (CCCSC) virtual meeting. In attendance were all the Mississauga North family of schools Principals and Council Chairs as well as the Trustees and Superintendent. We saw many recorded video messages throughout the meeting. We were welcomed by Sharron Hobin and thanked for our engagement in our respective parent Councils. The Director of Education, Mary-Anne Mozzarato, spoke in a brief video referencing the multiyear strategic plan for DPCDSB. The outgoing CCCSC Chair Genevieve Rodney spoke about the importance of parent engagement over the past 10 years that she has served on Central Committee. The final speaker was Luz Del Rosario who thanked everyone for their commitment to volunteering. The new representatives to sit on CCCSC this year were then determined. All were elected by acclamation.

The elementary rep. is Leanne DeSouza and the alternate is Neisma Peredo. The secondary rep. is Dinah Langley and the alternate is Pam Olivieri.

The next CCCSC meeting will be held on Nov. 4, 2021 at 7pm.

Please mark your calendars to save the date for Thursday, Nov. 18, 2021 at 6:30pm for a virtual keynote speaker and training for new council members.

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**UPDATE FROM THE TREASURER** (Sent in by Angela; reported by Moya):

- August council funds matching bank balance at \$16, 724.59
- No outstanding cheques
- September council funds matching bank balance at \$16, 724.59
- No outstanding cheques

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**UPDATE FROM THE PARISH REP:**

- EDGE returning for students in grades 6-8 on Tuesday nights. Sign up is first come, first served through Youth Ministry site
- Communion dates are out
- New Monsignor installation on same date as Confirmation meeting

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**UPDATE FROM THE OAPSE REP:**

- First OAPSE meeting of the year scheduled at the same time as council meeting so Vanessa will send update to Moya for any relevant info for the school newsletter

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**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

**(Notes taken by Sam)**

- Spirit week was successful; generated a lot of excitement!
- Water bottles well received. Kids were very grateful. Check it out on Twitter
- Curriculum Night was also a success – first time it was held virtually
- Visits from Father & Pam from the parish for grade 7 students has begun for Confirmation preparation
- New Child and Youth Worker (CYW) from St Joan of Arc – Kevin – will be meeting with grade 7&8 students throughout the year regarding prep for high school
- Today was 'wear purple' day supporting Children's Aid. Such a great turnout!
- Tomorrow is 'orange and black' day. Outdoor dance will take place in regular cohorts. Masks not needed outdoors
- Friday is costume day. Everyone encouraged to participate
- First Virtue assembly taking place this Friday. New gifts are bookmarks and little hand sanitizer pen gifts if they arrive in time with quote 'Clean hands, clean heart'
- Literacy
  - o PM benchmarks info being used to identify gaps and then build strategies to address those concerns flagged
- Mathematics
  - o 9 high-impact strategies identified by the board
  - o At St Sebastian we will focus on 2: Direct instruction & deliberate practice
- Progress reports going out November 16<sup>th</sup>. Parent/Teacher Interviews on November 18<sup>th</sup>

- Well-being update – school-wide ‘mindful moment’ to begin in November across Primary/Junior/Intermediate. More details to follow
- Sensory Path approved to be built by January timeframe – engages children in safe movement up and down the hallway. Gives them a chance to release some energy, end in a mindful moment and then return to class more grounded and composed
- Mural to be created outside the office. Three options will be short-listed and students will vote on which one will be chosen
- All Souls Day on November 1<sup>st</sup> – students invited to write the name of their loved one to remember in a memory book and say a prayer. A reference to the names included in the book of memories will be made in morning prayers for the month of November
- Budget overview:
  - o \$28,482.32
  - o Classrooms will each get about \$8.XX per student to spend on in-class activities
  - o Graduation hoodies
  - o Classroom activities
  - o Sharelife
- Proposal budget is \$10,000
  - o Review of the proposals, totaling \$10,066
  - o Motion to approve by Angela and seconded by Rachael

**(Notes provided by Adriana DiCicco)**

Principal Report

October 2021

Month in review/Month Ahead

- Spirit Week was a lot of fun and students were very appreciative of the St.
- Sebastian water bottles
- Virtual Curriculum Night went well with a good turn out
- Visits from Father or Pam with our grade 7 students in preparation of Confirmation
- CYW from Joan of Arc – Kevin Berthiaume – visits with our intermediate students. The focus of this direction is to primarily support grade seven and eight students with social, emotional, and transitional needs.
- Today is Wear Purple Day – highlight the work of CAS and the role they play in supporting families
- Thursday is Orange and Black day and Outdoor Halloween Dance
- Friday is Costume Day (rain date for dance)
- Virtue Assembly will take place this Friday (virtue gifts have been ordered)
- Curriculum/Well-Being/Faith
- School goals: Literacy – gap closing analysis; use specialized reading programs such as Corrective Reading, Empower and Reading Mastery to target areas of concern in primary; Junior/Int grades will focus on Lexia program for students in need
- Math – High impact strategies: direct instruction and deliberate practice
- Change of dates for progress report – emailed on November 16 and interview evening as requested on November 18
- Wellbeing- mindfulness moments will begin in November- currently considering MIND UP curriculum from Scholastic as a key resource

- Sensory path update/mural – meeting with teachers/students to vote on
- quote; work to be completed by January 2022
- All Souls Day – Memory Book front altar- write the names of loved ones
- they have lost and place a sticker by their name- students invited to say a
- prayer-school wide morning prayer will call to mind the names in the
- memory book as we pray together

#### Budget

☒ SGF opening balance - \$28482.32

☒ Allocation of funds:

- Sensory path
- Mural/quote
- Water bottles
- Special treats
- Graduation
- Class incentives
- Charities (ShareLife)
- Guest Speaker

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#### OTHER BUSINESS

- Question about class photos
  - Can't do class photos but are able to do class composites!
- Debris in the East parking lot. Anything that we can do about it?
  - Unfortunately that lot is owned by the city so Mrs. DiCicco has informed the city to look after it. Suggestion for more parents to also fill in that request form with the city to help put pressure.
  - Question about Covid cases – none known in the school. No outbreak in the school after the last bulletin because the practices and protocols in place were effective and dealt with quickly
  - The school will follow whatever the board and peel health recommends for covid protocols, masks, distancing, etc.
  - Angela will look into a possible fund-raising initiative where a percentage of the funds will come back to the school

Next meeting: November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Motion to adjourn by Angela, seconded by Carmela