



MINUTES OF MEETING – October 1 2020 Virtual

Attendees Present: B. Stanger, D. Davidson, J. Rosario, K. Roach, A. Sol-Cruz, N. Lobo, S. D’Mello, D. Mitra, J. Carvajal, R. Barbuc, P. Pancras K. Ferrao, M. Habashy, K. Ejzenchart, A Tomazic, J. DaSilva, R. Asaf, A. Medeiros, D. Tarcisius

Nominated but Absent:

	Agenda Item	
1.	Welcome	K. Ferrao monitored the entry of the participants to the virtual on-line meeting. A Sol Cruz called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and welcomed all attendees to the virtual meeting
2.	Opening Prayer	Opening Prayer said by A. Sol -Cruz Land Acknowledgment said by Ms. Ferrao We acknowledge that this virtual meeting is taking place on Indigenous lands. This land, as we know it today, is rich in the history and modern traditions of many First Nations, the Métis and Inuit. Our Catholic Social Teachings call us, in solidarity with our Indigenous brothers and sisters, to honour and respect the four directions, lands, waters, plants, animals and ancestors that walked before us. All these wonderful elements of creation exist, gifted to us by our creator God. No matter where you are on Turtle Island, which is now known as Canada and the United States, you are always on Indigenous territory. It is an important act of reconciliation to know on whose land we stand on and work together in the spirit of Treaty 13 which covers those lands. We thank the Mississaugas of the Credit and the Anishinabek First Nations for being stewards of this land and for continuing to share this land with us.
	Round Table introduction	N.Lobo facilitated a brief round table introduction among all the attendees.
	Other/New Items	The option of proposing other /New items to the meeting was highlighted. No new item was proposed or added to the agenda
	Approval of current Agenda (October 01, 2020)	Motion to approve by D. Davidson Motioned seconded by R. Barbuc Motion carried
	Review of June 01 2020 Minutes	Motion to approve by D. Davidson Motioned seconded by R. Barbuc Motion carried
	Last Year’s Co- Chairs Update	Bazaar 2020 : An summary announcement on the Full Cancellation of the Bazaar 2020 was made (highlighting the decision was made due to COVID 19)
	Chairs Update	Pro- grant : We have secured funding. Considered the possibility of a virtual even in the future. Fundraising ideas : consider the need for fundraising next school year, and any new fundraising ideas.
	Treasurers Update	As of October 1, 2020 a balance of \$6,666.65 was highlighted.
	Elections – Parent Council 20-21	Elections for Parent Council 20-21 was conducted. It was announced by K Ferrao that last years Co-Chairs A. Sol-Cruz and N. Lobo, would not able to carry on with the roles for the co-Chairs this year due to professional progressive paths.

		<p>K. Ferrao provided description and details of the Chair role Election results: Co-Chairs – B. Stanger, P. Pancras Treasurer – K. Roach Secretary – , R. Barbuc Parish Rep – J. Carvajal OAPCE – R. Barbuc Teacher Rep – M. Habashy Non-Teaching Rep – S. De Melo & K. Ejzenchart</p> <p>Non-Voting members – J. Rosario, A. Sol Cruz, N. Lobo, J. DaSilva</p> <p>By Laws will be reviewed at the next meeting</p>
9.	Principal's report- Ms Ferrao	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 194 students in face-to-face classrooms. Students are physically distanced in the classrooms. 70 students registered in virtual classrooms. • The board will be sending out a survey to parents shortly to see if they want to switch the learning platform for their children. This may cause us to have to reorganize our classrooms which may have a ripple affect on the classroom teacher assigned to students. The changes will take place on November 1st. • At the moment, it is not easy to switch back to face to face learning as we have to ensure that students can be physically distanced in their classrooms. We have established a waitlist and will inform people accordingly. Similarly, the challenge to moving to a virtual classroom means that there needs to be a teacher to assign students to, we also have a waitlist for students wanting to switch to the virtual platform. If anyone wants to do so, please connect with the school and we will add you to the waitlist. Over 15000 elementary students in the Board are accessing virtual learning. The process for assigning virtual teachers has been challenging. Everyone is now assigned to a regular classroom teacher. • New staff members this year include: • Mrs. Ejzenchart, Mrs. Belsito, Mrs. Kwaterska, Mr. Cordeiro, Mrs. D'Souza, and Mr. Longo. • Now working online with students are: • Mrs. Gombos, Mrs. D'Souza, Mrs. Belsito, Mrs. Kwaterska, and Mr. Cordeiro (who is filling in for Mrs. Thrasher this year). • In addition, we are providing space for Mr. Olenicz to work online from our school as the school he was assigned to, could not accommodate a working space for him. • COVID-19 – We continue to ask that families use the Covid-19 self-assessment tool before coming to school each day. The people in our community have been quite diligent. Peel Health has updated its guidelines. Now, if anyone in the family is exhibiting symptoms, all siblings must stay home. This means that if we call a parent about a student exhibiting symptoms, we will be sending all siblings home. • Our parent community has been so wonderful that they even our FDK learners are wearing masks. We are truly grateful for the concern that all parents are showing for all of our learners. • We now have our morning announcements virtually each morning. Classes log in to our announcements daily. This gives us an opportunity to allow students to lead prayers. The leaders go to Mrs. Tomazic's room and read the prayers as part of our morning exercises. • We have painted lines on the playground in order to create visible zones within which cohorts can spread out and enjoy some mask-free time. These spaces are also used to provide student with 20 minutes outside during the lunch hour. In addition, we have divided our fields into sections. In all we have 8 areas that teachers use for outdoor learning time. Additionally, we have 3 smaller spaces that can be used for small group learning and guided reading in front of the school. • To help with supervision at lunch time, the Board has granted us an additional paid lunch supervisor that we were able to hire 2 people to share. If anyone else is interested in helping we could use someone to be on standby if needed in case of emergency. Let people know that they can contact the office to get a package from Basie if they are interested. • Mrs. Wallace painted some shapes in a grid-like fashion. This has become the source of

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • much creativity with students. We gave classes the opportunity to design the other 2 areas of the pavement. Mrs. Sostaric and Mrs. Nunez had their original grade 5s and 6s submit ideas. We have contacted both tendered companies to obtain quotes to make these designs a reality. • Mrs. Habashy has agreed to initiate the Terry Fox Walk for the school this year. Given the Covid restrictions, classes will go outside and do the walk in our school yard in their own cohorts on Friday next week. Donations to the Terry Fox foundation we are in the process of setting up our school on their site. We will not be collecting cash. • Staggered dismissal and entry upon coming to the school have really helped reduce traffic in our Kiss 'N Ride. Fewer parents need reminders not to park in the Kiss 'n Ride lanes when picking up students. Our parents have been driving very carefully and we appreciate the care they are using. • Parking – people parking on the road are getting ticketed. We are encouraging parents to park legally. • We are going to be focusing on Anti-bullying as a school this year. We have selected a Canadian program – WITS- that offers books, lesson plans, an oath, programs for K-4 students and a leaders' program for those in grade 5+. Teachers have completed their modules for the program and we invited our Student lunch monitors and our Child youth worker to do the same so that they can support us as Community Leaders. We have invested close to \$2000.00 to launch this initiative. We are grateful to Mrs. Tomazic and Mrs. Vago for agreeing to spearhead this initiative. I will let Mrs. Tomazic make her presentation to describe the program to you in more depth.
10.	Teachers Update	Teachers update was included in the update provided by the principal.
11.	School Staff Update	<p>Anti-bullying</p> <p>Mrs. Tomazic provided an update on the school strategy of implementing Antibullying initiative this year. Mrs. Tomazic made a presentation to describe the program in details.</p>
12.	Next Meeting	K Ferrao further reinstated that the near future council meetings will be held virtually. It was concluded that the very next meeting would be scheduled for Thursday, November 5 @ 7:30 p.m. virtually.
13.	Adjourn Meeting	<p>Motion to adjourn – J. Carvajal</p> <p>Motion seconded – S. D' Mello</p>
14.	Closing Prayer	N. Lobo