



ST . EDITH STEIN SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF MEETING – Feb 13, 2020

Attendees Present: K. Ferrao, V. D’Silva, A. Sol-Cruz, N. Lobo, A. Docker, K. Roach, M. Habashy, R. Barbic, J. Rosario, A. Medeiros, D Davidson, B. Stanger

Absent: J. Carvajal , A. Labbe, S. McIntyre, D. Mitra, T. Stebbings, K. Melo, S. King, P. Pancras, Z. Ata, S. De Melo

	Agenda Item	Action Taken
1.	Welcome	Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by A. Sol-Cruz
2.	Opening Prayer	The Opening Prayer by A. Docker followed by acknowledgement of First Nations Sacred Territory by K. Ferrao
3.	Other/New Items	Funding Raising Initiative
4.	Approval of Agenda Acceptance of Oct 22, 2019 Minutes	Motion to approve by K Roach Motion seconded by N Lobo Motion carried Amendment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved RAAZ • Pro - Grant Amount was approved. Motion to approve by D Davidson Motion seconded by A. Docker Motion Carried
5.	Council Updates/On-going Business	Parent Council introduction made by the principal and “ Thank You” presentation along with bazaar details, provided at the council at the Christmas Concert was well received. The distribution of Christmas cookies to each school kid from the school council was also appreciated. The concept of prepacking the cookies earlier and handing over to each class teacher for further distribution to the kids was also welcomed by the teachers. Shrove Tuesday is scheduled for Feb 25. Council would once again make and distribute pancakes and would seek volunteers A message on the distribution of pancakes. Indication of allergies and seeking volunteers to help the council, would be sent out by the principal J Rosario volunteered to bring all the pancake supplies
7.	Chairs Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More Christmas Deco is needed for the school. It was decided that the same would be requested from the community through donations : • Suggestions on spending the COUNCIL budget for this year was discussed as below <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ School Playground updates – Principal is working on the grant . It will take 2 yrs to complete (If council can pay for 300 half will be completed this yr and remaining from the grant will be covered next yr) ➢ Prologue – Performing ARTS (to be considered for NEXT YEAR) K Roach to make the connections and get the information from them ➢ Smart Board (we choose one) do the Kinder grader : \$3,500 (1) Voted Anonymously. ➢ Prologue one Show :\$1,000 (Full Class) ➢ School crafts \$1,000 ➢ School Playground : \$300.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Vitue awards \$100. ➤ (T-shirts for Field days and pennies for teams) ➤ Providing the gift cards to the families in need. ➤ Purchase of School Agendas : decision on hold : Possibility of surveying the families on the utility of the agendas to be conducted . Decision would be made at the next meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bingo Night: Council Free Event scheduled for – May 22nd - Logistics and cost to be discussed t the next meeting • Parent Council appreciation evening would be scheduled for June 04th. • Brave event (workshops and parent engagement night)was well received
9.	Treasurers Update	
10.	Parish Rep Update	<p>Communion classes and reconciliation classes are almost done</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking for people to teach liturgy • Bible reading
11.	OAPCE	Waiting for the next OAPCE date
12.	Principal's report- Ms. Ferrao	<p>Staffing changes: Ms. Notaro's leave has been extended for the remainder of the year. Mrs. Cicvaric will continue as her replacement. Mrs. Njoku has replaced Mrs. Thrasher. Mrs. Thrasher's family welcomed a new baby girl into their family. We have been assigned an additional ERW to work with our students. Mrs. Toubia will be here starting February 18 until the end of the year.</p> <p>Kinder registrations: 28 registrations – 5 asking for flex; 2 out of bounds requesting admission to St. Edith Stein</p> <p>Projections for 2020-2021 – 290 – hoping to see growth. We may have an additional class if these numbers are realized.</p> <p>Parent engagement night – was a success. Brave education provided a workshop for parents discussing the difference between conflict resolution and bullying. They showed parents the strategies that students are learning to use to support themselves as needed.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Giselle Gaylie – person with CP, spoke to the students. Giselle uses interactive technology to speak (i.e. a computer). Her message was one of hope and perseverance. Giselle has been bullied in the past but overcome different physical and emotional battles to become the success she is today. Giselle is developing her skills at becoming a public motivational presenter.</p> <p>Ohenewa Akuffo – distinguished DPCDSB alumnus and Canadian Olympian (Wrestling) – began Black History month with this highly motivational speaker who brought her faith to life as she shared her story about becoming a wrestler. She started by telling everyone that she is hot for God. She told students that everything she has/does is a gift from God – that when you have something that brings you joy, it is from God. She also emphasized the need to keep up her academics in order to enjoy time playing. She told students that having a gift is like having a pencil. They need to sharpen it in order to keep it. Students discovered that our athletes have to maintain good grades and discipline with a rigorous schedule of practices and competitions. They also found out that Canadian Olympians, if they maintain their status as medalists, get scholarships for post-secondary education. Her message/motto is: Change your mindset, change your life. Students were also given an opportunity to see some of her medals.</p> <p>SRO – We were given an SRO at the beginning of the year to fill in for our SRO as ours was on a leave of absence. That SRO was put back on the roads to deal with the increasing number of calls to the police. Office Carl Mullings has now returned from his leave of absence and he will continue to be our SRO until November 2020 when a new one will be assigned.</p> <p>Junior and intermediate Speeches: We had our school competition on Wednesday. Winners will be going forward to the MN Speech competition. This competition has been postponed due to job action for the time being.</p>

		<p>YFA – going to hear Fr. Ricard speak on February 27 at St. Joan of Arc. Fr. Ricard is an awe-inspiring speaker who will explore Dr. Martin Luther King’s dream with students. Dr. King dreamed about a day when his ‘four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character’. Although much of his dream has become a reality, there is still more work to be done. Ten of our YFAs will be able to attend this session. We are sharing transportation costs with 2 other schools so that there is no charge to students.</p> <p>Budget: The school paid for Brave education workshops for all grades, with 2 additional workshops for each of our Intermediate classes. The school will pay for transportation for the YFA to go to Fr. Ricard presentation. The school will help to defray costs for Grade 8 graduation. Past practice has been to have both the ceremony and the luncheon at Mississauga Convention Centre. The cost for this is too high with only 20 graduates. We are in the process of negotiating a price with Noble Banquet Hall in Oakville. This will mean that there will be additional bussing and DJ costs and the ceremony will have to be at the school as they want another \$700 for the ceremony alone. So far the costs are: Hall - \$1297.50 DJ \$452.00 Bus \$406.80 <u>Awards \$440.00</u> Total \$2596.30</p> <p>We are asking if Council could cover the cost of the bus and the school will work towards defraying the costs to parents by paying for the DJ, Awards and part of the costs for the hall. We will try to keep the cost to parents as close to last year’s graduation costs as possible</p>
13.	Teachers Update	<p>Juniors basketball is Back on, but tournament is on hold for now. The games will be rescheduled and intermediate will start after that. Lego is continuing to be held every Tuesday and Thursday. Chess is going on. Book fair has been moved to education week. Thanks to the council for support</p>
14.	Next Meeting	<p>Thurs, Feb 13 Mon, Apr 20 Thurs, Jun 4</p>
15.	Adjourn Meeting	<p>Motion to adjourn – S D’Mello Motion seconded – A. Docker</p>
16.	Closing Prayer	<p>N. Lobo said the closing prayer and all prayed the Hail Mary</p>