



*Date | Time* December 7, 2020 - 7pm

1. We would like to acknowledge that we are on sacred Indigenous territory and thank the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation for being the stewards of this land.
2. Welcome and Introductions – Attendance: P. Magnone, P. Checchia, A. Freer, D. Khreich, T. Mallia-Bomben, V. Zaffino, B. Iannicca

Regrets: R. Nogueira

3. Opening Prayer

**Council Prayer**

*God, the source of every good gift, you have called us together as servants to do your will. Grant us the light of Your Spirit, to guide us in our responsibilities as school council. May we work together in harmony for the common good. May we listen to one another in a spirit of genuine respect. May we encourage and reverence one another's unique talents. May we use the gifts of the spirit in creative Christian leadership. May we approach our decision making through discernment and prayer. May we respond effectively to the needs of the children in our care.*

*God of love, you give us the gifts of the Holy Spirit for the common good. May your blessings radiate from us to others in a new spirit of service.*

*We ask this through Jesus Christ the Light of the World.*

*Amen.*

4. Approval of Agenda
  - a. Approved by: Patricia Magnone
  - b. Seconded by: Patricia Upton
5. Approval of October 5 Minutes
  - a. Approved by: Patricia Magnone
  - b. Seconded by: Patricia Upton
  - c. No matters arising from the minutes
6. Bruno Iannicca
  - a. 9000 computers purchased – will be distributed – 50 for in school students
  - b. Hybrid – lots of calls around modalities – success is due to teachers' hard work in implementation – tools for hybrid teaching have been ordered (microphones, speakers, etc) – ensures that we do not have to reorganize classes again this year
  - c. Challenges in obtaining supply teachers, and other staff due to CoVid
  - d. Mental Health and well-being of students and staff is a priority
  - e. Human Trafficking Information session – 593+ people participated in the online presentation
7. Treasurer Update – Balance as of November 30, 2020 - \$7990.76
  - a. No update available at this time
  - b. Discussion to put \$1500 towards presentations for students – all agreed to this amount

## 8. Teacher & Principal Update

### Registration & Staffing:

- We have approximately 250 students in hybrid and approximately 85 students in remote only
- Absences until now – approximately 20 to 30 a day, but with new Peel Health guidelines we should see an increase over the next 2 weeks
- Kindergarten Registration will begin January 11

### Faith:

- Our Christmas Help initiative support approximately 6 families in our school – staff contributed gift cards
- Spirit Week Collection will go towards families in need throughout the school year, some is donated to Share Life as well
- Andre, the youth minister from the parish will be coming in to do a “retreat” with our Intermediates
- Sacraments from last year were completed just in time before lockdown.
- Information forthcoming for this year’s dates

### Curriculum:

- Continued focus on Math – new addition to Math curriculum – Financial Literacy and Coding
- Focus on Mental Health continues to be our first priority
- Reports go home February 9<sup>th</sup>, Reporting Days February 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> – more info to come in case there are changes due to CoVid
- Changes to Reporting Guidelines to keep up with the many disruptions and changes this year – more information to come

### Board:

- Sharon Hobin re-elected chair of DPCDSB
- DPCDSB Black Community Advisory Council is being developed – see website for more information
- Check Board website for: French Immersion sessions, Secondary Schools information sessions

### Extracurricular:

- Gr. 8s doing announcements and prayers
- Intermediates are running our online version of Advent Liturgies
- EcoTeam set up to do some online activities with classes later in the school year

### Other:

- Since in person events are cancelled, would be nice to have online presentations available for students. Can we direct money towards presentations? Possibilities: mental health, motivational, Black History, Bullying, etc. Students really enjoyed them last year and many companies are coming up with online options for us
- Please be diligent about reading emails from the school – we also communicate through Messenger

### Teacher Update

- Advent Liturgies, Christmas message for community

9. Updates

- a. Fundraising Team Lead – Patricia Magnone
  - i. Wait until the new year – possibly wait until next year

10. New Business/Open Floor

- a. Spirit wear – if there is time and a totally online options we will consider

11. Adjournment – 8:15 p.m.