

ST. ANGELA MERICI CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Minutes, 2021-2022 School Year

Thursday, November 4th, 2021 – 6:30PM | Location Zoom/video call
Meeting called to order by C. Calabrese

In Attendance

- Mrs. D. Linardic (*Principal*), C. Calabrese (*Chair*), T. Rossi (*Treasurer*), Mrs. Benedik (*Non-Teaching Staff Rep.*), A. Bruney-Francis (*Secretary*), A. Valente (*Parish Rep.*), N. Edwards (*Parent/Community Rep.*)
- V. Frantellizzi (*Parent/Community Rep.*)
- I. Pingyin (*parent member*)
- A. Adeniyi (*Parent/Community Rep.*) joined at 6:49pm
- Y. Annobil (*Parent/Community Rep.*) joined at 7:57pm

Regrets

- Mrs. M. Vitale (*Vice-Principal*), C. Ferrari (*Teaching Staff Rep.*), A. Ghoura (*O.A.P.C. Rep.*), R. Ukwuoma (*Parent/Community Rep.*), A. Baltazar (*parent member*), C. Vigneault (*parent member*), L. DeLeo (*parent member*), G. Lee-Chung (*parent member*), S. Birnie (*parent member*)

Welcome Address

- C. Calabrese began the meeting at 6:33pm & welcomed everyone

Opening Prayer & Land Acknowledgement

- A. Valente delivered the Land Acknowledgement to the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation for their stewardship of their land, & led everyone in prayer

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

- Minutes from the last meeting, Oct. 6th, 2021, were emailed prior to this meeting for review. Floor was open for any questions
- Motion to approve the minutes from previous two meetings approved by T. Rossi & C. Calabrese

Treasurer Report

- C. Calabrese indicated to defer to next meeting on Dec 2nd as there are no account activities yet to report

O.A.P.C.E. Update

- C. Calabrese presented the O.A.P.C.E. update on behalf of the School Council O.A.P.C.E. rep who was unable to attend tonight's meeting.
 - November 20th (10:00am – 1:00pm) – Webinar "Rebuilding Resiliency as Parents"
 - November 24th (7:00-8:00pm) – Online information session with a registered dietitian.
 - December 15th (7:00-8:00pm) – Family Fun Night "Zengtangle"

Principal's Report, Administrative Updates (Mrs. Linardic)

Welcome Back/Farewell to staff:

- Ms. Rebelo-Baptista FSL (Mme Trotto returning)
- Ms. Tanchak Gr 3/4 (Mrs. Tkalcic returning)
 - November 15 return date

Faith:

- Geronimo's Dream – raised \$526.00
- "Brick wall" in front foyer to honour each student's individual identity
- Hard Candy drive for Dr. Simone ends tomorrow Friday, Nov 5.
- Secret Path week was Oct 17-22, all classes participated
- Bullying Awareness Week Nov 22

Date Reminders:

- Thurs. Nov 11 – Remembrance Day
 - To commemorate as a school
- Fri. Nov 12 – PA Day, No school for students
- DATE CHANGE:
 - Progress Reports going home on Tuesday, November 16, 2021
 - Interviews on Thursday, November 18, 2021 – phone interviews
 - PA Day Friday November 12, 2021
- Wed, Dec. 8 – Virtual Mass with Guardian Angels Parish @ 10:00am

Community:

- School spirit week last week
- New parent communication being used
- Eco School:
 - St. Angela Merici awarded Platinum status again for 2020-2021
- Doing a modified version of Fire Drills as directed
- Return to School Form
 - Sent to all parents to sign if student sent home with a COVID symptom

Curriculum:

- CCAT completed
- School plan and pastoral plan will be posted on the website end of November

Other:

- Parents/students need to mask on school property again for drop off and pick up
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Fundraising Update (C. Calabrese)

- Current fundraising initiatives:
 - FlipGive – Up and running
 - Approximately \$35 raised this school year already
 - Domino's Pizza – First event scheduled for November 10th
- C. Calabrese proposed options for new fundraising initiatives:
 - Recipe Jars:
 - free shipping to customers if 6+ jars ordered. If only 1→5 jars are ordered then a flat fee for shipping applies.
 - V. Frantellizzi mentioned that the 'Recipe Jars' didn't do well at her previous school.
 - No votes in favour from any School Council members to proceed with this initiative

- Laura Secord Chocolate bars
 - boxes can be shipped directly to customers' houses.
 - school would need to make a commitment up-front of selling a large amount of boxes.
 - T. Rossi asked if possible we can have 1-box per classroom & parents who just want a few bars can purchase from that box.
 - N. Edwards mentioned selling chocolate bars may be more challenging due to some parents still working from home
 - School Council members voted in favour = T. Rossi, Y. Annobil, A. Bruney-Francis
- Terra Cotta Cookies:
 - frozen dough balls.
 - No option of shipping directly to customers' home
- Big Box Fundraising:
 - greeting cards. \$33-per box, where all boxes are shipped to the school. Or \$35-per box to ship each direct to customers' home. The company rep mentioned that all schools except one are having them delivered to the school.
 - Mrs. Linardic received a response during this meeting that Merici can have these delivered to the school since we can just give them to students to bring home instead of parents coming into school building. Or do curbside pickup, with School Council members being the only outside staff/students allowed into the school building.
 - School Council members voted in favour = C. Calabrese, T. Rossi, Mrs. Benedik, A. Bruney-Francis, A. Adeniyi, Y. Annobil, N. Edwards
 - C. Calabrese asked when to start card fundraiser, & Mrs. Linardic proposed start late February when there's a break in school activities
- Pajama Day:
 - maybe 1-Friday a month
 - participants pay a small amt in-order to participate; maybe \$1-each
- FunDrive:
 - like a donation program for items such as *clothing, housewares, books, media, etc.*
 - Collect items for a designated period of time & then School Council would need to find a way to deliver to a Value Village where they will weigh it & write a cheque for the school. Varying value dependent on items. For example: clothing/linen = \$0.15 per pound. Housewares/electronics = \$0.10 per pound, books/media = \$0.02-each
- A. Valente proposed getting t-shirts made with school logo & mascot (etc.) & sell
 - Mrs. Linardic reminded all that we do have school spirit wear which is sold once a year & has school name & mascot on it
 - V. Frantellizzi proposed asking teachers what their initiatives are so we get that on t-shirts instead, or have students design a shirt. Then showed us an example of a shirt her school is doing
 - Mrs. Linardic said this is done with graduating class where students compete by submitting their own design & then a winner is picked
 - T. Rossi proposed maybe the School Council can subsidize part or full cost of t-shirts with initiative phrase on it.
 - Mrs. Linardic will look into the cost of t-shirts from School Board approved vendors. As well will ask teachers/staff what initiatives they would like printed on the t-shirts
- V. Frantellizzi asked we remember to be sensitive about families who cannot afford participating in some fundraisers; such as Pajama Day where students may feel left out, or feel pressured to purchase chocolates.

- C. Calabrese explained that many of these vendors are booked until the new year so any new fundraising ideas would be for January or beyond.

Other Items

- Mrs. Linardic asked for feedback on newsletter blast now on a link instead of PDF. Many in favour. C. Calabrese requested to have fundraising sent via a separate email, so it's eye-catching for recipients & not lost in the newsletter.
- C. Calabrese will be resending 'Save The Date' calendar invites for all future School Council meetings to correct the hosting email they were originally sent from.
- C. Calabrese won't be able to attend the next School Council meeting on Dec. 2nd, therefore will reach out to other School Council members to see who will be able to host that meeting.

Next Meeting

- Next School Council mtg dates:
 - Thurs. Dec. 2nd, 2021
 - Thurs. Feb. 3rd, 2022
 - Thurs. Apr. 7th, 2022
 - Thurs. May 26th, 2022
- All meetings are scheduled to be held virtually, until we get closer to that date & know more about any restrictions being lifted due to COVID safety. When held virtually, a link will be sent out by the School Council Chair within a few days before that scheduled meeting date.

Conclusion

- C. Calabrese thanked everyone for joining tonight's meeting.
- Motion to adjourn the meeting by C. Calabrese at 7:35pm
All in favour