

ST. ANGELA MERICI CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Minutes, 2020-2021 School Year

Wednesday, December 9th, 2020 – 6:30PM | Location Zoom/video call

Meeting called to order by Mrs. C. Calabrese

In Attendance

- Mrs. D. Linardic (*Principal*), Mrs. M. Vitale (*Vice-Principal*), C. Calabrese (*Chair*), T. Rossi (*Treasurer*), C. Vigneault (*Parish Rep.*), A. Bruney-Francis (*Secretary*), A. Baltazar (*OAPCE Rep.*), N. Edwards (*Parent Rep*), S. Birnie (*Parent member*), C. Ferrari (*Teaching Staff Rep.*), S. Vilchez (*Parent member*), V. Frantelizzi (*Parent member*) 6:42pm, L. Benedik (*Non-Teaching Staff Rep.*) 7:03pm

Regrets

- R. Ukwuoma (*Parent Rep*), L. DeLeo (*Parent Rep.*), L. DiCresce (*Parent member*), A. Adeosun (*Parent member*)

Welcome address (*Mrs. Calabrese*)

- C. Calabrese began the meeting at 6:34pm & welcomed everyone

Opening Prayer & Land Acknowledgement (*Mrs. Calabrese*)

- C. Calabrese led everyone in prayer as well as thanked the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation for their stewardship of their land

Approval of Minutes (*C. Calabrese*)

- Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and floor was open for any questions
- Motion to approve the minutes (*T. Rossi, A. Baltazar*)

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

- Faith:
 - Advent mass Friday, Dec 11 @ 10:00 livestreamed from Guardian Angels Church
 - School wide Advent retreat– theme of HOPE, to support the Catholic Ed Week theme of “Nurturing Hope” next week
 - Will be done virtually in each classroom
- Student Achievement:
 - Pastoral plan for 2020/2021 is posted on the website
 - 2020 Graduates: received their diplomas and awards Nov 13
 - Classes now finalized for this school year.
 - Current challenges:
 - Supply teachers and online
 - Unfilled jobs
 - CYW position
 - Resolved our French staffing challenges

- Waitlist of families requesting devices, waiting for devices to be issued from the board
 - All devices in the school currently deployed
- Purchase of webcams, tripods, microphones for staff for online teaching
 - Cost approx. \$6000

- **Community Events:**

- Currently collecting:
 - Hat/ Mitten /scarf collection for St. Louise Outreach
 - Terry Fox – total funds raised \$2221.00
- Scholastic Book Fair – virtual
- Board invitation to parents/community– Black Advisory Council
 - Deadline to complete application December 18, 2020

- **November 16 REORGANIZATION:**

- 19 classes in school
- Housing 6 REMOTE online classes

- Note: Mrs. D. Wheatcroft is retiring December 31, 2020.

- **CLASSROOM STAFF:**

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| ○ FDK | Mrs. Tkalcic (Ms. Singh)/ Ms. Silva |
| ○ FDK | Ms. Cillis/Ms. Faria |
| ○ FDK | Mr. Quinlan |
| ○ GRADE 1 | Ms. Lobo |
| ○ GRADE 2 | Mrs. Avellino |
| ○ GRADE 3 | Ms. Doria |
| ○ GRADE 4 | Mrs. Wheatcroft |
| ○ GRADE 4/5 | Mrs. Galasso |
| ○ GRADE 5/6 | Mrs. Ciuffreda |
| ○ GRADE 6/7 | Mrs. Cannon |
| ○ GRADE 7/8 | Ms. Cudzilo |
| ○ GRADE 8 | Ms. Cunningham |
| ○ GRADE 1 FI | Mme Ferrari |
| ○ GRADE 1 FI | Mme Trottl |
| ○ GRADE 2 FI | Mlle Brant |
| ○ GRADE 2 FI | Mlle Maraldo |
| ○ GRADE 3 FI | Mme Peralta-Garcia |
| ○ GRADE 4FI | Mme Deveaux-Matthews |

- **VIRTUAL STAFF**

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| ○ FDK | Mrs. Ferraro |
| ○ FDK | Ms. De Bartolo |
| ○ GRADE 1 | Mrs. Coomber (Ms. Marcinkiewicz) |
| ○ GRADE 3 | Mr. Pacheco |
| ○ GRADE 1 FI | Mlle Furci |
| ○ GRADE 1 FI | Mlle D'Eri |

- **NON-CLASSROOM STAFF:**

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| ○ Mrs. Rivero | Mrs. Thomas |
| ○ Mrs. Poole | Ms. Yeboah |
| ○ Mrs. Adams | Mrs. Kastner |
| ○ Mr. Lopes | Ms. Dalcin |

- Mrs. Lukianovitch

- **SUPPORT STAFF:**

- Matthias Nazar CHILD AND YOUTH WORKER (Starting in January 2021)
- Mr. Meffe SOCIAL WORKER
- Ms. Crawford PSYCHOLOGIST
- Mrs. Lane SPEECH & LANGUAGE

- **SCHOOL ACTION PLAN**

- Technology/Hybrid Teaching
 - Staff members continue to be offered professional development specific to teaching and learning in the hybrid (blended) model. As we gradually become more familiar and secure in this model, we continue to evolve our skills with regards to technology, lesson planning, instruction, and assessment.
- Coding Pilot Project in Grade 7 and 8 (facilitated by the board)
 - The Creation Camp Focus In Coding program teaches students the Ontario expectations of coding and SEL. The program does this by bringing in real-world professionals (engineers, game-designers and entrepreneurs) working in the industry to teach students virtually how to code applications and computer games to build prototypes of real-world technological innovations. The students are also taught SEL strategies to problem-solve through the projects.
 - The program aims to introduce students to various career pathways that utilize coding, and SEL strategies. The Creation Camp programs pedagogical approach is centered around 21st century skills and global competencies.
- Indigenous Initiatives
 - As shared last School Council Meeting
 - Grade 1 and Grade 4 French Immersion participating in a board pilot program
 - Holiday Cards of Hope for Neskantaga First Nation, an Ojibwe community located 436 kilometers northeast of Thunder Bay, Ontario who were transported from their homes in late October after an oily sheen was found in the Neskantaga water.
- Faith
 - Catholic Education Week Theme: Nurturing Hope
 - Integrating into school wide Advent retreat planned
 - Continuing to make visible the Catholic Graduate Expectations
 - Virtues Education
- Math
 - New math curriculum, which includes coding
- School Generated Funds:
 - Review of school plan for 2020-2021 year (\$2473.09 rolled over from 2019-2020)
 - Plans to use to support:
 - Faith based activities (retreats, sacraments)
 - Supplement Graduation
 - Families in need
 - Technology

Other Items

- Mrs. Linardic asked C. Ferrari to speak more about the Indigenous projects underway:
 - explain a pilot project underway with an Indigenous consultant, talking about “Opening Address” by First Nations people which they recite before anything is done, to give thanks & gratitude for everything from (literally) the ground up to the sky. Looking at how to bring this into the entire schools & incorporate into the curriculum. C. Ferrari & Deveau-Matthews already starting to incorporate into their own classes.
 - Looking to have guest speakers in January.
 - Some classes are creating holiday cards in class for the Indigenous communities displaced by the water crisis. It’s not a mandatory activity, all teachers are welcomed to have their class participate if they choose to.
- V. Frantellizi -- There’s a lot of focus on the Indigenous community, but is there anything being done regarding anti-Black racism in the school such as training for staff, text books, guest speakers, special programs, etc.
 - Mrs. Linardic -- yes there are. The projects/initiatives focused on the Indigenous community is fairly new, but anti-Black racism projects/initiatives have been ongoing.
- Mr. Birnie -- asked Mrs. Linardic if she thinks the class size numbers for in-person students have gone down?
 - Mrs. Linardic -- no, we are pretty close to what the numbers were before the re-organization of Hybrid & Remote Only models. Classes fluctuate with the number of students in class vs online, but the total students per class hasn’t changed very much. The challenge with the flexibility of the Hybrid model ability to switch between in-person & online, is some families regularly frequently change back & forth.
- C. Calabrese -- Nov. 28th there were virtual meetings for training for all Catholic School Council executive members. They should be available online now for anyone who missed it.

Treasury Report (T. Rossi)

- T. Rossi emailed Sept. & Oct. Treasurer Report to Council members earlier today. The Oct. report showed the previously approved unused funds from last school year allocated to purchases/events for this current year & next year.
- The floor was open for any questions, none raised.

Fundraising (C. Calabrese)

- C. Calabrese talked about current fundraiser with FlipGive.
 - Mrs. Vitale & T. Rossi mentioned finding out that certain stores offer only certain items count towards fundraiser to school. Example: Amazon gift cards count towards fundraising but some items don’t
- A. Baltazar updated Council that so far \$295 has been raised for the school
- C. Calabrese & A. Baltazar to work on an updated message to send out to the school community about this fundraiser.
- C. Calabrese mentioned another fundraising idea (brought forth by A. Baltazar), like Dominos pizza offers \$5 towards school for every pizza purchased
 - all Council members present voted in favour of C. Calabrese to looking into further
- Mrs. Vitale proposed a fundraiser: soup in a bottle/jar
- C. Calabrese asked about school Spirit Wear
 - Mrs. Linardic will look into when we’d be able to get product, when would be a good time to present to parents, & if they can ship direct to individual homes since we can’t hold them at the school for personal pickups
- A. Baltazar presented the OAPCE update:
 - pandemic webinar held in November is now available online
 - Dec. 14th is a virtual Family Fun Night for school community to create artwork.

Next Meeting

- C. Calabrese mentioned that the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 20th, 2021.
- Following meetings for the remainder of this school year:
 - Wednesday February 10th, 2021 at 6:30pm
 - Wednesday May 12th, 2021 at 6:30pm
- Meetings to be held virtually with link sent out by Chair within a few days before meeting date.

Conclusion

- C. Calabrese thanked everyone for coming, including new attendees., wished everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year. Mrs. Linardic also wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year & to stay safe.
- Motion to adjourn the meeting by C. Calabrese at 7:20pm
- All in favour