

# ST. ANGELA MERICI CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Minutes, 2020-2021 School Year

Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – 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.*), C. Ferrari (*Teaching Staff Rep.*), L. Benedik (*Non-Teaching Staff Rep.*), N. Edwards (*Parent Rep.*),
- S. Birnie (*Parent member*), V. Frantelizzi (*Parent member*), L. Francisco (*Parent member*), Y. Annobil (*Parent member*), I. Pingyin (*Parent member*), A. Adeniyi (*Parent member*), S. Vilchez (*Parent member*), G. Lee-Chung (*Parent member*), Anna (*Parent member*),
- R. Ukwuoma joined at 6:52pm (*Parent Rep*)

## Regrets

- L. DeLeo (*Parent Rep.*), L. DiCresce (*Parent member*), A. Adeosun (*Parent member*), L. Masih (*Parent member*), E. Johnson (*Parent member*)

## Welcome address (*Mrs. Calabrese*)

- Mrs. Calabrese began the meeting at 6:35pm & welcomed everyone

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

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

## Introductions (*led by Mrs. Calabrese*)

- Many new faces in attendance, therefore Mrs. Calabrese introduced herself & asked everyone to do the same

## Approval of Minutes (*Mrs. Calabrese*)

- Minutes from the last meeting were emailed prior to the meeting for review. Floor was open for any questions
- Motion to approve the minutes from previous meeting: Dec. 2020. approved by Mrs. Vigneault & Mrs. Rossi

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

### Faith:

- Diversity:
  - Black History month
    - Activities in classes/on announcements
    - Local Brampton artist, Gordon Shadrach – school wide event. He's a former Brampton resident who is also a teacher with the Toronto District School Board. As part of the experience, he will share an example of his painting, get student feedback and reaction, and then put together a video response
    - Staff engaging in Colonialism PD this month

- Anti-Racism PD
  - Two part Anti-Racism PD this year by Kiki Ojo-Thompson, part 1 was in the fall, part 2 this spring (board wide)
  - Library to purchase books that reflect diversity
- Shrove Tuesday & Ash Wednesday: Feb 16th & 17th will be virtual this year.
- Easter Mass will be celebrated virtual on April 22nd @ 10:00am via livestream with Father Jan
- St. Angela Merici Feast Day was Jan 27th – commemorated in the morning announcements

#### Student Achievement:

- CSILC To be posted on board website
- Athletic awards June 2020 – most distributed in December
- Report cards sent home February 9<sup>th</sup> via email
  - Interviews Feb 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>
- Mme Burton (Maka) reassigned to Gr 1 FI – FSL instruction paused with self-guided resources available. As a result several grades do not have French as a Second Language Teacher.
  - Mr. Birnie asked what the plan is to cover the vacancy; Mrs. Linardic said they are awaiting Mme Trotto's return.
- Purchase of webcams, tripods, microphones – 90% of deliveries coming in to be distributed upon return to school (waiting on one piece of equipment)

#### Community Events:

- February 16<sup>th</sup>: return to school with new COVID protocols in place
- Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> was National Sweater day – tweet and #DPSweaterday
- Spirit Wear campaign
  - February 15<sup>th</sup> → February 26<sup>th</sup>
    - Delivery to each person's home at the end of March
    - Spirit day – during Catholic Education Week
- Scholastic Book Fair was Virtual this year – made \$92.73. Under normal circumstances this typically generates approx. \$2,000 in funds.
- Graduation plans: waiting for direction from the Board & the Ministry of Education.

#### Return to School New Protocols:

- All staff to do daily online self-assessment prior to the start of the school day
- Non-permanent staff to sign off verifying they have completed the self-assessment when entering the building
- Expectation that parents are monitoring and assessing students at home prior to sending to school
- All students required to wear a mask
  - Mrs. Francisco asked if mask wearing is being strictly enforced in class. Mrs. Linardic said there have been few incidents of students not observing mask protocols, and when there have been, staff have reminded students, resulting in compliance.
- Students to wear mask outdoors, unless well distanced from others
- If a class is dismissed due to a positive case, the siblings of the students in the dismissed class to stay home as well
- Mrs. Frantelizzi asked if any direction about mandatory masks for parents on school property doing drop offs & pick-ups
  - Mrs. Linardic & Mrs. Vitale said there has been no direction from the Board as yet, but the Board has implemented kids starting grade 1--3 is now also mandatory to wear masks

#### New Staff:

- Mrs. U. Ezechim – grade 4
- Ms. C. Singh – Planning Time

### Other Items

- Mrs. Calabrese asked if Council or the school has ever considered purchasing a 'Buddy Bench' to be put outside for student use during recess. Mrs. Rossi advised this was considered in the past but went with painted circles instead due to concern of an actual bench: safety of kids falling off, playing on it & students thinking it's a 'bad bench'.
- Mrs. Bruney-Francis asked if additional Black History month initiatives could include more activities for students to be physically involved, & continue throughout year. Such as exercise periods for students online by fitness instructors. A list of ideas was emailed to Mrs. Benedik last week with some organizations/individuals; some which were already approved by other school boards.

### Treasury Report (Mrs. Rossi)

- Mrs. Rossi asked if any questions from the Treasurer's Reports for the previous two months, which were emailed out prior to today's meeting for review. No questions posed.
- Received rosary bracelets & will be bringing to school by next week

### Fundraising (Mrs. Calabrese)

- The FlipGive School Council fundraiser has generated \$420 so far. It will continue for the remainder of the school year; Council's goal is \$1,000.
- Mrs. Calabrese reported that Council is partnering with "Domino's Pizza" at 1 Wexford Rd on a fundraiser. On February 25<sup>th</sup>, each large cheese or pepperoni pizza ordered online from that Domino's location, using a specific code, will generate \$5 for the School Council fundraiser.
  - Email blast to go out this week to parents with all details, then email reminder day before as well.
- Mrs. Francisco advised she has personally ordered delivery of Terra Cotta cookies via Uber East recently. She asked if Council could coordinate a fundraiser where bulk delivery to the school property for interested parents to pick up. She cautioned that the delivery fee is \$3.99, plus an additional 10% delivery charge.
  - Mrs. Vitale reminded all that nothing can happen at school so must be delivered direct to homes ... if possible by Terra Cotta
  - Mrs. Calabrese to look into further

### Next Meeting

- Mrs. Calabrese mentioned that the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- Meetings are held virtually with link sent out by the School Council Chair within a few days before the next meeting date.

### Conclusion

- Mrs. Calabrese thanked everyone for attending, including new members & invited them to attend future meetings as well.
- Motion to adjourn the meeting by Mrs. Calabrese at 7:19pm
- All in favour