

ST. ANGELA MERICI CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Minutes, 2020-2021 School Year

Wednesday, May 26th, 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*), C. Vigneault (*Parish Rep.*), T. Rossi (*Treasurer*), L. Benedik (*Non-Teaching Staff Rep.*), A. Bruney-Francis (*Secretary*), N. Edwards (*Parent Rep.*), R. Ukwuoma (*Parent Rep.*), V. Frantellizzi (*Parent member*), I. Pingyin (*Parent member*),
- A. Baltazar (*OAPCE Rep.*) joined at 6:36pm, C. Ferrari (*Teaching Staff Rep.*) joined at 7:26pm, S. Birnie (*Parent member*) joined at 7:35pm, L. Pandovska (*Parent member*) joined at 7:36pm

Regrets

- L. DeLeo (*Parent Rep.*), L. Francisco (*Parent member*), Y. Annobil (*Parent member*), A. Adeniyi (*Parent member*), S. Vilchez (*Parent member*), G. Lee-Chung (*Parent member*), Anna (*Parent member*), 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 6:34pm & welcomed everyone

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

- Mrs. Vigneault 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 (*Mrs. Calabrese*)

- Minutes from the last two meetings, Feb. 10th & Mar. 11th, 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 Mrs. Baltazar & Mrs. Rossi

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

Faith:

- Lenten retreat and Shrove Tuesday
- Food drive for Knights Table March 22nd → 26th
- Gr 8 retreat with Chaplain at Campion
- Beyond February
 - Going beyond February for Black History, continuing raising of awareness at monthly staff meetings
- March 22-26 World Water Week – activities all week to bring ECO awareness
 - Congratulations to Mme Ferrari and Mme Deveaux-Matthews who's work at the school was honoured by Equity department and shared across the board
- First Communion/Confirmation –in school retreats but sacraments canceled until further notice
- Easter Mass
 - April 22nd @10:00 am via livestream

- Catholic Education Week May 2nd → 7th
 - Theme: Nurturing Hope
 - Subthemes: Preparing the Earth, Sowing Seeds of Gratitude and Cultivating Relationships, Harvesting New Fruit, Marvelling in Wonder
 - Completing school wide collage for virtual presentation to hymn “All Things Bright and Beautiful”
 - Mass with Cardinal Collins May 5 via livestream
 - SHARELIFE campaign May 2nd → 7th through cash online raised: \$110.00
 - May 11th Rosary Apostolates led a live, online praying of the rosary
 - Intermediates participated in Brampton West Video competition- One of our students received an honourable mention
- This week honouring Asian Heritage month
- Year End/Grad mass June 18th with Fr. Jan @ Guardian Angels – livestream, 10:00 am

Student Achievement:

- Staffing challenges have continued
- Continue to not have FSL teacher
- Projections 428 students for 2021-2022
 - Reduced by a French Immersion class in grade 1 due to low enrollment across the board
- Report cards go home June 22nd
- We have received all of the new technology (webcams, microphones etc) purchased earlier in the year
- Grade 4 French Immersion
 - Having a virtual transition meeting with students and St. Ursula staff June 21st
- June 7th PA Day
- Last day of school – June 29th

Community Events:

- ECO and other events
 - Celebrated Big Crunch, Great Gulp, Earth Hour
 - Pink Shirt Day, Crazy socks, International Women’s Day
- Marvelous March Break Merici Style
 - Daily themes/activities – ending with school wide BINGO and prizes
 - Focus was community well-being
 - March Kindness activities, 25 Days of Gratitude during Lent
- Graduation plans:
 - Virtual ceremony, with a tentative scheduled pick up date at the end of June for diploma and gift- currently waiting for board direction
 - Gift: String bag with swag, including t-shirt designed by student
 - June 24th, 2021 @ 6:30 via child’s Google Classroom
 - REMOTE grade 8 students will be part of this ceremony
 - Graduation photos have been booked if schools open for June 3, otherwise will be canceled
- New attendance format – automated system beginning now but in full use as of September
- Journey into Learning
 - New to kindergarten information night held May 5th via Zoom
- X Movement
 - June 10th and June 11th – school wide event
 - *Mrs. Vitale spoke about X Movement started in 2008, is a physical education program for positive & healthy behaviours. Another parent member mentioned they used to be called Aussie X & were at St. Angela Merici some years ago & was well received*
- Newsletter 2021-2022
 - To change format to be more current and inform upcoming events
 - Electronic only

- Will continue to send other information as appropriate via email

COVID:

- One class dismissed due to COVID in February – gr. 4/5
- September Reopening Plan as per memo sent to community May 19th, 2021

STAFF FAREWELL

- Mlle Gagnon
- Ms. Ezechim
- Ms. Singh FDK
- Ms. Singh PT
- Ms. Marcinkiewicz
- Mlle D'Eri
- Ms. Rehine
- Mme Burton
- Mrs. Gallant

SCHOOL PLAN 2021-2022

- Working towards mobile technology in each classroom
- Purchasing significantly more ipads and chromebooks for next year
- Currently the Sept reopening plan is (new) Hybrid, which is children are either in-person only or remote only. Also note: any specialty classes are in-person only, ie: French Immersion in-person only

School Generated Funds

During 2020-2021 SGF used for:

- Supporting virtual experiences / excursions
- Grade 7 retreat with Camp Brebeuf
- Items for students – prizes
- Families
- Library:
 - Books with a focus on diversity
 - Maker space items/technology to support coding
- Allocating remaining SGF for fall – hopeful anticipation of sports events, tuck shop and unanticipated student needs
- Library Book Fair profits (virtual book fair) were: \$92.73
- SGF information to be posted on the school website

Fundraising update (Mrs. Baltazar)

- FlipGive - raised \$501 - total
- Dominos - raised \$1485 - total
- Plantables - raised \$99 - total
 - Final total of \$2085.55 raised this year, which was all online.

Treasury Report (Mrs. Rossi)

- Mrs. Rossi asked if there were any questions from the Treasurer's Reports for the previous three months, which were emailed out prior to today's meeting for review. No questions were brought forward.
- Mrs. Rossi proposed to reallocate what wasn't used for this year (2020-2021) to the 2021-2022 school year
 - example: \$1000 intended for athletics
 - Mrs. Linardic suggested we rollover everything allocated for this year that wasn't used to be used for next years items respectively.

- **Agendas:**

- Mrs. Baltazar asked if agendas are mandatory, as students get older not all continue to use. Plus some teachers use while other teachers don't. Should we survey parents to see if used & if not save that money for something else?
- Mrs. Rossi asked if online students for the 2021-2022 school year would get agendas.
 - V. Frantellizzi said her child's teacher has been using it everyday online.
 - Mrs. Linardic confirmed the online students for the 2021-2022 school year would not.

Other Items

- Mrs Calabrese → progrant given to Merici & must be used before end of this school year
 - Mrs. Linardic suggested maybe something around mental health
 - Mrs. Calabrese went through a few options she personally researched prior to this meeting & presented each to attendees
 - Lauren Paul , Step by Step Movement
 - Arts Express
 - 2x Yoga Instructors
 - Mindful Mike
 - Mrs. Vigneault said attended a session with him & really enjoyed it
 - Votes for Mindful Mike as chosen option: Mrs. Baltazar, Mrs. Rossi, Mrs. Vigneault, Mrs. Ukwuoma, Mrs. Bruney-Francis, & Mrs. Calabrese
 - possible dates: Wed. June 9th, 16th, or 23rd or Thurs. June 10th, or 17th
 - once date has been booked, an email will be sent to the school community with info to attend
 - Ms. Pandovska asked to inquire if it'll be recorded so school can access for other people later
- V. Frantellizzi asked Mrs. Linardic to let all Merici school staff know that everyone appreciates all their work & efforts through this challenging time with all the changes.
- Mrs. Rossi asked about if any idea of how to get items still left at school. Mrs. Linardic still waiting for direction but most likely will be like last year through scheduled pickup times
- Mrs Calabrese asked if there was only 1-class for grade 5 at St. Ursula, then why does St. Angela Merici only stop at grade 4?
 - Mrs. Linardic said maybe due to available classrooms in St. Angela Merici
- Mrs. Vigneault asked if sacraments be done during summer months. Mrs. Linardic said most likely be done in Fall like last year
- Mr. Pingyin asked about the tech that's in the library; is it available for students as drop-ins? Mrs. Linardic explained that it's coding, & is scheduled by teachers & the librarian
- V. Frantellizzi asked about the 'new hybrid' for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year. Will teachers be teaching both in-person as well as online? Mrs. Linardic explained that in-person teachers are for full class in-person only, unless changes are announced later by the School Board.
- Mrs. Calabrese asked if there is 1-positive case in a class, then will the full class plus teacher stay home & conduct class online for that timeframe? And will siblings from other classes stay home to self-isolate as well
- V. Frantellizzi asked for clarification from Mrs. Linardic on what is meant by 'diversity of books' for the library?
 - Mrs Linardic described it as books & coding reflecting the diversity of our students & community, which includes but not limited to culture, special needs, etc.
- Mrs. Linardic thanked everyone for being on council & parents joining meetings

Next Meeting

- Mrs. Calabrese requested input for the date of the 1st Council meeting to be scheduled for the 2021-2022 school year.
 - Wed. Oct. 6th, 2021 at 6:30pm. All members in favour
 - Tentatively scheduled to be held virtually, until we get closer to that date & know more about any restrictions due to COVID safety. If held virtually, a link will be sent out by the School Council Chair within a few days before that scheduled meeting date.

Conclusion

- Mrs. Calabrese thanked everyone for being a part of the Merici School Council & parent attendees for joining.
- Motion to adjourn the meeting by Mrs. Calabrese at 8:00pm
- All in favour