



MINUTES
ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
November 1, 2021
Virtual Meeting

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A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer - **Mr. Atkinson**
2. Roll Call – **Mrs. DeCoff, Mr. Atkinson, Mrs. Manchuk, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Crea, Mrs. Nicolazzo, Mrs. Machado, Mrs. Giammarco, Mrs. Kay, Mrs. Rotella, Mrs. Swart, Mrs. Golini, Mrs. Mychalyna, Mrs. Spanik, Mr. Mukama, Mrs. VanOene, Mrs. Khory, Mrs. Kay, Mrs. Snyckers, Mrs. Muhic, Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Agnew, & Mr. Rapiti.**
3. Approval of Minutes – **Mrs. Kay & Mrs. Machado**
4. Approval of Agenda – **Mrs. Swart & Mrs. Machado**

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. **No presentations**

C. POLICIES FOR VETTING FEEDBACK

1. The following policies are currently being vetted, anonymous or pseudonymous submissions will not be considered.
 - **None**

D. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

1. Catholicity
2. Student Achievement
3. School Climate

1. Catholicity

N.C.D.S.B.: Mini Retreats will be starting on November 22 and run until December 7th.

Chaplaincy Leaders will be facilitating mini retreats for all kindergarten through grade seven classes and will focus on our 2020-2021 theological theme, Climbing Mountains Together in Faith and will support grade specific religious education curriculum expectations. Journey Retreats for grade eight classes will be scheduled in the spring.

Sacraments and Mass: Fr. Khrys has suspended school masses until January 2022. Teachers have been encouraged to participate in a children's Virtual mass with Fr. Paul McNeil from

Our Lady of the Scapular Church in Niagara Falls. This children's mass is live streamed every Tuesday at 12:30 pm.

2. Student Achievement

- MathUp Licenses have been purchased and are up in running in grades 3 to 8.
- Board Math Consultant is coming in to support staff with the Math Up Classroom resource starting this week
- Empower Program is happening daily for targeted Literacy Intervention.
- Lexia Training in in progress, and we are waiting on our school licenses to begin the program.
- Words Their Way and Haggerty Reading training is ongoing for staff – Board Learning for All Coach has been in supporting staff with implementation of both programs

3. Mental Health and Well-Being

- Mental Health Lead – Andrea Bozza presented to staff on discussions around Gender, Inclusion and Equity
- CYW support – Emily Lanthier has started at St. Mark to support all classes in collaboration with the classroom teacher. Ms. Lanthier will be focusing on building resiliency and understanding what Bullying looks like, and sounds like. The role of the CYW is whole class, not individual counselling for students.
- Social Worker support – St. Mark has a social worker assigned to our school who can work with students individually. This can only happen with signed parent consent.

Technology in the Classroom

- 2 Interactive Flat Panel TVs, 4 Epson Projectors, 24 Chromebooks have been purchased. Total cost: \$20042.00
- Goal is to purchase more Chromebooks with funds raised from the Fielding Wine Fundraiser

School Climate

- Remembrance Day: All students will be participating in a virtual Remembrance Day Ceremony. Participating students will be live streamed from the Gymnasium to the classrooms for the ceremony.
- Student Council: Is up and running, a representative will be attending our next CSC meeting to give an update on everything they will be leading this school year.
- Pizza Days: Overwhelming excitement over pizza days returning! Each week we will need 55 trays of pepperoni pizza. Thank you to the parent volunteers for helping with pizza day.
- Class Trips: We are in the process of planning an outdoor trip for our intermediate students. Each class will travel on their own bus, each grade is attending on different days. Staff and students are still required to wear masks and physical distancing will be encouraged throughout the day.

· Spirit Wear: We are very excited to launch our new spirit wear through Front Row Sports. The link has been sent to our community for families to purchase.

E. OAPCE REPORT – None

F. STAFF REPORT – Included in principal's report

G. SUBCOMMITTEES

1. Selection of Chair/Co-Chairs of each Sub-Committee
2. By-laws/Policy
3. Community Outreach
4. Fundraising
5. Graduation – Mrs. Khory informed council that Grad has been booked for Tuesday, June 28 at Club Roma. They booked the pavilion so any changes to Covid protocols shouldn't affect the evening. Also outdoor so vaccinations won't be an issue. It has a 300 person capacity with 55 grads.
6. Hot lunches/milk – Great response to sign up. We can cycle through different teams to help on Pizza days. The milk program was brought up but Mrs. DeCoff said that we don't have enough fridge space to properly store the milk at the current time.
7. Church Liaison – Mrs. Machado stated that she spoke with Fr. Krys after Mass and he said that he was looking for more Altar servers and people to help clean the church. Mrs. DeCoff stated that we could send out a message to our families through School Messenger to see if anyone could help the church out in any way.
8. Safe Schools
9. School Nutrition Action Council (SNAC)

H. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Confirmation of committees - A Google form has been created and all subcommittees have members and a Chair. Each subcommittee will plan their own meetings. The grad committee has already met to book a location and date for grad. No new subcommittees were suggested.
2. Guest speaker in classrooms – Parents were concerned that they didn't receive advanced notice on this talk. They weren't opposed to the topic but felt unprepared to field the type of questions they got when their children got home. Mrs. DeCoff explained that a letter is being prepared similar to the one for Fully Alive. All future speakers on this topic are on hold until this letter is available. Mrs. Thompson asked about resources for parents to help with these discussions and Mrs. DeCoff said she would make some available.
3. Parking lot flow and student safety – Mrs. Swart asked what can be done to make it safer and less congested. Mrs. DeCoff stated that we have made the 2nd row one way only and that she is out there to enforce it in the mornings. She has also put cones in the fire lane to prohibit parents from parking there. She has also put in for a parking lot assessment to put in a Kiss-n-Ride. Also, teachers will be instructed to park back in the third and fourth rows to allow parent access to more spaces in the second row.
4. Physical Education attire – Mrs. Swart asked if students are allowed to change for gym classes. Mrs. DeCoff said yes but it would have to be done in a bathroom stall as the changerooms by the gym are currently used for storage of furniture and supplies.
5. CSC Prayer – Mrs. Thompson asked if members would like to participate in the opening of our meeting by doing an opening prayer. A sign-up sheet will be created so parents can sign up for the opening prayer and Mr. Atkinson will continue with the closing prayers moving forward.

J. NEXT MEETING – December 6, 2021 at 6:00 pm

K. CLOSING PRAYER - Mr. Atkinson

L. ADJOURNMENT