



MINUTES
ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
September 28, 2021
Virtual Meeting

ZOOM LINK:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76443518494?pwd=ZlZZVEZ5WWFlekdvbTcrNVJqQjcxUT09>

Meeting ID: 764 4351 8494

Passcode: bM20d9

Welcome to a new year!

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer - **Mr. Atkinson**
2. Roll Call – **Mrs. DeCoff, Mr. Atkinson, Mrs. Di Bartolomeo, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Crea, Mrs. Nicolazzo, Mrs. Machado, Mrs. Giammarco, Mrs. Kay, Mr. Meadows, Mrs. Rotella, Mrs. Grey, Mrs. Swart, Mrs. Golini, Mrs. Mychalyna, Mrs. Hermans, Mrs. Olwage, Mrs. Spanik, Mr. Alain, Mrs. VanOene, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Khory, Mrs. Kay, Mrs. Snyckers, & Mrs. Muhic**
3. Approval of Agenda

B. ELECTION of Chair/Co-Chairs

1. Election of the Chair/Co-chairs for the 2021-22 St. Mark Catholic School Council - **Mrs. Thompson was nominated. Mrs. Thompson asked if there could be co-chairs and Mrs. DeCoff said yes. Mrs. Thompson nominated Mrs. Nicolazzo. No one else was nominated so no vote necessary. Both ladies accepted their positions as co-chairs of St. Mark Catholic School Council for 2021-22.**

C. PRESENTATIONS

1. No presentations

D. POLICIES FOR VETTING FEEDBACK

1. The following policies are currently being vetted, anonymous or pseudonymous submissions will not be considered. *Please submit your feedback to Jennifer Pellegrini by October 28, 2021 - 12:00 p.m.*
 - [Naming of a Board Facility Designated Area or Chapel Policy 100.15](#)
 - [Trustee Expenses and Reimbursement Policy 100.13](#)**Mrs. DeCoff told council that the policies being vetted are attached and to look at them and provide feedback to the board if they wished.**

E. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

1. Catholicity
2. Student Achievement
3. School Climate

Catholicity

N.C.D.S.B.: As a board, we are entering into a one-year theological theme entitled "Climbing Mountains Together in Faith". The focus of this year's theological theme recognizes:

- the challenges and experiences that we have faced as a result of the global pandemic
- the importance of the individual and communal journey of faith
- the diverse experiences, challenges, and strengths we each carry with us on our journey
- the action of moving forward together trusting in the will and love of God

Sacraments and Mass: Fr. Krys has sent home the Communion and Confirmation registration forms to students. We are collecting the forms at school for Fr. Krys. We are very excited to hear that classes will start attending mass on October 7th. Each week a different grade will be attending. We will be starting with Grade 2 on October 7th at 9:00 mass.

Student Achievement

MathUp Program: We are entering into year two of the MathUp program. The advancement of this process is a continuum and based on student understanding. With the pivot to online learning last year, we will continue with understanding additive reasoning.

Using Data to Drive Assessment: The staff and administration of St. Mark are in the process of completing our Annual School Improvement Plan that will guide our educational direction throughout this coming school year. The two main foci for St. Mark School for the 2021-22 academic year – Mathematics, and Language Arts

New Language Arts Resources: St. Mark has been given an increase in resources support and we are now a part of an intervention project that focuses on strengthening reading skills within grades 2 to 5. The Empower program was developed and resource staff are being trained by Sick Kids for implementation starting in mid-October. We are also implementing an additional reading program called Lexia for grades 1 to 6 to further support reading intervention.

Technology in the Classroom: We are looking to augment the technological equipment that we currently have at St. Mark to allow for the largest increase in student achievement. Over the past year, we have registered 150 new students and require more Chromebooks. Unfortunately, quite a few of the Chromebooks that were returned from virtual learning need to be repaired or replaced. Funds will be allocated to fixing and replacing Chromebooks.

School Climate

Open House/B.B.Q.: Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we were not able to host our annual Open House this year. In lieu of the open house, all teachers have been reaching out to families to discuss each student's transition to their new classroom.

Terry Fox Walk: Today, we took part in the annual Terry Fox Walk for Cancer Research. All classes participated in the walk as we worked together to raise money for cancer research. Thank you for your continued support!

Hallowe'en: This year we will be following the same format for Halloween as last year. Students are welcome to wear their costumes to school on Friday, October 29th. However, for students in Grade 1 - 8, they will continue to need to incorporate a mask (not plastic) with their costume. As an alternative, students are welcome to wear orange and black, as this will be an out of dress code day. As has been the case every year, costumes that are intended to scare or have blood or weapons are not allowed. Halloween activities will take place within the classroom. Please do not send in treats to share or to be handed out. We will also not be able to have our annual Dance-a-thon fundraiser. We are doing what we can to follow the guidelines from the Ministry and still allowing the students to participate in Halloween at school.

Student Council: We will be having our student council at St. Mark again this year. Mrs. Zamora is taking the lead on Student Council.

Orange Shirt Day: On Wednesday, September 30th, 2021, St. Mark Catholic Elementary School will recognize National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. An email message was sent out to invite everyone to wear their orange shirts Thursday.

F. OAPCE REPORT – next meeting

G. STAFF REPORT – next meeting

H. SUBCOMMITTEE SIGN UP

1. Selection of Chair/Co-Chairs of each Sub-Committee
2. By-laws/Policy
3. Community Outreach
4. Fundraising
5. Graduation
6. Hot lunches/milk
7. Church Fundraising
8. Safe Schools – Met in December
9. School Nutrition Action Council (SNAC)

- A Google form will be created and shared with the council for parents to sign-up. After the sign-up is complete, chairs of each sub-committee will be determined.

I. AGENDA ITEMS

- Mrs. DeCoff asked if there were any other sub-committee ideas. Mrs. Thompson suggested it be placed as an item on our next agenda.

J. NEXT MEETING – November 1, 2021 at 6:00 pm

K. CLOSING PRAYER - Mr. Atkinson

L. ADJOURNMENT