



Elections:

Nominations:

1. Dagmar asked what is involved. Maria explained how council works in a nutshell.
2. Dagmar shared a few details about herself with the rest of us before we voted.
3. Are things brought to the council for a vote. Maria has the final vote if she feels that it is in the best interest of the whole school. Final say lies with Maria.
4. Blake's mom spoke and then Julie Fulton spoke.
5. Vote was taken and Lindsey counted the ballots: Kathy has been nominated for Council Chair/ Julie Fulton will be co-chair

## B. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Policy Vetting and Review – To view policies, [click here](#).
- a. *Records and Information Management Policy (600.2)*
- b. *Privacy Policy (600.6)*  
*Feedback to chair/co-chair or Ms. Romano by 12:00 p.m. on October 27, 2022.*  
*Maria reviews the above informing us that we can look at these policies via the link she has attached.*
- Catholic School Council Financial Report –
  - We are not in the red, John Romano left us in the black.
  - We rely heavily on fundraising
  - Technically we have zero dollars in the fundraising, we do have monies, but they are in a different category;
    - We do have an account that must be maintained and used only for playground upkeep. It is there but it must stay there. We are very fortunate that we have strong fundraising;
- The Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) Report – Usually they have meetings every couple of months. Nov. 3, Jan. 12 and Mar. 2. There are two positions available. Nominations close October 7. Attn: Yvonne Anderson by then.
  - Reviewed the above information.
- Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report – Meet every couple of months to discuss students with special needs. The next meetings are on October 5<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - Reviewed the above information. One question came up...Where are these meetings held? The board office and they are in person.
- School Improvement Team – Every year, a group of staff members meet on a regular basis to discuss goals for the school. We have discussed the Math UP resource. It is a math program purchased by the board that involves collaboration and higher-level thinking question. It will not be the only resource for teachers, but it will be a main one. Haggerty resource from kindergarten to Grade 2 is always being used for literacy. Empower is a reading program that will be starting this year. Some students will be identified. Lexia will continue to be rolled out. Gospel Mondays – Sometimes it is difficult to get to Church or hear the Gospel at Church. All staff will be sharing the gospel with their students on Monday and the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary every day in October, the month of the Holy Rosary.

- Maria reviewed the above information and informed the council that the full staff is on the committee. We focus on literacy and numeracy. WE will be collaborating about math on our October 24 PD. This will inform our School Improvement Plan.
- Math Up resource, Maria loves it and most of us are proficient with it and the rest of us are getting that way. Maria is focused on this resource as the main resource but supplement the learning with other supporting resources.
- Haggerty: the staff is very good at using it.
- Empower will begin to take place here at St. Ed's. Format to be determined.
- Lexia will continue, ten licenses will roll over from last year and we will get five more this year;
- Kennedy Lindley mentioned that through fundraising we could provide licenses to every primary student in our school. We will revisit it again this year. It is about \$200.00 per license. Is it equity based???
- Maria is looking into the viability of licenses for all primary students.
- Father Chris is coming into the school this month to pray the rosary. Maria has purchased new rosaries for all our students. Father Chris has not given us definitive dates.
- Rosaries are staying at the school. Father Chris will come to bless the rosaries.
- School Organization – We have reorganized the grade 2 & grade ¾ classes we now have a grade 2/3 and a ¾ both classes are at 20.
- Niagara Nutrition Partners – Ms. Mandula is doing nutrition in the school. Great partners for nutrition.
- Confirmation Date – April 12 7:00pm
- Graduation- June 22, Club Roma, 5pm We have ten grade 8 students. This year our total registration is 115 students.
- We feel that we will be able to fit a table per student for them and their families. Julie and Kennedy said they will make it work:)
- First Holy Communion Date:
- Mini Retreats – New this year, our chaplaincy leaders will be coming into the school, there will be embedded Professional Development during this time. This will start in October.
- Maria reviewed the above information.
- Picture Day Retakes and Grad November 3
- Maria reviewed the above information.
- Technology – All technology has been distributed for Grades K to 8
- Currently we are one-to-one with technology, we need to look at getting some extra technology in case we have new members.
- Spoke about our Ukrainian students. We have a council member that is on the multicultural committee, she is going to help us out with our families. Further information to follow. Our ELL teacher will reach out.
- Alternate Lunches – Swiss Chalet and Subway on Tuesdays. If parents have any input or suggestions, please email chair/co-chairs. Pizza days will continue every Thursday
- Maria reviewed the alternate lunches.
  - Halloween – costumes- come to school in costumes- appropriate- parade at 10:30am. Dance parties in gym. No food, candy from parents for classes- nutrition policy and anaphylaxis

- Costumes are back;
- Student council has great plans;
- Halloween is back!!!!

**C. CHAIR'S REPORT –**

- Reports from June - **nothing to report.**
- Meeting Dates: November 9 @ 5:00. February 8<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00, April 5 @ 5:00, May 10<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00
- **November 7, February 6, April , May**
- CSC News: If you have anything to add for the CSC Corner of our Newsletter, please email chair
- Committee Sign-Up: Email Ms. Romano if you are interested in chairing a committee.
  - a. *Spirituality Committee (opening prayers before meetings, provide parish reports at CSC meetings, Gifts for students receiving sacraments, celebrations, etc.).*
  - b. *Fundraising Committee (assisting with fundraising activities throughout the school year, organizing year end Family Fun Fair, BBQ, Trivia Nights, Raffles, etc).*
  - c. *Lunch/Alternate Food Days Committee: assisting with lunch programs, Shrove Tuesday, Play Day food day,*
  - d. *Graduation Committee (assisting with Grade 8 prayer service, dinner, decorations, dance, etc.)* **Kennedy, Julie, AnnaLisa, (We need to look at the \$ we spent, we just keep an eye on what we spent)**
  - e. *Beautification Committee (assisting with the curbside appeal of the exterior of St. Edward working with staff/ECO club, etc.).*

- **Maria has reviewed the above and hopefully we get people involved.**

**D. Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) Report – No report**

**E. Special Education Advisory (SEAC) Report – No report**

**F. Ontario Association for Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) Report – No report**

**G. STAFF REPORT – Ms. Petriello**

- Journey Retreat – On October 6 the grade 8s will on a Journey Retreat at St. Alfred's Parish. Students will work and pray together.

- School Masses @ St. Helen Church – November and June
- Fr. Chris in October for Rosary, Advent, Lent, Ash Wednesday and by invitation
- Junior Soccer Tournaments and cross country

**H. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Christmas Hot Turkey Dinner for students, staff, and invited gifts.**

- **Knight of Columbus “Breakfast with Santa”**
- **Fundraising ideas Wine, Flower Bulbs, Cobbs Bread,**

**G. NEXT MEETING – November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 5:00**

**H. ADJOURNMENT – Called the meeting @ 6:45**