

# St. Cecilia School Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC)

## Minutes

Date: December 10, 2019

Co-Chairs: Marisa Cuoco and Olga Geryluk  
 Secretary: Sharon Da Silva  
 Treasurer: Deirdre Swatman  
 School Administration: Stephen Dempsey (Principal)  
 Attendance: See appendix

Agenda Item	Comments
<b>Agenda &amp; Minutes Approval Prayer</b>	Olga/Marisa called the meeting to order.  Motion to approve November minutes: Moved by Francisco/Seconded by Patrizia.  Prayer lead by Mr. Dempsey
<b>Financials (Treasurer's Report)</b>	Deirdre presented the November Financial report. An opportunity for questions was provided.  The budget report was determined to be updated to include \$150 for pantry foods (dry goods ie. granola bars, apple sauce, etc) starting for January. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tessa and Jen will be making this purchase.</li> </ul> Motions to approve Financial report and budget addition: Moved by Tessa/Seconded by Karen.  <i>See attached Budget for more details</i>
<b>Principal's Report</b>	Mr. Dempsey: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Access to Ravina was opened today with the repair finalized and gate opened to all!</li> <li>- Family mass on Dec 17<sup>th</sup> will be opening with the grade 8 band at 6:30pm</li> <li>- Mme. Walsh is on her 3<sup>rd</sup> week off, waiting on LTO</li> </ul> Other: <b>Kinder Christmas Concert:</b> December 12 <sup>th</sup> @ 1pm (gym) <b>Community Christmas Mass:</b> December 17 <sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm (St. Cecilia Church, gr.3,6-8)  <b>Last day of school:</b> December 20 <sup>th</sup> 2019 <b>School resuming:</b> January 6 <sup>th</sup> 2020
<b>Other Business</b>	<b>Parent Survey (Olga):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PLAYGROUND - Richard heading this committee</li> <li>- CSPC can get quote on turf and pay for it ourselves, maintenance is also our responsibility (may not need board approval to install, but need approval on who installs it – qualified provider/installer)</li> </ul>

- shade is also an area of improvement, different types of awnings were quoted ranging in price from \$2,000 ++  
- Richard will prepare summary & quotes and share in Jan 2020

- **COMMUNITY-BUILDING EVENTS** - Jen Santos is heading this committee
  - Will be researching family skate night for the new year
  - "Rise" - Patrizia suggested this program for Black History month - could be part of "Community Events" or "curricular"
- **FUNDED AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM** -
  - Physical Activity programs (corresponding with wellness and mental health) such as Yoga was suggested
  - Elisa and Liesbeth will present on this topic
- **ECO STATUS**
- **WINDOW FILM** - timeline will ideally be confirmed in Jan but we are on the list of schools!
- **BULLYING/STRESS** - Natalia and Francisco will research potential speakers
  - Mme Wilson suggested speakers may be beneficial for Parents to help differentiate bullying vs disagreements among peers
  - also suggested that collaborative games may be helpful for students in dealing with anxiety/stress/bullying and promoting an inclusive environment
  - Francisco volunteered to research a link to articles that focus on dealing with different relevant topics for parents (ie dealing with stress and anxiety, etc)
- **HEALTH & SAFETY** - alcohol, drugs, vaping use and prevention
  - Possible CAMH resource to come speak to kids/parents
  - Dr. Saxena is a local pediatrician with an interest in teen mental health... can perhaps speak to students regarding health issues around vaping and anxiety/stress (Olga will look into this)
  - Paul Davis - technology safety - suggested by Karen Kinch and she will get quote and possible dates for Primary/Junior/Senior and parent presentations
- **SCHOOL SPORTS TRYOUTS** - will look at adding this info to school newsletter/calendar
- **CURRICULUM**
  - Math - connect w Gr 9 teachers to see where the weakness is - why our scores are consistently low?
  - Math Cafe - peer tutoring program where senior students mentor younger students
  - Science - robotics program suggested by Natalia

	- Phys Ed – ideas of unique lunch or after school programs to bring in to get kids moving: tennis, ballroom dancing, lacrosse
<b>Adjournment</b>	Motion to adjourn meeting. Moved by Jen / Seconded by Elisa.

**APPENDIX**  
**x Voting Members present,**  
**quorum reached**

**Present:**

- Marisa Cuoco
- Olga Geryluk
- Deirdre Swatman
- Jennifer Santos
- Patrizia Libralato
- Ben Hughes ?
- Tessa Wood
- Elisa Nicolau
- Francisco Peralta
- Candace McArthur ?
- Ana Muro-Ulas ?
- Natalia Naranjo
- Rachel Rasile ?
- Marta Pereira ?
- Karen Kirch

**Regrets:**

- Erica Kourous
- Marlene Carvalho- Hasip
- Colleen Uncao-Kalkounis
- Jennifer Carriere
- Sharon da Silva

? need to confirm attendance

