

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

## Minutes

Date: February 23, 2021

Co-Chairs: Ben Hughes and Candace McArthur

Secretary: Sharon Da Silva

Treasurer: Vida Mascarenhas

School Administration: Stephen Dempsey (Principal), Antonella Ruscitto-D'Addario (VP)

Attendance: See appendix

Agenda Item	Comments
<b>Agenda &amp; Minutes Approval Prayer</b>	<p>Ben/Candace called the meeting to order.</p> <p>Motion to approve January 12, 2021: Moved by Alex / Seconded by Erica.</p> <p>Prayer lead by Ms. Ruscitto-D'Addario</p>
<b>Financials (Treasurer's Report)</b>	<p>Vida presented the financial draft reports for January. An opportunity for questions was provided.</p> <p>The best-case scenario is to maintain a large reserve in preparation of any eventuality. We looked at how to allocate the funds raised and decided to add to STEAM funds.</p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> To increase the STEAM amount per classroom from \$110 to \$150. Motion moved by Jen / Seconded by Marta. Motion carried.</p> <p>Motion to approve Financials: Moved by Alex/Seconded by Jackie. <i>See attached Financials for more details</i></p>
<b>Principal's Report</b>	<p>Mr. Dempsey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In-School classrooms reopened on Feb 16<sup>th</sup></li> <li>- Tremendous work from teachers / administration... there are new screening procedures with wider guidelines</li> <li>- New screening passport... please have student arrive with the passport completed every morning. A one occasion is accepted but not habitual.</li> <li>- Toronto Public Health was satisfied with St. Cecilia's practices... more rigorous precautions in place, aiming at minimizing exposure within the school.</li> <li>- Additional funds to the Board from the Government to help with supply of plexiglass partitions.</li> <li>- Some issues arose with students in the Recreation Center bothering (egging) our students... presently being dealt with.</li> <li>- Generated School Model: to be received in March, to be reviewed, selecting assignments for next year, and projections</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Enrollment: registrations have decreased (also across the Board), more families moving to English from French due to lack of support if online learning.</li> <li>- Looking at Graduation for gr.8... need to discuss with parent committee</li> <li>- GRAD PHOTO: March 23<sup>rd</sup>, each to have own robe (no sharing)</li> <li>- Still looking to finalize the 2020 Grad, not 'when', but 'how'... looking for input in coming weeks</li> <li>- Report cards sent out electronically</li> <li>- Anti-bullying Feb 24<sup>th</sup>, 'PINK DAY'</li> <li>- If bringing snacks/treats to hand out in classroom- Snacks must be individually wrapped (pre-packaged), and nut free, fruit also acceptable (ex. oranges)</li> <li>- HEPA air purifiers throughout school, open doors and windows encouraged along with use of fans</li> <li>- Sacramento's update: Father is in dialogue with the Archdiocese</li> <li>- Heat issue in some classrooms with the installment of plexi cubicles... tinted windows help alleviate... need time to explore options to help <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*tinted film has been completely installed as of November 2020 in every classroom on every floor.</li> <li>*looking at air conditioners or dehumidifiers that do not need to vent out (due to window bottoms unable to open)</li> <li>*also, there are electrical issues</li> <li>*looking into increasing outdoor classrooms</li> <li>*whiteboards are a great tool, inexpensive, but useful to conduct outdoor classrooms (to be used instructionally, instead of in student groups as in pre covid)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><u>Other:</u>  <b>Anti-Bullying:</b> February 24th, 2021... PINK DAY  <b>Spirit Week:</b> March 15-19, 2021  <b>Grad Photos:</b> March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021</p>
<b>Committees</b>	<p>Please volunteer and sign up to the several committees at St. Cecilia... please send an email with your selection to Sharon at <a href="mailto:dasilva.sharon7@gmail.com">dasilva.sharon7@gmail.com</a>  Your help is greatly appreciated!</p> <p>For those that have signed up, please contact your fellow partners, with updated info on the committee list sent out at meet reminders.</p> <p><b>Resource Committee:</b> There is a remaining balance from pizza money... looking at possibility of refunding or can ask if parents want to donate to something the children could look forward to, example would be to pay for turf or school yard.  <u>ACTION:</u> (Richard, Teresa, Tessa, and Jen) will write up a draft letter detailing ideas and to be presented at next meet.</p>
<b>Other Business</b>	<p><b>PRO (parents reaching out) Grant:</b> a grant of \$500 for a parent engagement event. Initially thinking of a virtual presenter. Some ideas discussed:</p>

	<p>- use to engage new parents to the school, gift bag and virtual breakout rooms.</p> <p>- to fund a comfort closet, donation of personal hygiene products (brush, toothpaste, period purse, etc) that is distributed to people in need or for students to go and have available to them.</p> <p>*Needs to be a parent engagement event!</p> <p><u>ACTION:</u> (Tanja B) volunteered to investigate some of these ideas and will present findings at next meet.</p> <p>*Also, looking to keep snacks in pantry, non-perishables (granola bars, etc) available to students.</p> <p><u>ACTION:</u> (Mr. Dempsey) will investigate if we have students in need... due to current situation, it is difficult to know.</p> <p><b>Next CSPC Meet:</b> to be held on March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021</p>
<b>Adjournment</b>	Motion to adjourn meeting. Moved by Tanja / Seconded by Jen.

## APPENDIX

### 24 Voting Members present, quorum reached

#### Present:

Ben Hughes  
Candace McArthur  
Sharon da Silva  
Vida Mascarenhas  
Erica Kouros  
Tessa Wood  
Jennifer Santos  
Liesbeth Teerink  
Rachel Rasile  
Alexandra Hartnett  
Marta Pereira  
Collen Uncao  
Richard William  
Natalia Naranjo Moncada  
Rosanna Defry-Mangion  
Alan Mascarenhas  
Evelyn Vaccari  
Tanja Berger  
Ana Muro  
Tina Di Giovanni  
Jackie Avelino  
Robin White  
Francisco Peralta  
Teresa Borgiel

#### Regrets:

Olga Geryluk  
Karen Kinch  
Jennifer Carriere  
Chantelle Cole  
Andrea Hanson

#### Regret:

Olga Geryluk  
Karen Kinch  
Chantelle Cole  
Jennifer Carriere  
Andrea Hanson  
Anne Marie Jacoby