

St. Cecilia School Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC)

Minutes

Date: January 12, 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
Agenda & Minutes Approval Prayer	<p>Ben/Candace called the meeting to order.</p> <p>Motion to approve December 8, 2020 minutes with amendment: Moved by Jen / Seconded by Marta.</p> <p>Prayer lead by Mr. Dempsey</p> <p>Icebreaker – to encourage community spirit.</p>
Financials (Treasurer's Report)	<p>Vida presented the financial draft reports for November and December. An opportunity for questions was provided.</p> <p>The Sugar Plum Fair Fundraiser was a success, raising around \$7500 (net). We will look at how to allocate the funds... item to be discussed at next meeting. Will be looking to add to STEAM funds or ask teachers for suggestions/needs.</p> <p>Motion to approve Financials: Moved by Andrea/Seconded by Tanja. <i>See attached Financials for more details</i></p>
Principal's Report	<p>Mr. Dempsey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Virtual learning has been extended to Feb 16th - Tremendous work from teachers / administration... want to acknowledge the staff's great work with growth mindset in making the transition of virtual learning seamless - Chromebooks have been distributed and top-off orders sent immediately - School closure starting tomorrow, which will cause some issues - Emails to be sent next week with registration code for parent/teacher interviews - There are some concerns around Online learning: glitches, logging off/booted out, or/and internet service interruptions. <p>Regular attendance: making sure parents are aware if child is present, instead of wandering off.</p> <p>Engagement opportunities.</p>

	<p>Some would prefer to have a slide deck or an update/task summary list either at the beginning or end of class</p> <p>Mental Health: provide some engagement that children can inform on, along with parents</p> <p>During breaks, try to get some fresh air or stretch legs, or socialize with classmates</p> <p>Difficulty in engaging shy/introvert students.</p> <p>Parent Tips: Would help if parents encourage children to keep video on, help with posting work, show how to attach files/docs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TCDSB removed the LGBTQ Youthline from the Board Resources on their site... some trustees are working hard on reinstating these resources. Two students came forward with a request to start up an LGBTQ+ club at St. Cecilia and have found a teacher who agreed to supervise... 'Moving forward to be inclusive'. <p><u>Other:</u> PA Day: January 15th 2021 Report Cards: will be sent out on Feb 8th, 2021 Parent/Teacher Interviews: evenings of February 9th and February 11th, 2021</p>
<p>Committees</p>	<p>Please volunteer and sign up to the several committees at St. Cecilia... please send an email with your selection to Sharon at dasilva.sharon7@gmail.com 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>Fundraising: Sugar Plum Virtual Fair – thank you to all that purchased and made this fundraiser a success. A big thanks and appreciation to all who helped and make this fundraiser possible!</p> <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee: Richard, Teresa, Tessa, and Jen (Action)- will write up a draft letter detailing ideas and to be presented at next meet.
<p>Other Business</p>	<p>Teacher Appreciation: CSPC attendees had an opportunity to send message to all teachers/staff. *thank you to Mr. Dempsey and Ms. Ruscitto-D’Addario who made this possible.</p> <p>Resources for Families: Asking for ideas/tips found to be helpful/resources that can help with the struggle of online learning. *Goal to send out an email compiled with those tips/resources to share with parents.</p>

	<p>*Recent suggestion of Sparx Studios' programs now offering online classes to students to help with empowerment, mindfulness, problem solving, emotional intelligence, creativity, and empathy - helping students deal with mental health.</p> <p>https://www.sparxstudiotoronto.com</p>
Adjournment	Motion to adjourn meeting. Moved by Teresa / Seconded by Rachel.

APPENDIX

**23 Voting Members present,
quorum reached**

Present:

Ben Hughes
 Candace McArthur
 Sharon da Silva
 Vida Mascarenhas
 Marisa Cuoco
 Tessa Wood
 Jennifer Santos
 Liesbeth Teerink
 Rachel Rasile
 Alexandra Hartnett
 Marta Pereira
 Jennifer Carriere
 Richard William
 Chantelle Cole
 Timothy Noronha
 Alan Mascarenhas
 Evelyn Vaccari
 Tanja Berger
 Tracy Platt
 Tina Di Giovanni
 Andrea Hanson
 Robin White
 Teresa Borgiel

Regret:

Kerri Horan
 Anne Marie Jacoby
 Natalia Naranjo Moncada
 Karen Kinch
 Erica Kouros
 Collen Uncao