

St. Cecilia School Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC)

Minutes

Date: June 15, 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 minutes from May 2021: Deferred.</p> <p>Prayer lead by Ms. Ruscitto-D'Addario</p>
Financials (Treasurer's Report)	<p>Vida presented the financial draft reports for May. An opportunity for questions was provided.</p> <p>Currently uneventful. A reminder was sent out to teachers to use allocated funds for STEAM (\$150 per classroom).</p> <p>Motion to approve Financials. <i>See attached Financials for more details</i></p>
Principal's Report	<p>Mr. Dempsey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Individual classes will be having a get together event at the end of the school year. - Each class will have 1 hour to play and visit with peers. - Teachers are not to attend due to current work to rule sanctions. - A treat will be provided for each student. - Outdoor classrooms... need more logs or tree stumps... hoping to receive some. May use yoga mats as an option. - Attendance of teachers has presented challenges... trying to fill any absence as soon as possible with at times dealing with multiple absences. - Sacraments: Agreed to donate funds from previous years' sacrament & celebrations. - Funds totaled approximately \$3,000. Amounts were sent to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indian Residential School Society • Gord Downie Fund

Committees	<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>Munchalunch Credits: A second letter was sent to those parents with existing unused funds... asked to either donate, refund or other.</p>
Other Business	<p>PRO (parents reaching out) Grant: approval of grant of \$500 for a parent engagement event . The event was put on by the High Park Nature Centre on June 10 and was focused on outdoor & experiential learning resources for parents.</p>

	<p>By-Law Amendments: by October 2021, all schools in the TCDSB are required to adopt a common by-laws template which will govern the activities of each school's CSPC. At the local level, CSPCs are permitted to make amendments to the following seven items only:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- The number of times that a newly elected member can consecutively hold the office of Chair; 2- The number of times that the full Council shall meet (must be no less than four times annually, including the AGM); 3- The number of elected parents; 4- The number of community representatives; 5- The number of meetings that a member can miss; 6- Amendments and/or additions to standing committees; and, 7- Responsibilities of chairs of sub-committees, and if the chairs will be considered part of the executive. <p>* It was recommended that the ideal number of CSPC voting members be reduced from the current 34 members. The By-law committee presented a proposed number of 24 members to the rest of the council. Discussion was had regarding St. Cecilia being an inclusive and engaged community. It was voted to keep voting members at 34. All other recommendations approved.</p>
Adjournment	Motion to adjourn meeting.