

St. Cecilia School Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC)

Minutes

Date: March 30, 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 February 23, 2021: Moved by Alex / Seconded by Andrea.</p> <p>Prayer lead by Ms. Ruscitto-D'Addario</p>
Financials (Treasurer's Report)	<p>Vida presented the financial draft reports for February. 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: Moved by Jen/Seconded by Ana. <i>See attached Financials for more details</i></p>
Principal's Report	<p>Mr. Dempsey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grades 4-8 had a live webinar regarding dealing with Stress with Amanda - Graduation: contacted Mrs. Hasip to discuss some options after April break... would appreciate if there are any Gr. 8 parents interested in helping out - Covid outbreak: one cohort affected plus 3 staff members and 25 siblings - Public Health are investigating but they have backlog due to numerous outbreaks throughout the province <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *waiting for letter with information and dates *families to stay vigilante with student's symptoms and check screening passport - Trustees voted on classes >15 students to receive plexi glass cubicles per student desk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *the 3-sided plexi glass partitions arrived and are presenting some challenges...difficulty with visibility for students sitting in rear of class due to wide white edges. - Set to start April break on the 16th until further notice

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Heat situation: noticed that the HEPA Air purifiers emit some cool air... we will see how the plexi glass cubicles affect heat in the school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *to be monitored – effect of plexi to heat in school *possibility during heat waves to explore move to virtual learning (Mr. Dempsey will inquire) *Fans in class are effective also. *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: handling registrations now. Attempting to celebrate with last year students... use the funds preserved to them, Gr. 2 and 7. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Confirmation lunch, a possibility of California sandwiches at park outing. *Important: not to miss recognition of celebrating the Sacraments even if its with an individually wrapped sandwiches in the park with their cohort! <p><u>Other:</u> April Break: April 12-16, 2021 Grad Photos Retake: April 6 , 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>Resource Committee: A letter was sent to those parents with existing unused funds... asked to either donate, refund or other. To reply by April 18th. There is a remaining balance of \$14k from 179 parents, with so far donations of total of \$800.</p> <p>Options to use funds:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Ice cream day 2- Popsicles/freezies *1&2 adds some joy to students 3- Long term plan for revamping playground <p>*many thanks to Marta and family with the donation of snacks, like the oranges, etc.</p>
<p>Other Business</p>	<p>PRO (parents reaching out) Grant: approval of grant of \$500 for a parent engagement event by end of year.</p> <p>Some ideas discussed and voted (in order of majority of votes):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Outdoor incentives / Nature resources 2- Paul Davis: further info on safety with social media 3- Increase engagement / motivational tools for positive thinking, etc., to keep a healthy mindset 4- Covid related stress and anxiety / isolation

	<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>*require a committee to look over this list *By-Laws meet: TBA</p> <p>Next CSPC Meet: to be held on May 11th, 2021</p>
Adjournment	Motion to adjourn meeting. Moved by Karen / Seconded by Jen.

APPENDIX

**25 Voting Members present,
quorum reached**

Present:

Ben Hughes
Candace McArthur
Sharon da Silva
Vida Mascarenhas
Erica Kouros
Tessa Wood
Jennifer Santos
Liesbeth Teerink
Karen Kinch
Rachel Rasile
Alexandra Hartnett
Marta Pereira
Collen Uncao
Richard William
Natalia Naranjo
Rosanna Defry-Mangion
Alan Mascarenhas
Evelyn Vaccari
Timothy Noronha

Ana Muro

Andrea Hanson
Jackie Avelino
Robin White
Francisco Peralta
Teresa Borgiel

Regret:

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

Regrets:

Olga Geryluk
Jennifer Carriere
Chantelle Cole
Tanja Berger