

Minutes of St. Cecilia School Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC)

Date: November 14, 2017.

Chair: Marisa Cuoco

Secretary: Sharon Da Silva

Treasurer: Deirdre Swatman

School Administration: Liliana Vani (Principal) and Antonietta Grossi (Vice Principal)

Attendance: See appendix

Agenda Item	Comments
Agenda & Minutes Approval Prayer	<p>Marisa called the meeting to order.</p> <p>Motion to approve October 3rd minutes: Moved by Claire/Seconded by Olga.</p> <p>Prayer lead by Ms. Vani.</p>
Financials (Treasurer's Report)	<p>Deirdre presented the financials for the month to end of October 31/17 and the 2017/18 Budget Proposal. An opportunity for questions was provided.</p> <p>A few items were highlighted and stressed upon that the budget supports: Transportation – one (1) bus or \$275 towards a field trip per classroom STEAM - \$250 per classroom.</p> <p>*Inform teachers to make use of these funds provided.</p> <p>The walkie talkies have been purchased and in use.</p> <p>For details see full list of the proposed budget.</p> <p>Motion to approve September financials: Moved by Tessa / Seconded by Aldona. Motion to approve 2017/18 Budget: Moved by Claire / Seconded by Marisa.</p> <p><i>See attached Budget for more details</i></p>
Principal's Report	<p>Liliana Vani:</p> <p><u>Interschool Events:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pest Control: is being addressed, but needs a long term solution • Water stations have arrived and installed • Non-traditional drill by Officer Santeramo who will review procedures to be communicated prior to drill (along with in service interviews with lunch assistants) • Striving for continued and constant communication within the St. Cecilia community. If there is anyone who is not receiving updates/newsletters, please feel free to contact the office or Ms. Grossi. <p><u>Other:</u></p> <p>Picture Re-take: November 6th 2017 Secondary Applications due: November 6th 2017</p>

	<p>Progress Reports: sent home November 13th Parent-Teacher Interviews: November 16 & 17 PA Day: Dec 1st 2017</p> <p>Community Christmas Mass: December 19th (Kindergarten to Grade 3) December 20th (Grade 4 to Grade 8) *If sibling conflict, attend the eldest child's show</p> <p>Kinder Christmas Concert: December 21st @ 1pm</p>
<p>Other Business</p>	<p>Guest Speakers: <i>Mr. John Wujek (Superintendent of Education) and Ms. Maia Puccetti (Superintendent of Facilities Services).</i> Questions and concerns were addressed regarding several issues that are/have affected our school (rat infestation and extreme heat). A brief question and answer period was provided.</p> <p><u>Rat infestation</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The pest control company did a treatment in the play area on Sept. 20, 2017. The play structure remains out of bounds until we receive the all-clear from the pest control company. 2. Facilities staff also reviewed the area around the school, to see if there has been any new construction/earth works that may have caused a disturbance, causing the rats to seek another place to nest. Nothing close by was found. Facilities staff also reviewed the green bins/garbage bins of the school –and these are well secured and there have been no issues with rats getting food from the school's green bins. Facilities staff have contacted the City to see if there are any infestation issues reported elsewhere in this neighbourhood – waiting for a reply from City. 3. The engineered hardwood mulch in both play structure areas was replenished at the end of July 2017. The existing mulch would have been raked and then new mulch added to this. 4. On Aug 7, 2017 - the play structures were inspected as part of the Board's annual inspection of all play structures. Minor repairs were recommended. This was undertaken by Maintenance staff during the summer. <p>*In the next two weeks, Orkin will be removing the mulch and set traps... please remind students to stay away from fenced playground.</p> <p>Thoughts/Feedback?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - After mulch removal and traps: If the rats are discouraged then new mulch can be replaced - Options for other surfaces: pea gravel, rubber rise structure (however gets hot during summer months)

	<p><u>Heat</u></p> <p>-Secondary schools are air conditioned, Elementary schools are older and not air conditioned (exemption of newer schools that have Displacement Ventilation Systems)</p> <p>-It was significant this year of classrooms exceeding 25°C</p> <p>Options to making the school more bearable for staff and students in the extreme heat:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Windows: reduces solar heat • Blinds: reduces solar heat • Cooling center: a pilot program for a set room (ex. In library) to be rotated among classrooms • Built-in Ventilation (fans): Parents can not fundraise for air conditioning units because of operational and maintenance costs. Fans (commercial + mounted) are acceptable but we have a lack of outlets in the rooms. *need to find out expected wait time for maintenance to be approved for fan installation (mounted) if CSPC provides fans. <p><u>MOTIONS FOR FUNDING:</u></p> <p>Staff Appreciation: (Marisa) request of up to \$500. To be held on December 14th, gourmet coffee shop to be set up in staff room courtesy of CSPC. (Approx. 50 staff) Motion to approve: Moved by Richard / Seconded by Olga.</p> <p>Community Event: (Jen) request of up to \$450. Towards a social event such as Movie Night, Easter Event, Taste of St. Cecilia's or Mardi Gras. Motion to approve: Moved by Aldona / Seconded by Rosanna.</p> <p><u>UPDATE:</u></p> <p>Uniform Fundraising: (Olga) deadline for orders is midnight November 15th. To order VISIT: https://www.tinytrendsetter.com/collections/st-cecilia Great community effort... thanks to Liesbeth Teerink for graphics and Sonia Sultana for using her ordering service/shop "tiny trendsetter" for distribution. *Orders will be received and ready for pick up at the store around the first week of December.</p>
<p>Committee Updates</p>	<p><u>Playground:</u> A big thanks to Richard for spearheading the school playground yard cleanup that took place on Saturday November 11... and to all volunteers!</p> <p><u>Green:</u> A big thanks to Colleen for her efforts in getting the water bottle refill stations. They have arrived, installed and in use!</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Motion to adjourn meeting. Moved by Deirdre / Seconded by Marisa.</p>

APPENDIX

**17 Voting Members present,
quorum reached**

Present:

Marisa Cicero
Marisa Cuoco
Deirdre Swatman
Sharon da Silva
Olga Geryluk
Cathy Henry
Rosanna DeFry-Mangion
Erica Kourous
Marion Russell
Julie Sheppard-Greenhow
Claire Suhay
Colleen Murphy
Jennifer Santos
Tessa Wood
Aldona Armstrong
Richard Williams
Karen Kinch
Jonathan deBruyn ?
Ashley deBruyn ?
Kathy Essery ?

Mme. Jacoby
Ms. Grossi
Ersilia Serafini
Kischa Dominic-LaRoche

Regrets:

Mary Ellen Lynch Comisso
Patrizia Libralato