

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

## Minutes

Date: November 19, 2019

Co-Chairs: Marisa Cuoco and Olga Geryluk  
 Secretary: Sharon Da Silva  
 Treasurer: Deirdre Swatman  
 School Administration: Stephen Dempsey (Principal)  
 Attendance: See appendix

Agenda Item	Comments
<b>Agenda &amp; Minutes Approval Prayer</b>	<p>Olga called the meeting to order.</p> <p>Motion to approve October minutes: Moved by Karen/Seconded by Tessa.</p> <p>Prayer lead by Mr. Dempsey</p>
<b>Special Guest</b>	<p><b><u>Sparx Studio School Program (Alana)</u></b> is a play-based learning in-school acting program available to offer at our school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Deals with scenarios of many issues such as bullying, anxiety, mental disorders, self-esteem, etc.</li> <li>- Can work with school to decide when classes would be offered (during lunch, or after school, or PA Day camp)</li> <li>- Has a capacity of 15-30 kids per workshop</li> </ul>
<b>Financials (Treasurer's Report)</b>	<p>Deirdre presented the October Financial report. An opportunity for questions was provided.</p> <p>We are financially healthy with the help of the released funds from the Board (from fun fair fundraising/sponsors).</p> <p>Funds from "families in need" were used toward 4 students, outfitting them with some winter attire ~\$480.</p> <p>Motion to approve Financial report: Moved by Elisa / Seconded by Jen.</p> <p><i>See attached Budget for more details</i></p>
<b>Principal's Report</b>	<p>Mr. Dempsey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Issue with access to Ravina: tree interfering with gate door &amp; the condition of the steps... stay tuned for info from the school regarding access through gate as the City placed a lock on the gate. *Wish to ask for expediting the repairs due to safety issues such as parking lot and street traffic increase</li> <li>- Update on staffing: we are sad to see that the VP Leonor Goncalves is at the end of her time with us, leaving mid-November. VP Antonella will be returning after December holidays.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Great turnout with the Scholastic Book Fair sale... great return with books to school</li> <li>- Teachers will be identifying kids that need attention of specific needs</li> <li>- Window film: recommended for approval, need more details to move forward</li> <li>- Lego program: started Nov 19<sup>th</sup> with great response, many registrants</li> <li>- Mr. Schneider (music) has started a 'All Star Band'</li> <li>- There has been numerous requests to bring back morning student rider drop-off with 7&amp;8 grade student volunteers</li> <li>- Rocks n'Rink with Mr. York</li> <li>- Great candy collection for Dr. Simone</li> <li>- Cardboard Boat Race competing at Bishop on Dec 11<sup>th</sup>, for grade 6+</li> <li>- Uniforms (sports teams) issue will be discussed in detail at a later time</li> <li>- <u>Sports:</u>  <b>Volleyball-</b> Girls team came in 1<sup>st</sup> in their division (St. Mary of the Angels called to congratulate on the students/coaches great behaviour... really stood out, very proud!  *Good Sportmanship demonstrated in our students &amp; they also clean up after themselves!  <b>Swim team-</b> Tryouts are on Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> for grades 6-8 (2 laps), Dec 5<sup>th</sup> for grades 3-5 (1 lap)... criteria looking for ability to swim in the deep end &amp; speed.  *Asking for parent volunteers for snacks, supervising and relays  *April 4&amp;5 are meet days</li> </ul> <p><u>Other:</u>  <b>Kindergarten French Immersion Info Night:</b> December 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7-8pm  <b>PA Day:</b> December 6<sup>th</sup> 2019</p> <p><b>Kinder Christmas Concert:</b> December 12<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm (gym)  <b>Community Christmas Mass:</b> December 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm (St. Cecilia Church, gr.3,6-8)</p> <p><b>Last day of school:</b> December 20<sup>th</sup> 2019  <b>School resuming:</b> January 6<sup>th</sup> 2020</p>
<p><b>Other Business</b></p>	<p><b><u>Survey on CSPC Priorities (Olga):</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thank you to all who completed the survey monkey sent out to St. C Parent Community</li> <li>• Looking at what the community cares about, 202 responses... great response from primary grades</li> <li>• Surprising results pertaining to tech in classrooms (can be that parents who do not attend meetings are not aware of CSPC funds towards tech)</li> <li>• Not surprising results in areas of playground, using same communication tool (teachers use), heat issues, etc.</li> <li>• This session was just for presenting results... at next meet, we will look at areas that we need to work on "brainstorm".</li> </ul>

<b>Adjournment</b>	Motion to adjourn meeting. Moved by Marta / Seconded by Olga.
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**APPENDIX**

**16 Voting Members present,  
quorum reached**

**Present:**

Olga Geryluk  
Deirdre Swatman  
Sharon da Silva  
Jennifer Santos  
Tessa Wood  
Erica Kourous  
Marlene Carvalho- Hasip  
Colleen Uncao-Kalkounis  
Jennifer Carriere  
Elisa Nicolau  
Candace McArthur  
Ana Muro-Ulas  
Natalia Naranjo  
Rachel Rasile  
Marta Pereira  
Karen Kirch

**Regrets:**

Marisa Cuoco  
Patricia Libralato  
Ben Hughes

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