

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

## Minutes

Date: October 15, 2019

Chair: Marisa Cuoco

Secretary: Sharon Da Silva

Treasurer: Deirdre Swatman

School Administration: Stephen Dempsey (Principal) and Leonor Goncalves (VP)

Attendance: See appendix

Agenda Item	Comments
<b>Agenda &amp; Minutes Approval Prayer</b>	<p>Marisa called the meeting to order.</p> <p>Motion to approve September minutes: Moved by Francisco/Seconded by Tessa.</p> <p>Prayer lead by Mr. Dempsey</p>
<b>Financials (Treasurer's Report)</b>	<p>Deirdre presented the Budget Proposal 2019/20. An opportunity for questions was provided.</p> <p>We are entering the current school year financially healthy. The balance at the end of August was 22k.</p> <p>Funds allocated again this year per classroom is \$300 towards STEAM and \$275 for a bus or misc. Please remind teachers to use funds provided.</p> <p>There are funds allocated towards school team sport uniforms – requires a sub-committee to organize the quantity and style of a collection of uniforms for all sports.</p> <p>* Thanks to all who attended the budget meeting.</p> <p>Motion to approve the Budget Proposal: Moved by Karen / Seconded by Alex.</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>- Cross Country team finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place... congrats</li> <li>- Rosary Apostolate starting on Thursday October 17</li> <li>- Civvies day on October 25<sup>th</sup> "Jersey Day" in support of sports teams</li> <li>- Arts Express and Robotics (split at a time) will be introduced</li> <li>- There is a consciousness of the numerous head injuries, working on reducing incidences</li> <li>- Ravina Park/adjacent area is a great space for kids to play at recess however, safety is always a concern due to the three exit points and stairs are dangerous in winter (city property).</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EQAO results are in... performed above provincial and board averages, however there is a noted struggle for students to apply what they already know.</li> </ul>
<b>Other Business</b>	<p><b><u>Survey on CSPC Priorities (Olga):</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thank you to all who submitted their top three (3) priorities for CSPC</li> <li>• A survey monkey will be put together and sent out to St. C Parent Community</li> <li>• A fund of \$5000 has been allocated to address the issues/priorities parents would like CSPC to target</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Heat/Cooling (Karen):</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cooling system has been installed in the gym along with the trial of window films in two classrooms.</li> <li>• There has been a recommendation to continue the installation of window films on the other 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> floor classrooms due to the great outcome of effectively reducing heat.</li> <li>• Positive pilot project, now waiting for the next step.</li> </ul>
<b>Addendum</b>	<p>All schools received notice that the board is requiring input from CSPC and LSSAC (Local School Staffing Advisory Committee) regarding the format for parent-teacher interviews. Voting members of CSPC are asked to choose one of the following two options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Option 1:</b> Thursday evening from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm and Friday morning from 9:00 am to 11:00 am of the PD day;</li> </ul> <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Option 2:</b> Tuesday evening from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm and Thursday from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm</li> </ul> <p>If CSPC and LSSAC agree on the same option, then that option will apply for both sets of our 2019/2020 Parent-Teacher Interviews. If the options conflict, Mr. Dempsey has to cast the deciding and final vote for the community's interview format.</p> <p><i>See attached for more details</i></p>
<b>Adjournment</b>	Motion to adjourn meeting. Moved by Tessa / Seconded by Karen.

**APPENDIX**  
**17 Voting Members present,**  
**quorum reached**

**Present:**  
 Marisa Cuoco  
 Deirdre Swatman  
 Sharon da Silva  
 Olga Geryluk

Vida Mascarenhas  
 Francisco Peralta  
 Ben Hughes  
 Colleen Uncao-Kalkounis

Tessa Wood  
Erica Kourous  
Natalia Naranjo  
Rachel Rasile  
Marta Pereira  
Karen Kirch

Ana Muro-Ulas  
Jennifer Carriere  
Alexandra Hartnett

**Regrets:**

Jennifer Santos  
Patricia Libralato  
Candace McArthur

**ADDENDUM**

An email was sent to all CSPC voting members:

Dear Parents,

Today all schools received notice that the board requires input from CSPC regarding the format for parent-teacher interviews. Voting members are asked to choose one of two options provided on the following link:

<https://forms.gle/e97BLsYu95kb3dvo9>

The outcome of the vote has to be included in CSPC October minutes and a copy must be sent to the superintendent of HR, no later than October 25<sup>th</sup>. Given that we met last night, we are sending this survey electronically and will include the results as an addendum to the minutes from yesterday's meeting.

Please complete the survey by **October 21<sup>st</sup>**.

Thank you!  
CSPC Executive Committee

The following is the vote outcome:

