

Venerable Michael J. McGivney School

Catholic School Council

Meeting Minutes

Date: September 28, 2020

Time: 6:30pm – 8:08pm **Location:** Virtual Meeting via Zoom Platform

Chair: Jennifer Silva

Secretary: Tiffany Edwards

Attendees:		Guest(s):	
Abiola Olomola	Janet Foster	Nancy Rebelo	
Albert Thomas	Jennifer Silva	Natalie Grossi	
April Ferreira	Lorraine Fernandes	Tiffany Edwards	
Daniel Birkenbergs	Maria Sciarretta		
Frank Ferreira	Melissa		

Opening Prayer / Welcome / Introductions

Election of CSC Executive: The process was completed without an election as the previous members unanimously voted to adopt all the nominees.

Opening Remarks by Principal

Confirmation of CSC Meeting Dates for 2020/2021: Meetings will be held at 6:30pm on the 3rd Wednesday of every month - October 21; November 18; January 20; February 17; April 21; May 19; and June 16.

Communication & Engagement with Parents/Guardians

- A lot of changes in the school's tradition due to the ongoing COVID situation. However, the school is doing its best to manage the situation and is looking for innovative ways to engage the students by bringing back some school traditions.
- Council is doing its best to continue to Keep parents engaged and aware of the status of things; and encourages parents who are not members of the council executives to participate in the monthly council meetings, which will be virtual, at this time.
- The school is running 2 different school communities this year: online and in-person (with an approximate number of 240 in class learners).

Approval of June 25, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Approved by F. Ferreira & M. Sciarretta

Report by Chair

Fundraiser: Box of Cards

- 80 boxes undelivered
- 51 paid for (including 11 additional orders)
- 104 boxes with payments pending
- 183 boxes in school ready for distribution
- Prospect for solid relaunch in October
- Goal is to break even at this point and hopefully make some money for council to work with.
- Strategy would be to encourage sales from the existing inventory. Estimated 3-week window to fill order requests; while minimizing contact and following all social distancing and protocol.
- Following council's approval of the relaunch plan, the Principal will be preparing letters to advise

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parents/guardians and ask about their interest to order

- Process to be set up to allow families pay online and arrange two days for pickup
- Payment pending for gifts purchased for children's sacraments. We will look at the budget and find a way to fulfill those outstanding commitments from last year.
- Principal to provide a list from the church to work with, in order to honour our commitments from last year.

Report by Treasurer

- Financials are in a pretty good state.
- Estimate of \$10,989.78 as at the end of August
- Recorded \$529.52 more money from June to August, as a result of box sales & donations.
- Treasurer to prepare a budget for students' development and council can adjust that in the October meeting.

Discussion Items

We were not able to decide which initiatives to embark on as we are yet to understand what initiatives would be permitted at this time. However, when we come back with our ideas in October, we can hopefully, build a budget around those ideas based on a better understanding of what we can or cannot do.

The only exception was deciding what to do for the halloween as there may not be enough time to implement any idea for that occasion if we wait until the October meeting to decide.

- Halloween themed afternoon was approved by council. Crafts not feasible this year due to various restrictions.

Proposed activities: costumes and orange and black day for those who would like to participate, bingo cards and movie afternoon where the students will be able to watch a movie in their classes.

- Non-edible treat for children in the movie afternoon
- Bingo prize: spirit wears
- Approved budget: \$350

Central Community for Catholic Schools: a meeting is expected soon. Ms. Silva will advise council when there is a date.

OAPCE/DRAPCE:

- Meeting once a month and two large meetings a year:
 - In November where council goes through training to better understand their positions and the expectations and different information.
 - In April they have a marketplace where different vendors get together to share ideas for fundraising and different activities for the schools. Anybody can attend. Not only for OAPCE/DRAPCE Reps.

Update from The Parish Perspective

- The Principal shared some information from Father Roger: first communicants received their communions over the course of the summer except for those who were not comfortable to return to the church at this time.

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- Principal to provide a list from the church. We will keep track of that through the church and through the secretary at St. Marguerite D'Youville; so that gifts can be distributed accordingly.
- Father Roger is very willing to engage with our school community. He will be visiting the kids in the school and will also be celebrating masses with us.
- There will be 2 rounds of sacrament for every school. The Archdiocese has given directions to parishes about how to proceed with confirmations for children who were in grade 7 last year and did not receive a confirmation last year; so it is now a permitted sacrament and the parents that are concerned can expect to hear from the church within the next few weeks. And that, for this year's grade 7 will happen later. It is expected that, by the springtime, all the backlogs will be out of the way and we will be able to proceed with our regularly scheduled sacraments, for all of the current grade 2s and 7s this year.

Report by Principal

3 important dates:

- Tuesday, September 29 (Annual Terry Foxx Run): Students will be walking around the school property at some point during their outdoor learning, and they're encouraged to wear white and red. We're hoping to generate a little bit of money for the Terry Fox foundation.
- Wednesday, September 30: orange shirt day; to recognize the tremendous negative impacts of residential schools on our indigenous cultures in our country.
- Opening school mass (October 9): scheduled for 9:15am. Live streaming. Link will be shared later, so families can join.

The principal closed the meeting by thanking all the participants for their attendance and encouraged everyone to feel free to reach out to Ms. Grossi, Ms. Silva or himself, should they have any question.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm