

Venerable Michael J. McGivney School

Catholic School Council

Meeting Minutes

Date: October 21, 2020

Time: 6:30pm – 7:55pm

Location: Virtual Meeting via Zoom Platform

Chair: Jennifer Silva

Secretary: Tiffany Edwards

Attendees:		Guest(s):	
April Ferreira	Liza De Sousa	Rigoberto Quintana	
Bijoy Kolenchery	Lorraine Fernandes	Susel Cabrera	
Daniel Birkenbergs	Maria Sciarretta	Tiffany Edwards	
Frank Ferreira	Melissa Panetta		
Jennifer Silva	Natalie Grossi		

Opening Remarks by Principal

- Principal welcomed all participants and introduced members of the school council
- Principal led the prayer and acknowledgement for the sacred territories of Mississauga of the credit first nations

Opening Remarks by Chair:

Approval of the agenda by F. Ferreira & M. Sciarretta

Approval of September 28, 2020 meeting minutes by F. Ferreira & L. Fernandes

Report by Principal:

- Beautification of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney
 - The beatification process will be happening in the Vatican on halloween day this year, by pope Francis after then his formal title in the church will be Blessed Michael J. McGivney.
 - The school will formally change its name after canonization then it will be St. Michael J. McGivney.
 - Commemorative mass - Nov 13 at 9:15 am
Principal will be present in the church; he will do some readings; the statue of Michael McGivney will be formally blessed by Fr. Roger; commemorative plaque to go with his beatification
- Elementary learning modalities update
 - Only 2 models as of November 16, 2020 and it will stay that way until June, 2021.
 - 1) Entirely remote learners
 - 2) Hybrid model: virtual or in-person with McGivney educatorsClasses will be reorganized in advance of November 16.
Parents will be notified of changes by mid of week before.
- School generated funds (SGF) plan 2020/2021: discussion/recommendations
 - This plan is generated every year and shared with council
 - Significant drop in revenue this year as third party services are no longer allowed.
Charitable revenue; Target this year = \$7500

Expenses:

Expected revenue and expenses = \$7500 respectively. Add \$500 for charity gives us \$8,000 on both sides.

- \$1,000 for graduates

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- Modified retreats for our students this year, with a focus on religious education.
- \$1,000 to support families in need
- \$4,000 for student initiatives and special events.
We will potentially bring in guest speakers or presentations;
To provide class room wish lists for teachers to arrange special activities for the kids.
- Liturgies/virtues assemblies
 - Virtues assembly: conscience - October 29 at 11am.
Parents will not be invited due to privacy reasons.
 - Certificates and pencils will be given to students who get recognized for exemplifying the virtue of the month. Focus will be on November's virtue which is conscience.
 - Remembrance day liturgy - November 11 at 10.45am. It will be more like slide show, prayer service and possibly some videos.
Parents will be invited (link to be mailed out)
- Progress reports
 - Reports will be distributed to parents on November 10
 - Progress report interviews will be based on request, and will be phone only.
The teacher will contact the parents to schedule a time for the phone call.
This will be on Nov 12 but some teachers may choose to do this over a few days.
- Events update
 - Terry Fox walk: students participated in individual classes and walked round the school property
 - We also participated in orange shirt day
 - Opening of school and Thanksgiving mass on October 9, with Fr. Roger
This was intentionally not broadcasted live to the parent community because we wanted to make sure that technology worked. Parents will be invited to future masses.
- Upcoming school events
 - Halloween spirit week: parents will receive an advisory email tomorrow, regarding what is allowed. No trick or treating.
Events will be run throughout the week to keep the students excited (October 26 to 30)

Report by Chair:

- Big box of cards: orders closed off yesterday. We had some pick-ups today. Some boxes not yet picked up. We will reach out to the families concerned.
 - 82 boxes pending
 - 172 not paid for
 - 77 in house
 - Unsold items will be returned to the vendor. We're obligated to pay for the cards that went out
- Early bird gift item was discussed
 - Random prizes: spirit wears (5 Tees)
 - Top prize: tablet (\$250 budgeted)
- Halloween:
 - Pencils, erasers and gift bags purchased.
Bags will be packed with bingo card, pencil, eraser, and 2 for 1 popcorn coupon
Students will play bingo. Prizes from leftover items from last year's Halloween
Principal will call the cards. Ms. Silva will hand out the gifts
- Community initiatives around the holiday:

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- Angel giving tree: People bring in gift cards and we allocate to families in our community that need assistance and any leftover will go to the parish for distribution.
- Gifts will be distributed to students who received their communion over the summer (rosary docket) and confirmation students will also receive gifts from council

Discussion Items

- Wish list activities to continue
 - Principal will direct staff to focus on activities of more benefit to students and activities that will keep students motivated
Principal will wait until the reorganization to communicate this to teachers and get accurate numbers that we can work with in the November's meeting.
- Pajama day
- Virtual Santa visit
 - Sit-down with Santa: where Santa reads a story to the kids through a Webcam. This will be broadcasted in the classrooms
Ms. Silva to talk to Tom and see if he'll be available to do that

Report by Treasurer:

- Last year's expenses were less than estimated due to the pandemic situation that prevented the implementation of some initiatives
- Current budget: Estimated loss of \$1,500 from the card initiative
 - No revenue projected; just expenses due to the pandemic situation.
 - Projections from the account balance at the end of August:
\$5,400 for the year; leaving about \$5,000 as working capital for the following year

OAPCE/DRAPCE:

- The next regional council meeting is November 8
 - Human trafficking - an important presentation by the peel police on November 18

Ideas for fundraising:

- Propositions:
 - McGivney masks
 - Group code for domino's pizza that families can use when they order and a percentage of their orders goes to the school
 - Drawstring shoe bags: with the coming of winter, indoor shoes will be required. Students will have 2 pairs each day and can put their 2nd shoes in the bag to take home instead of putting them directly into their school bags, as this will be messy.
 - spirit wear
 - customized t-shirt with a prayer or design
 - flip give: website through which families can make regular purchases and provide a code for the school, that allows the school to receive a percentage from their purchases

Meeting was adjourned to November 25 (4th Wednesday) due to a conflict in date with the human trafficking presentation.

Closing prayer at 7.55pm.