

Venerable Michael J. McGivney School

Catholic Community Culture and Caring Action Team Meeting (CCCCAT)

Monday November 4th, 2019 @ 11:30am in Library

MINUTES

Attendees: D. Birkenbergs (Principal), N. Grossi (Vice Principal), A. Nanfara (Teacher)

L. Farruggio(Teacher), D. Mazzuca (Teacher), R. Mason(CYW), R. De Sousa(Parent), A. Marko (Public Health Nurse, Region of Peel)

Regrets: Constable T. O'Conner

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

- N. Grossi welcomed team and began with a prayer
- N. Grossi invited round table introductions and welcomed all participants to the team

**2. Purpose of Committee and Objectives**

- Team Focus this year: "Anti-Bullying and Health and Wellness" initiatives for the school community (safety, security, care, and well-being of students)
- CCCCCAT is required under Safe Schools legislation
- Team will meet two more time (Feb and May)
- Committee will function as advisory to school administration; collaborate in order to develop strategies to meet the needs identified in our school

**3. CCCC Climate Survey Data**

- Data indicated that the majority of our students feel safe at school. Our junior numbers were higher (this could be due to the number of students who have cell phones/social media etc.).
- We need to be mindful of the amount of screen time our students are getting at school
- It is important to recognize that students are building their relationships through screen time, social media, video etc. It is important that we give students opportunities to build relationships while in school.
- Committee provided ideas for initiatives:

\*Teachers can incorporate bible passages before, during or after teaching a math, or language lesson (ex. when teaching perspective) Being mindful of including bible passages into areas of the curriculum. This can make a difference to the lives of the children.

\*Offer students healthy fruits to eat/purchase – have scriptures written on the baskets of fruit that students can read while they wait in line for their fruit

\* Traffic Safety plan implemented in the hope that parents will feel safe enough to allow their children to walk to school. Constable T. O’Conner will provide additional support concerning the amount of traffic around the school. **Mr. Birkenbergs**

\*“Take What You Need” Tree: Students will write positive quotes, scriptures, and positive words etc. on printouts of leaves as a school at the same time (leaves provided to the classes by the committee). This initiative will take place in December as we celebrate the Virtue of Hope. Teachers will bring their classes to the “Take What You Need” tree found in the front foyer. Students will place their leaves on the tree and say a prayer as a class. Throughout the year, students will have an opportunity to take a leaf from the tree for themselves or give the leaf to someone else.

\* Tree is being delivered end of November, each month we will change the scripture on the base as well as what we will hang from the tree (symbols to coordinate with virtue/time of year). For December we will do ornaments (Grossi to print and distribute), we will choose a reading for the teacher to share with their class and then play Christmas music over the PA so all can colour and write their hope at the same time.

· Discuss what is in place and what we can continue/enhance moving forward:

\*Wellness Retreat Day –**Lisa F**

\*Half day Lenten Retreat – building scriptures into the lives of the students

\*Virtues Assembly

\* PALS: organize announcements - **Ms. Mazzuca/Mr. Mason/ Ms. Marko**

Anti-Bully Week Nov. 18 - 22 (Brave workshops, digital speaker (Chris Vollum) for students at school and after school for parents to attend with their children)

\* Blue Ribbon Campaign: Students will create a pledge (I will Not \_\_\_\_\_ I will \_\_\_\_\_ pledge) and receive a blue ribbon for 50 cents. School will donate money collected to a good cause . **YFA have taken this on. They will raise awareness over announcements and ALL students will wear a blue ribbon as well as classes will come down to sign the pledge bulletin board! Supervised by Ms. Fernandes and Ms. Chiarotto.**

4. Focus:

1. Faith Focus: Lenten Retreat – 1/2 day in-school retreat during Lent for FDK – Gr. 8 students. Students will be in groups (different grade levels in each group) and together as a group, students will circulate

among classes while participating in activities focused on our Faith. **Create a committee will work as an indoor play day with rotation.**

2. Community and Belonging Focus( Anti-Bully Week, Virtues, Brave Workshops)

3. Health and Wellness Focus (Play Day, Wellness Retreat Day)

\* Annique provided a brief overview of the 4 pledges to create a supportive environment where we can reach as many students as possible by working together to meet the goals.

1. Healthy Beverages (example: unsweetened milk)

**2. Healthy Fundraising \***

**3. Physical Activities \***

4. Daily Physical Activities

Open Discussion:

· Mrs. De Sousa will ask one of her friends in the community for a real tree that can be placed in our front foyer-**Coming end of November**

· L. Farruggio has Healthy Schools initiatives planned (Wellness Day, physical activity events are scheduled)

Next Meetings:

February and May