

VENERABLE MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY SCHOOL
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY CULTURE AND CARING ACTION TEAM MEETING
[CCCCAT]

Monday, December 10th, 2018 @ 3:15pm
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Attendees: Angie Nanfara (Teacher), Daniel Birkenbergs (Principal), Jennifer Page (Vice-Principal), Stephanie Grayson (Public Health Nurse, Region of Peel), Kimberley Medeiros (Parent), Roy Mason (CYW)

Regrets: Alex Velikov (Peel Regional Police School Resource Officer)

1. Welcome & Introductions

- Jennifer Page welcomed team and began with a prayer
- Jennifer invited round table introductions and welcomed all participants to the team
- Jennifer thanked individuals for their active participation and invited round-table introductions

2. Purpose of Committee and Committee Objectives

- Daniel Birkenbergs set context for committee; required under Safe Schools legislation
- Team to meet 3 times over the course of the school year
- Catholic values and faith at centre of committee; team to focus on safety, security, care and well-being of students
- Committee to determine areas of focus and discuss initiatives and action plans to address identified needs
- Committee to function as advisory to school administration; whole-school, solution-focused approach to identified needs

3. Safe Schools Review / CCCC Climate Survey / Bullying Prevention & Awareness Initiatives

- For context Jennifer & Daniel briefly reviewed the context for the school in terms of what initiatives are in place and how the school will enhance the school plan moving forward
- Briefly referenced CCCCCAT data and how that is used to inform next steps

4. Goal Setting

- Team asked to consider 3 areas of focus for 2018-2019 school year to improve the sense of community and belonging at Venerable Michael J. McGivney School
- Based on discussion and initiatives from previous year, 3 areas of focus emerged as priority for the team:
 - i. Faith Focus: Plan an in-school half-day retreat during Lent for all grades across the school focused on our Faith, the theme of the year through the Catholic Church and the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations (OCSGE)
 - Sub-committee to be formed within the school to plan for event in February 2019

- ii. Community & Belonging Focus: Explore opportunities to enhance students' feelings of a "welcoming and caring" community at Venerable Michael J.

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- Many initiatives already occurring within the school in this regard (e.g., Anti-Bullying lesson from ROP, Anti-Bullying Week initiatives, Virtues/OCSGE assemblies, BRAVE workshops)
- School will continue to capitalize on various opportunities to build community and prevent bullying through various activities throughout the school year
- Creating Pathway to Success initiatives will also support community development and strengthen transitions for students from year-to-year; school to look for further opportunities to communicate this information to families
- Biannual Climate Survey to be completed in Spring 2019
- School is in the preliminary stages of planning a "Youth Night In" in the spring of 2019 for our Grade 7 & 8 students; evening will provide opportunity for community building as well as skill building in the areas of physical health, mental health, spirituality and resiliency

- iii. Health & Wellness Focus: Healthy Communities Initiatives (HCI: 5-2-1-0)

- Involves continuation of programs such as Recess Guardians and school-wide "Play Day"
- Stephanie Grayson (PHN) provided a brief overview of HCI program pledges process and current plan; our school has committed to two pledges for this school year: Daily Physical Activity & Increasing Physical Activity
 - Pursuit of OPHEA Healthy Schools certification for 2018-2019 year; initiative to be headed up by Lisa Farruggio; further information to follow
 - BOKS program planned for mid-Winter 2019
 - Further activities to be planned throughout the school year
 - Stephanie will continue to support as PHN

5. Open Discussion

- Stephanie brought forward Random Acts of Kindness week initiative as a complement to school's well-being focus; will share information with team

Next Meeting

- *March 4, 2019 @ 3:00pm*
- *May 27, 2019 @ 3:00pm*