

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

Monday, March 4th, 2019 @ 3:15pm
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M I N U T E S

Attendees: Angie Nanfara (Teacher), Daniel Birkenbergs (Principal), Kimberley Medeiros (Parent), Roy Mason (CYW)

Regrets: Jennifer Page (Vice-Principal), Stephanie Grayson (Public Health Nurse, Region of Peel), Alex Velikov (Peel Regional Police School Resource Officer)

1. Welcome & Introductions

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

2. Review of Purpose for Committee and 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
- 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 CCCCAT data and how that is used to inform next steps

3. Goals for 2018-2019: Progress Report

- Daniel provided an update for the team as to the progress related to the school goals chosen by the CCCCAT in December
- Progress Report:
 - i. Faith Focus: 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)
 - Scheduled for March 26th, 2019
 - Will feature stations rotations based on themes mentioned and in a scramble format so students will be in mixed groupings across grade levels
 - Whole school liturgy will close the event in the afternoon

- ii. Community & Belonging Focus: Opportunities to enhance students' feelings of a "welcoming and caring" community at Venerable Michael J. McGivney School
 - 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 currently seeking community partnership to support development of a maker space; grant application in progress; CCCCAT to provide oversight/input
 - Biannual Climate Survey in progress; results expected in Fall of 2019
 - Youth Night In held on March 1st, 2019 for Grade 7 & 8 students; provided a wonderful opportunity for community building, as well as skill building in the areas of physical health, mental health, spirituality and resiliency
 - Recent increased incidents of student conflict and concerning behaviours are being continually addressed by school administration and support staff
- iii. Health & Wellness Focus: Healthy Communities Initiatives (HCI: 5-2-1-0) & Pledges
 - Involves continuation of programs such as Recess Guardians and school-wide "Play Day"
 - Lisa Farruggio 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 has been tabled to 2019-2020 due to limited availability of staff resources
 - BOKS program in progress to end on March 8th, 2019; successful program for our students
 - Wellness Day scheduled for March 7th, 2019; provide opportunities and presentations to explore physical and mental health; will include the Great Big Crunch & the Great Gulp
 - Replacement for Stephanie Grayson (PHN) is TBC

4. Open Discussion

- No additional items brought forward

Next Meeting

- *May 27, 2019 @ 3:15pm*