



MOTHER CABRINI CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES



Date: October 14, 2021

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Virtual

Location of Meeting:

- Mother Cabrini Catholic School, 720 Renforth Drive, Etobicoke ON M9C2N9, Zoom Event – September 23, 2021

Council Members:

Vanessa Vilic-Evangelista, Mike Gentile, Jackie Biase, Gina Ricci, Lisa Fernandes, Cori Stadler, Katrina Parik-Delmas, Natasha Franchino, Monika Comazzi, Lisa Ferrante; Laureen Abcede, Christina Forsythe, Shinta Tanuwidjaja

Principal Mrs. Laura Manini-Della Rossa, Teacher Representative Ms. Hlady-Medeira, Ms. DeBraga

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Quorum: Yes

Executive: Co Chairs: Vanessa Vilic Evangelista, Mike Gentile - Secretary: Jackie Biase – Treasurer: Gina Ricci

Members at Large: Lisa Ceccini, Cori Stadler, Lisamarie Stefanutti, Katrina Parik-Delmas, Natasha Franchino, Christina Forsythe, Laureen Abcede, Monika Comazzi, Shinta Tanuwidjaja

Non-Voting Member: Principal Laura Manini-Della Rossa

Voting Staff: Teacher Representative: Ms. Hlady-Medeira, Ms. DeBraga

Guests:

Regrets: Lisa Fernandes, Lisamarie Stefanutti

PROCEEDINGS

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION & DECISIONS
1. Welcome, Prayer & Courtesies	Mrs. Della-Rossa welcomed all and led prayer and courtesies. 6:30pm meeting was called to order.
2. Approve Proposed Agenda	Approvers: All in attendance
3. Approve Prior Minutes	Meeting Minutes from September 23, 2021 was approved. Approvers: All in attendance



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<p>4. Principal's Report</p>	<p>A) <u>Budget</u> September 9, 2021: \$4,265.12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Block Budget: 38% Utilized, \$945 available to spend for remaining year. <p>B) <u>Welcome Mass</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fr. Michael opened the school year with a mass Build, Restore & Renew <p>C) <u>Month of September</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kids spoke in Native tongue and dressed in their culture First event: Sept 24 – Culture Day <p>D) <u>Month of October</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Latin American month: kids to lead trivia game Downs Syndrome month: Announcements will be made, and a bulletin board will be on display Autism Awareness: Announcements will be made, and a bulletin board will be on display. Oct 20: New member day to welcome new students and members of the community Oct 29: Halloween Dance to take place outside in their cohorts. CSPC who show they are vaccinated fully can enter the school to help set up décor. Pumpkin carving contest is in effect. The pumpkins will be on display. Trophies given to the winners. 18th is the deadline to submit. <p>E) <u>Mental Health</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wellness Wednesdays: reading, meditation to take place <p>F) <u>Gates</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will be available for the areas in the school yard that require them. <p>G) <u>Covid protocols</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Board follows Public Health protocols. A case came in at 2:30pm on Oct 7. 3 cohorts were affected. Later that evening 2 of the 3 cohorts were called to return to school on Oct 7. The 3rd cohort was asked to return to school on Oct 18. Message to the community was on pause until Public Health gave the Ok a few days later. In future what should be done differently? For example, dates were wrong – they need to be accurate, when there is a case, list the parameters and next step (siblings affected?) and better communication is required. (not to be send parents in a panic and also to be honest, that school was waiting for direction from public health – please indicate in future correspondence. <p>H) <u>School calendars</u> Can include all civi days / themes in advance of launching calendar.</p> <p>I) <u>Grants</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggest applying for a grant towards sport equipment. For example, intermediate kids don't have anything now. Remaining to be discussed at next CSPC meeting
<p>5. Treasurer's Report <i>Gina Ricci</i></p>	<p>A) <u>Budget Allocation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$2800.00 last year (2020/2021) \$2700.00 this year (2021/2022) 9 teachers x \$200 ISP + Spec Ed \$500 Music \$200 Gym \$200 Suggested ideas for fundraising to an Art Category or Engagement LEARNING Fund. \$500 CSPC needs to have final approval if the money spent by teachers is part of the \$200 allocated to them.



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<p>B) Special Education <i>Lisa Ferrante</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No updates
<p>C) Parish</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No updates
<p>D) Co Chairs Update - <i>VVE/MG</i></p>	<p>A) <u>Survey Results</u> <u>Question one - fundraising</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 68 responded • 1. Prefer to see chocolates, other online fundraising = 10 families • 2. Prefer to donate a lump sum amount = 32 families • 3. Participate in both = 19 families • 4. No participation = 7 families <p>B) <u>Chocolate Fundraiser</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Finest Chocolates • Due to covid this is simplified and is not a full campaign • Option 1: Via WFC website, the parents order directly from the company. The cases are shipped to their house, but the profit is \$37.54 per case for the school. Parents pay the entire cost of the case upfront. • Option 2: Via School Cash Online. The parents buy the case upfront, but we would either pay for delivery of the product to the school \$75, or go and get the orders from the warehouse near the airport. The cases would have to be distributed by volunteers at the school to the kids to take home. The profit from this is \$42.54 per case, regardless if it's a \$2 or \$3 case. • No prizes are offered like in the past. CSPC can decide to use funds or donate prizes • This would be a lot less labour intensive; parents pay upfront so no worries on unsold or half cases coming back. • This campaign would run in the Fall <p>Verbiage ideas for letter: In order to be inclusive , please note In lieu of purchasing chocolates - everyone is welcome to donate a sum in lieu of selling chocolates</p> <p>Dominations donations of \$5 \$10 \$20 \$ other, your choice</p> <p>++ please note if one was to participate in chocolate fundraising - \$ the profit to Mother Cabrini would be \$42.00</p> <p>C) <u>Big Box Fundraiser</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The campaign would run in the spring as voted on by CSPC • Both birthday and all occasion cards available • The company will provide posters to put up around the school and flyers to be sent home with the students along with a parent letter. • The company will send a link of a video and website to the school that we would provide to the parents. • This will run via School Cash Online. We get a report at the end of the campaign to provide the inventory. • 2 options for delivery:



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1. Deliver to the school to avoid surcharges = \$33 for 33 cards
 2. Deliver to the homes directly in the school area only for a small surcharge of \$2 per box, NOT per home. = \$35 for 33 cards
- School profits \$11 per box

D) Survey Results

Question two – pizza lunch Fundraiser -

- 87% were pro pizza lunch
- 13% not yet comfortable
- CSPC voted to revisit pizza lunches in the New Year. Due to distribution issues, contact with pizza etc. CSPC to connect to pizza companies about individual wrapping and CSPC to connect to parent community who can commit to assist on days of distribution (2/ month)
- Cheese pizza only at this time suggested due to covid. – pizza companies to comment on individual packing, etc.

Fundraiser Wish List

- Doc cameras
- Computers/chrome books
- Projectors that are more interactive
- Order books for the library
- **Engagement learning fund – specific to supplies for student learning in art, sports, special ed, science + technology, purchased by teachers. Board supplies are minimal.**
- Great learning story for sr. students in science - "cell research" shared by Ms. Hlday-Medeira – very inspirational.
- Faculty / teachers are encourage to complete a quick proposal to ask for funding for CSPC – to approve such engagement learning funds / supplies.

Survey Suggestions made from parents on where to fundraise

- Chrome books
- Math literacy
- Sports, activities
- Family skate
- Teams/clubs
- Grad Trip – one day
- Spirit wear
- Coding classes
- Outdoor speakers

Spirit Wear

- Set up via School Cash Online – 2 launches FALL / and February (SPRING).
- Hoodie/Zip and track pants (track pants not available)
- Proceeds go towards graduations and spirit days

Cookies

- GiGi Bakes (local business, CSPC Treasurer & parent volunteer) – will bake the cookies for the fundraiser.
- 50% of proceeds will go to the school
- Great community story – how parents give back.
- This story, could inspire other small business owners to do something similar in the future.



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Civies Wear

- Council voted on 2 civies wear a month for \$5 per student per month
- Inclusive approach: Students can all dress in civies – (even if the donation is not received)
- Grade 7/8 leadership decides the themes
- % of the funds received will go towards alms giving, ie. Angel Foundation, ShareLife
- Inclusive theme approach– in lieu of specifics theme characters – colours also accepted.
- Example: Disney – “ dress in your favorite Disney attire / character and or colours of black / red / white”

HALLOWEEN 2021 – SPIRIT DAY – hosted by CSPC – Friday October 29th

- Students can dress in costume - Students are able to wear culturally appropriate costumes. Also, there are to be no masks (costume related) or weapons.
- Spirit event - pumpkins carving moving forward,
- Teachers will work on Halloween activities within their classrooms as determined by their professional discretion.
- Submissions to be picked up Oct. 20th 3:00pm
- Once all scanned / tagged / voting will take place – ONLINE voting
- Winning pumpkins to be craved / winners to receive certificate / trophy / pumpkin
- Pumpkins to be displayed at “HALLOWEEN HOWL” outdoor event ++ pending on weather
- With décor (CSPC to set up)
- MUSIC – speaker required (CSPC to set up)

E) Deferred Items

A) Next Meetings

- November 11, 2021
- January 13, 2022
- February 10, 2022
- April 14, 2022
- May 12, 2022

B) Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 9:01pm
Adjourned: Mrs. Della Rossa