

**St. Elizabeth
Catholic School Parent Council
Meeting Minutes
29 October 2019**

In Attendance:

Rachel Vergara
Tina De Cerbo
Bella Joao
Ashleigh Digings
Diana Perlowski

Rina Varma
Nadeen Sara Manzo
Ana Cabral
Kevin MacSweeney
Sherryanne Ambrose (followed)

Agenda Item	Comments	Person Responsible
Welcome and introductions	Call to order: 6:10pm Welcome and introduction	A Digings
Prayer	Led by Mr. MacSweeney	K MacSweeney
Teacher's Report	<p>Girls and Boys volleyball has started with Mr. Pedra and Mr. Baird</p> <p>We Day - Sept 19th at the Scotia Bank Arena. Five grade 8 students, three grade 7 students and two teachers (Mme. Pigani and Mr. Mac Sweeney) attended</p> <p>Successful curriculum night on Thursday, September 26th.</p> <p>Terry Fox run occurred Tuesday, Sept 24th - money is being donated</p> <p>Chocolate Almonds sales are finishing up, prizes will be given out the first week of November.</p> <p>Cross Country meet was Thursday, Oc 10. Mrs. Tulino, Mr. Pedra and Mr. Mac Sweeney went to the meet. We had 1 student make it to the city finals.</p> <p>First mass of the year took place on Thursday, October 10th at OLP church. Dance workshop Wednesday, Oct 23rd.</p> <p>Halloween parade to Cloverdale will be this</p>	

	<p>Thursday. Intermediate Dance in the afternoon.</p> <p>Kindergarten trip to Downey's farm on Oct 24th</p> <p>We scare hunger campaign is currently going on as well as the CFFC left over candy.</p> <p>Anti-Bullying week Nov 18 - 22. AntiBullying and Cyber Bullying presentations: for FDK-Gr. 8.</p> <p>Grade 4: Swim to survive- Nov 12, 19 and 26</p> <p>Athletics: Cross country Mrs. Tulino and Mr. MacSweeney, Volley Ball Mr. Pedra (Girls) and Mr. Baird (Boys) Exhibition games and Volleyball tournaments Nov 13th and 14th</p> <p>Christmas concert/play at Michael Power Tuesday, Dec 10th in the evening. It may be necessary to pay for the sound system or to hire one for the night. If ushers are required, we may consider reaching out to St. Elizabeth graduates who are current students at Michael Power. We may also consider selling after concert snacks,</p>	
<p>Principals Report</p>	<p>Sept 30: Orange Shirt Day with Ojibway storyteller</p> <p>Oct. 15: Autism Mis-matched socks day: We are and Different,</p> <p>Waste Reduction Week Oct. 21 st - 25 th</p> <p>Gr. 7 & 8 presentation on Vaping 30 October</p> <p>Speaker from Canada Veterans for National Veteran scheduled for Nov 8</p> <p>Parent Teachers interview: Nov 14 th and 15 th Thurs: 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m./Friday morning from 9:00-11:00 a.m.</p> <p>PA Day on Nov. 15th</p> <p>Photo retake on Nov. 22nd</p> <p>Dec. 10 th -Christmas Pageant at 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>K MacSweeney on behalf of Mrs Ambrose</p>
<p>EQAO Scores Presentation</p>	<p>The EQAO scores of our primary students in Math show a great potential for improvement. (This may</p>	<p>K MacSweeney</p>

	<p>be attributed to low population. Additionally, we have students who need support for ESL and Special Ed but are not receiving it)</p> <p>The school has been designated as a Math Up school. Primary teachers will be undergoing special training for this.</p> <p>Students have been using Prodigy to supplement classroom activities and to allow the teacher to gauge the effectiveness of lessons.</p> <p>Basic manipulatives are required for visual learners in the primary grades. These are expected to cost approximately \$200 each. Final costs to be provided after the Math Up training.</p>	
Instrumental Music Presentation	<p>The school's musical instruments are in great need of repair.</p> <p>A total of \$4,490.75 will be required to repair or replace the instruments. The budget allocated last year was \$250.</p> <p>This estimate was prepared by a board accredited repair company. This company is not the primary one used by the board. It is hoped that they will have a faster turn around.</p> <p>A motion to support this need by allocating \$2000.00 from CSPC funds was passed.</p>	D Perlowski
Treasurer's Report	<p>Financial Report distributed and reviewed to all present. Balance as of Sept 30th 2019 is \$ 4647.38</p>	T DiCerbo
New Business	<p>Alternative fund-raising opportunities were discussed: among them, taking over the pizza lunch upon Ms. Tulino's retirement and looking for other opportunities to cater lunch (i.e. subs and wraps from Subway or contracting the Lunch Lady)</p> <p>Ms. Ambrose was requested to present an updated list of repairs ongoing in the School. Of particular interest were the water fountains and the dryers in the girl's washroom.</p> <p>The need for shade structures to promote Sun safety was discussed.</p>	

	<p>Mrs Ambrose was requested to look into the potential of moving the under-utilized smart board in the instrumental music classroom to the classroom of another teacher</p> <p>The potential of having other interest based activities other than sports and chess was also brought up - i.e. STEM or Art</p> <p>Methods of encouraging more parent engagement were discussed: among them a column in the monthly newsletter and a presentation during curriculum night and the Christmas Concert.</p>	
Next Meeting	Proposed date was 20 November	
Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 7:55	R Varma and A Digings