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Catholic School Advisory Council**

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**September 20, 2017 AGM Meeting Minutes**

**End of year Catholic School Parent Council 2016/17 Meeting - Preceding Elections**

**CSPC Meeting Attendees:**

**Executive:** Paul Matos (Chair), Olivia Almeida (Treasurer)

**Voting Members:** Lina Gikas (OAPC Rep), Silvia Mendonca, Gina Pereira, Gus Gikas,

**Members at large:**

**Staff/Admin:** Colleen Pontello (Principal), Filomena Silva (Support Staff), Alice Tamburro (Teaching Staff)

**Regrets:** Cindy Matos (Secretary), Monica Andrade (voting member)

**Meeting Commenced at:** 6:00 pm.

**Opening Prayer:**

By Colleen Pontello

**Meeting Minutes Approval:**

June 14, 2017 required revision, to be revised and submitted for approved at next meeting.

**Chair:**

- Trustee Frank D'Amico presented CSPC with a donation of an espresso maker. Espresso maker to be utilized for funding initiatives.
- AC purchased for 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, shared thank you cards from students.
- CSPC 2017 Annual Report, general achievements reviewed.
- CPIC election information shared

**Treasurer:**

- CSPC 2016 Annual Financial Report, reviewed

**CSPC Elections 2017/2018**

- School received 4 nominations
  - Parent body was in agreement to have Co-Chairs
- Bylaws reviewed;
  - Required members
  - Reviewed roles of executive members, voting members

### **CSPC Elected Members:**

- Paul Matos, Co-Chair, elected
- Gus Gikas, Co-Chair, elected
- Olivia Almeida, Treasurer, re-elected
- Cindy Matos, Secretary, re-elected
- Silvia Mendonca, OAPC Rep, elected
- Lina Gikas, elected voting member
- Gina Perreira, Returning voting member
- Monica Andrade, Returning voting member
- Joana Dubank, New voting member
- Carla Henriques, New voting member
- Alessandra Patino, New voting member
- Susie Da Silva, New voting member
- Sharon Vieira, New voting member

### **Catholic School Parent Council 2017/18 First Meeting – Post Elections**

#### **CSPC Meeting Attendees:**

**Executive:** Paul Matos (Co-Chair), Gus Gikas (Co-Chair), Olivia Almeida (Treasurer)

**Voting Members:** Silvia Mendonca (OAPCE Rep), Gina Pereira, Lina Gikas, Monica Andrade, Joana Dubank, Carla Henriques, Alessandra Patino, Susie Da Silva, Sharon Vieira

**Members at large:** Mr. Dubank

**Staff/Admin:** Colleen Pontello (Principal), Alice Tamburro (Teaching Staff), Filomena Silva (Support Staff)

**Regrets:** Cindy Matos (Secretary), Monica Andrade (voting member)

#### **Co-Chair's Report:**

- Review Goals for 2017/2018
  - September: Curriculum Night. Prep for Raffle fundraiser to be held on April 2018.
  - SMA was a successful recipient of the ProGrant
    - ProGrant to be used to words Workshops;
    - Home Alone – tentative date Oct 25<sup>th</sup> 2017 – one evening
    - Stress Workshop, 2 night – implementation dates to be discussed further
  - November: Bake Sale on Parent-Teacher conference evening.
    - Paul to connect with CPIC rep to discuss results concerns expressed last year around 2 evening parent teacher conferences
    - Our school community prefers 2 evenings vs 1 evening and morning; our school community consists of many working families, making it difficult to attend parent teacher conferences during the day.
  - Members to be seeking possible donations for our Raffle Fundraiser.
    - Paul Matos to email donor request letters to all members.
  - December: Pictures with Santa
    - Trustee Frank D'Amico has volunteered to be Santa
    - Funds raised to go towards new jerseys
  - February: Chocolate Fundraiser, to discuss further at our upcoming meeting.

- February: Bake Sale for Parent Teacher Conference, to discuss further at upcoming CSPC meetings
- April: Raffle Fundraiser, Ticket Sales
- Confirmation to be held on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7 p.m.
- Communion to be held on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 12 p.m.
- June: June 2<sup>nd</sup> SMA Family Carnival
- School Mascot/logo
  - Colleen to connect with Sheena (Jersey Designer) to attend next CSPC meeting.
- Committee goal for this year:
  - Create a more inviting school yard
  - Colleen to connect with member of Evergreen to complete assessment of school yard
- Communication brought forward from school parent body
  - Can CSPC consider hot lunch option;
    - Hot lunches have been explored, unfortunately volunteers are required to make hot lunches possible.
  - Why don't grade 8 students go on week/weekend excursions;
    - Colleen reported that Teachers in the past (last year) looked to go on excursion and students opted to not go.
  - First day of school
    - Parent's/children feeling anxiety over not knowing who their teacher will be.
    - Not clear on pick up locations at end of school
    - Being flexible on allowing families in school yard on first day of school.
    - Parents appreciated the signage on doors with grade and teacher name.

### **Principals Report:**

- School has received new lunch tables
- School received new photocopier/printer for school library
- All grades have been reviewed and no re-organization of students was required
- Parking/Drop off Concerns at Bristol Ave.
  - Neighbors have complained reg. families parking on sidewalk
  - Neighbors park on no parking zone, making it difficult for parents to drop off children
    - Parking enforcement called to have vehicles parked in no parking zone tagged
    - TCDSB to provide sign with Portuguese wording regarding drop off zone/no parking zone.
- First day of school
  - First day of school was successful
  - Colleen to continue to use signage to inform families of teacher/grade and locations of pickup.
  - Colleen will continue to explore alternative solutions to address parent concerns regarding first day of school.
- School modifications
  - Painting – some walls have already been painted, washrooms to be painted

- Alarms to be installed on exit doors of JK/SK classrooms
- Orange Shirt Day-Every Child Matters;
  - Mandated by TCDSB
  - Friday, September 29, 2017 to acknowledge the issue of Residential Schools and to move forward in reconciliation and with hope by creating space for learning about Indigenous peoples in Canada.
- Halloween Dance
  - Colleen shared that approximate cost of dance is \$400
  - CSPC to vote on covering cost of expense

**Next Meeting:**

October 18, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the school library.

**Adjournment**

9:00 p.m.