



**ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
**CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL 2019-2020**

**MINUTES**

**Tuesday, September 17, 2019**

***In Attendance:*** Tracey Brown, Joanne Glavic, Christina Callea-Ruiu, Mario Ferretti, Marina Simpson, Pauline Hyde, Jennifer Deeley, Daniella Doyon, Amber Decoste, Ria St. Pierre, Vanessa Guibao, Asha Blair

***Regrets:*** Joel St. Pierre, Letara Cuto, Raviella Green

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**1. PRAYER**

**2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Tuesday, September 17, 2019**

Motioned: Mrs. Decoste

Second: Mrs. Hyde

Approval of the circulated agenda. No amendments.

**CARRIED**

**4. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT**

No declarations of conflict.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 2019**

Postponed approval of the minutes of the last meeting held in the 2018-2019 school year until the next meeting.

**6. DISOLUTION OF 2018-2019 CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL**

Motioned: Mrs. Decoste

Second: Mrs. Deeley

The 2018-2019 Catholic School Council was dissolved at 6:15 pm.

**CARRIED**

**7. ELECTION OF 2019-2020 CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL**

There were 10 nominations for Catholic School Council; therefore, there was no election. All positions on the 2019-2020 were accepted and acclaimed. Thank you to all of the parents/guardians for nominating parents/guardians for these positions.

## **8. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE**

Mrs. T. Brown explained the importance of the Catholic School Council and outlined the expectations for each of the executive roles. The council voted on the following 4 positions: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. Congratulations to the following parents on their executive positions.

Chair: Mrs. Pauline Hyde

Vice-Chair: Mrs. Jennifer Deeley

Secretary: Mrs. Amber Decoste

Treasurer: Mrs. Ria St. Pierre

## **9. PRIORITIES FOR 2019-2020 CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL**

### **a. Identification of Charities for the 2019-2020**

The list of approved charities was presented to the council for their consideration. Council was asked to review the options and be prepared to discuss and vote at the next council meeting.

### **b. Identification of Fundraisers for 2019-2020**

The approved list of fundraisers was presented to the council for their consideration. Council was asked to review the options and be prepared to discuss and vote on a minor and a major fundraiser at the next council meeting.

### **c. Identification of Projects/Programs to support through the proceeds of Catholic School Council Fundraisers**

Some suggestions for projects/programs to support this year include: Educational subscriptions to aid teachers in their pursuit to excite and expand the students' educational outlets (Mr. Ferretti will provide potential options at the next council meeting); Nutrition Program; Uniforms for the uniform closet especially for the older students

Parent Engagement: Proposed of an Advent Night on November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Will consider the application of the Parent Engagement grant of \$500 towards this event.

### **d. Uniform Supplier**

The current contract with JML Uniforms is coming due for renewal. The three uniform suppliers will be invited to present at the next council meeting and a uniform supplier will be decided. The three suppliers are: JML, McCarthys, and Bombadier. Mrs. Hyde will contact and invite the suppliers.

## 10. PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

### a. Start to the 2019-2020 School Year:

Great start to the school year for the students who have settled into routine and expectations very well.

Sharing of the devastating and unexpected loss of Mrs. Girard. Our community will continue to support each other through this difficult time. Mrs. Brown shared that the Compassionate Care and Crisis Response Team was present to support both staff and students as needed. A letter was sent home to inform the community.

### b. Communication with Home:

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) will be sent a weekly update through School Messenger most Sunday evenings. If there is no communications for the week, no message will be sent. Periodic messages will be sent out as needed for reminders and special communications. Newsletters will be sent home as needed.

Agendas are on the way! Difficulty with the supplier resulted in a postponement to the delivery of agendas. Agendas are expected in October. Teachers are communicating with home through LMS and Remind.

### c. Parent Conference at Bishop Ryan on Saturday, November 2:

The annual parent conference is being held at Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School on Saturday, November 2. Parents are encouraged to attend for a great day including mass and workshops. A lunch and gift bag are included for each parent that attends. More information regarding registration to follow. Please spread the word.

### d. Uniform Expectations:

Mrs. Brown re-enforced the importance of our students being in full uniform. Please refer to the HWCDSB dress code policy. A letter went home to all households providing clarity on dress code expectations. The "Uniform Closet" is available to families. Please contact Mrs. J. DeSantis to visit the closet for gently used uniform items.

We are asking for the community to help with donating gently used school uniform pieces to improve the selection available for our students. We have identified a particular need for the larger sizes to help with our older students. Your help to spread the word is very much appreciated.

## 11. ADDITIONAL TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

### a. Meet the Staff BBQ:

- Harvey's will be providing the BBQ Services
- The Grade 8's will sell popsicles to begin their fundraising for graduation.

- The local Fire and Police departments will be on site to participate in the event!
- Joining us will also be the Kiwanis Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Canada
- Potentially joining us will be representatives from Autism Canada and a Special Needs Resource Centre

b. Pizza Fridays:

- Pizza Nova will continue to be our pizza supplier for the 2019-2020 as voted on and accepted by the council.
- Pizza will be sold on Fridays for \$1.25/square. The choices will be cheese or pepperoni.
- Grade 8's will assist CSC in delivery/selling of pizza each Friday.
- New this year: Parent(s)/Guardian(s) can purchase 4 weeks at a time of pizza in order to reduce waste and make the process more efficient for volunteers.
- Mrs. Hyde will prepare the paperwork to register with Pizza Nova. Pizza Friday's will begin the first Friday in October.
- A form will be prepared and sent out to the families next week.

c. Movie Nights:

- Council has proposed hosting regular movies nights as the school for families to gather together and enjoy an evening of family fun. Mrs. Brown will inquire about licensing fees and board approvals.

d. School Cash Online:

- We will be encouraging our school community to join the online payment platform of School Cash Online to minimize cash coming into the school. Discussions about hosting a give away to entice families to register online was had. The CSC has offered 2 free slices of pizza to two lucky students for 1 month, drawn randomly from the families who register and pay using the online platform. Further discussions to be had before this is finalized.

## 12. **NEXT MEETING DATE(S)**

### a. Schedule of 2019-2020 Catholic School Council Meetings

Tuesday, October 8, 2019 @ 6:30 pm

Tuesday, November 5, 2019 @ 6:30 pm

Tuesday, December 3, 2019 @ 6:30 pm

All parents are welcome to attend.

## 13. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.