



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

MINUTES

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

In Attendance: Mrs. T. Brown, Mrs. J. Glavic, Mrs. C. Callea-Ruiu, Mrs. M. Simpson, Pauline Hyde, Daniella Doyon, Amber Decoste

Regrets: Joel St. Pierre, Letara Couto, Raviella Green, Mr. M. Ferretti, Jennifer Deeley

1. **PRAYER and Welcome**
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – December, 3, 2019**
Added Advent Night to the Agenda.
Approved amended Agenda.
3. **DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT**
No declarations of conflict.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF November 5, 2019**
Corrections: Spelling of Mrs. Deeley

For future minutes, Mrs. T. Brown will provide a template and the minutes should be submitted to Mrs. T. Brown to review a week prior to the next meeting. Once minutes have been approved they are posted on the website.

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT**
Balance Forward: \$1800.00

A full treasurer's report will be provided at the meeting in January, 2020.

6. CSC Major Fundraiser: McMillan's Mingle

McMillan's:

- Orders are due this Friday, December 6, 2019
- School to make a daily announcement hyping up the sale of McMillan's.
- If every family buys at least one item we will reach our goal.
- Volunteers are needed from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm in groups of 2 (6-8 people needed) to help fill the orders on December 17. Parents will pick up their orders between 3 pm and 6 pm. Volunteers are welcome to stay after 3 pm to help Mrs. Hyde with distribution.

McMillan's Mingle Christmas Raffle:

- Mrs. DeSantis can provide a donation request form to anyone who is interested in gathering donations.
- Raffle will take place from December 16th – December 20th.
- Raffle prizes will displayed in the Robotics room which can be locked.
- Donations due to Mrs. Hyde by December 13th.

- Any council members that are available are asked to help wrap raffle prizes on December 13 and to set up the display.
- Student council with Mrs. Callea will sell raffle tickets at every recess. Raffle cards (25 tickets) will be available to purchase for \$5. Every student will get one ticket.
- Teachers are asked to write the names on all the tickets. Mr. Ferretti has volunteered to have some of his students write the names.

McMillan's Mingle Photos with Santa:

- Wednesday, December 18. Santa will be set up on the stage.
- A letter has gone home to parents with the details.
- Lifetouch will take one picture of each class with Santa at no charge. These will be available online to download and print in any size.
- Students in JK-Grade 3 will be able to have individual photos with Santa for \$5.00. Photos will be printed and framed on site for each child.
- Mrs. Hyde will work on a system to ensure time is used effectively.
- A suggestion for family pictures was considered but it was determined that there will not be enough time.
- Parent volunteers are needed to help with Santa.
- Deadline for photos with Santa is firm as a schedule needs to be developed.
- Festive clothes for Santa (December 18) and the last day of school will be red, white, and green day.
- Christmas concert and liturgy is on Friday, December 20 beginning at 9:30 am.

7. Upcoming Dates for 2020:

- CSC Meeting January 14th at 6:30 pm
- January 27th, Snuggle Up and Read Day (Pajamas)
- January 31st, Family Movie Night, 6:30-8:30
- February 13th, First Reconciliation
- February 18th, Confirmation
- Catholic Education Week, May 3-8, 2020 – Book Fair and Grandparents Tea this week.
- May 24th, First Communion
- May 28th, May Crowning

8. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan for St. Kateri Tekakwitha
 - A draft of the plan was shared with CSC and input and feedback was invited by Mrs. T. Brown.
 - Parents commented on the process teachers go through with respect to reported bullying.
 - Concerns expressed regarding the impact of social media and access to technology. Pleased that this is included in the plan.
 - Positive feedback on the inclusion of restorative practice. Mrs T. Brown shared that the teachers have been trained in restorative approaches. The premise is a focus on healthy relationships and teaching children empathy and the impact of their actions on

others. There are specific questions that are asked that are research-based (i.e. What happened?). We explore what triggered the behaviour to get at the reason and then work on a solution that teaches empathy and corrects the behaviours. Everyone is carrying an emotional backpack. Every child is someone else's child. There are several different types of circles depending on the situation. If a more serious circle is warranted, students complete a reflection sheet that provides an account of the child's role in the conflict which is sent home for parent signature.

- Mr. Ferretti shared the positive impact that circles have had in building community in the classroom (i.e. Brags and Drags)
- When a more formal circle occurs, Mrs. T. Brown follows up with regular check-ins.
- Restorative Practice is a board wide initiative and includes the training of staff at both elementary and secondary levels.
- With the support of a CYW, teachers and students are learning Tools for Life and Zones of Regulation which are programs that address self-regulation and identifying emotions
- Grade 7 and 8 students are trained as L.E.A.D. recess leaders (structured games to get students engaged at recess) and will be trained in Restorative Practice in the new year.

9. ADDITIONAL TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

Advent Night: Catholic School Council thanked Mrs. J. Glavic for the incredible family advent night. It was great to see the families engaged and having fun. Even the dads were doing the crafts. It is imperative moving forward that the forms are submitted on time and the deadline is firm as materials need to be purchased. Would love to see the Family Advent Night become a tradition moving forward

Keeping the Flame Alive: Loved the Baby Shower for Baby Jesus advertisement! Very effective.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE(S)

Schedule of 2019-2020 Catholic School Council Meetings

- January 14, 2020
- March 31, 2020
- May 26, 2020

All meetings take place beginning at 6:30 pm in the Learning Commons.
All parents are welcome to attend.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting closed with a prayer and was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.