



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

**MINUTES**

**Tuesday, November 5, 2019**

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

***Regrets:*** Joel St. Pierre, Letara Couto, Raviella Green, Mario Ferretti

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**1. PRAYER and Welcome**

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Tuesday, November 5, 2019**

Added Advent Night to the Agenda.  
Approved amended agenda.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT**

No declarations of conflict.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF October 8, 2019**

Approved: Daniella Doyon  
Second: Amber Decoste

**5. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Balance Forward (October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019): \$1292.06  
Revenue Pizza OnLine: \$508.50  
Cash/Cheque Payments: \$737.90  
October Pizza Sales: \$144.90  
New Balance: \$1334.86

Revenue from pizza will support Grade 8 Graduation, the Nutrition Program, and Technology.

**6. FOOD DAYS**

- Fun Food Day for November has been changed to Tuesday, November 12.
- Hotdogs will come from Costco. Fridge is stocked with the needed condiments.
- Pizza Update:
  - Online Orders are increasing which is helping with minimizing waste and supporting a more efficient system.

- Thank you to all of the parents who come each week to volunteer their time distributing the pizza. We will start a schedule for parents that will include a team leader.
- Grade 8 support is absolutely outstanding this year.
- System: class list, plates, gloves, and the pizza. Students pick up for their assigned class and then deliver and hand out the pizza.

## **7. CSC Major Fundraiser: McMillan's Mingle**

### **McMillan's:**

- Flyer ready to go home tomorrow including details of the initiatives being supported, when orders are due, delivery information.
- Any questions, please direct parents to the office.
- Please promote this fundraiser as it is our major fundraiser. If every student purchases 1 item we will meet our goal.
- Delivery Day: Items arrive frozen late morning/early afternoon. Tables will be set up in the gym and will be clearly labelled with the items. Items will then be grouped by family order. Pick up time is 3:00-6:00 on Tuesday, December 17.

### **McMillan's Mingle Christmas Raffle:**

- Please solicit donations for our Christmas Raffle. Mrs. Brown will ask Mrs. DeSantis to compose the donation letter.
- Raffle will run from Monday, December 12 – Thursday, December 20. Parents can view the raffle prizes when they pick up their McMillan's orders on December 17.
- Raffle can be set up on the stage.

### **McMillan's Mingle Photos with Santa:**

- Wednesday, December 18. Santa will be set up on the stage.
- Mrs. Callea and her students will paint the backdrop for Santa.
- Offer photos to FDK – Grade 3 for \$5.00 a photo. Lifetouch will provide family with a 4x6 photo in a frame.
- Each class will receive a photo with Santa.
- Santa has been coming to St. Kateri for the past 15 years.

## **8. PARENT INVOLVEMENT UPDATES:**

### **Student Drop Off/Pick Up:**

- Concerns regarding traffic congestion at drop off and pick up.
- By-Law officer ticketed some parents.
- There have been complaints from residents who live across the street.

- Message to parents is student safety. Please be mindful of the signage and park legally. Be patient and know that everyone has somewhere they need to be. Allow enough time.
- We only have 1 bus which means that the majority of our students are within walking distance.
- When the snow arrives the congestion gets worse and patience dwindles.
- Principal is aware of the issues and is looking into solutions. If you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Brown.

#### **9. FAMILY COMMUNITY EVENT: MOVIE NIGHT**

- ACF – [www.acf-film.com](http://www.acf-film.com) – 1-800-289-8887
- \$499+tax (includes streaming which can be used in the classroom for educational purposes).
- **Friday, January 31, 2019 (Time TBD)**
- Split the cost between school and CSC
- Investigate the difference between the two licenses (streaming or no streaming) and can we access pre-releases.

#### **10. SCHOOL/CHURCH PARTICIPATION AT MASS**

- Father Jamroz, the new pastor at St. Margaret Mary Church, is focused on further developing the school and parish connection.
- SKT students participated in the mass on Sunday, November 3. Students participated in the reading, choir, presentation of the gifts.
- A great community experience for all who attended.
- Mrs. Hyde expressed that as parents, we are the leaders of our children's ability to attend church. It is our responsibility to make sure our children can attend church.
- Staff feel that Father Jamroz is very gentle and really understands.
- Our next SKT Sunday masses are: February 2<sup>nd</sup> and May 3<sup>rd</sup> both at 9:00 am. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Mrs. Hyde shared how beautiful it was to see our children participating in the mass, hear our children singing in the choir and seeing Mrs. Brown, our Principal there.

#### **11. POLICE CHECKS**

- A reminder was given that all parents must have a police check if they are doing any volunteering in the school. Please ensure Mrs. DeSantis has your police check. If you have previously submitted a police check, an annual Offence Declaration is required.

## 12. **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

- SIP Update:
  - Believing Pillar – continuing to work on demonstration of Catholic Graduate expectations and participation in the parts of the mass.
  - Achieving Pillar – focus is on math and thinking/application type questions.
  - Serving Pillar – Focus is on restorative practice and student engagement through innovation and leadership opportunities.
  
- School Generated Funds:
  - Money generated through fundraising and how it is spent is captured in a form that will be posted on our school website.
  - Our current direction is to fund technology in the classrooms, nutrition program, grade 8 graduation, gym equipment, and folding tables for use at school events.
  - Mrs. Callea will look into the cost and process for purchasing the tables and then we can decide how many we can afford to order.
  
- Parent Conference:
  - Unfortunately, none of our parents were able to attend.
  - The day received a lot of positive feedback from those who were able to attend. The keynote speaker spoke about “Roots of Empathy” program which many of our schools run. The day begins with a beautiful mass with music by the Bishop Ryan choir. After the mass there are several vendors, the keynote speaker, and workshops. Each participant receives a swag bag (mug, chocolate, etc.) The day begins at 7:30 and goes until 2 pm. Lunch is also provided.
  - Please consider attending next year.

## 13. **ADDITIONAL TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:**

### a. Advent Night:

- It was decided that 6:30 – 8:00 is a good time for families.
- Thursday, November 28, 2019
- Will begin with a liturgy, choir performance and then a family craft (Jesse Tree).
- CSC will provide peanut-free cookies and drinks (coffee, juice, and jug of ice water).

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

### a. 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.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting closed with a prayer and was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.