



ST. MARY C.S.S. PARENT COUNCIL

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

ELECTIONS

Attendees at the Meeting:

Susan Duane, Principal	Cordelia Clark Julien	Nancy Barry
Melissa Wilson-Clark, Teacher Representative	Emily Povolo	Samantha Mclachlan
Tomy Valookaran, Parish/Non-Teaching Representative	Jill Williams	Samuel Koroma
Adele Sartor	Keisha Petrolo	Shelley McMurter
Andrea Szollos	Laura Rowed	Zhora Adatia-McGlashen
Beatrice Povolo	Louella DiFrancesco	

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting Called to Order: 7 pm

Welcome and Introductions B. Povolo/S. Duane

Opening Prayer T. Valookaran

ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN

Call for 2020-2021 Council Nominations and Elections

- nomination forms were submitted online to the office with a few nominations during the meeting
- members were elected unanimously as follows:

Executive Members	Name
Principal	Susan Duane
Chair	Beatrice Povolo
Co-Chair	Samuel Koroma
Secretary	Shelley McMurter
Financial Secretary	Emily Povolo
Teacher Representative	Melissa Wilson-Clark
Parish/Non-Teaching Representative	Tomy Valookaran

Parent Representatives	Name
Parent Representative	Adele Sartor
Parent Representative	Andrea Szollos
Parent Representative	Cordelia Clark Julien
Parent Representative	Jill Williams
Parent Representative	Keisha Petrolo

Parent Representative	Louella DiFrancesco
Parent Representative	Nancy Barry
Parent Representative	Rizza Andrade
Parent Representative	Samantha McLachlan
Parent Representative	Zhora Adatia-McGlashen

REPORT/INFORMATION ITEMS

Principal's Report: S. Duane

Graduation 2020 Students

- Last year it was a struggle to determine what to do for the graduation class as holding an event at the Embassy was not possible
- It was decided to hold a virtual celebration on October 9th, 2020 starting at 7pm
- On October 10th, 2020 students will drive by the school based on an assigned time slot between 9-10am - Students will pick up their diplomas and awards while the staff cheer them on
- All schools have decided to hold the graduations in this manner

Student Fees

- There have been questions around the student fees and what these will be used for this year
- The student fees are used to build community for the students and while activities may be limited the school is looking into options
- As a yearbook is not going to be possible this year the school is looking into presenting the students with some options that they can vote on – one possibility is designing hoodies and masks for each student - TBC

Exams

- There will be no exams this quadmester – exams will be evaluated per quadmester
- A culminating task will be assigned in each course
- Although this is not a board driven initiative, the board agrees this will make the transition easier for students as students and teachers adjust to the new teaching parameters
- Students are tested throughout the quadmester so exam writing skills are still being developed
- The school will look at ways of re-implementing exams so students are not overwhelmed with potentially going 2 years without writing an exam back to having exams

New School Year

- The teachers and students are adjusting well to the new school year and the changes that have been implemented - There are currently no COVID cases in the school
- Students are entering the school with masks and are given breaks where they are taken outside and can remove their masks while social distancing
- School doors will remain locked until 9:45am when students can be safely admitted in an organized manner
- School Updates and information will be shared with students and parents on Etsby throughout the year
- Virtual retreats are being discussed and hopefully will be in place in the next quadmester

Food Drives

- There will be 2 food drives held prior to Thanksgiving:
 - The Thanksgiving Food Drive held the week before Thanksgiving
 - Graduation Food Drive that will be held October 10th during the student drive by
- Public Health has indicated that it is safe to have the food drives
- All food collected will be provided to the Salvation Army

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned 7:50 pm

Next St. Mary CSS Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 7, 2020 @ 7:00 pm – Virtual Zoom Meeting

St. Mary CSS Parent Council meetings usually take place on the first Wednesday of the month, from 7:00pm – 8:00pm and will be virtual. All parents are welcome to attend the monthly Parent Council meetings and bring agenda items forward for discussion.