



## ST. MARY C.S.S. PARENT COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, April 4, 2018

<b>Executive Members</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Principal	Mike O'Brien	M. O'Reilly for
Chair	Beatrice Povolo	P
Vice Chair	Nancy Carpenter	P
Secretary	Shelley McMurter	P
Financial Secretary	Lisa Cairns	P
Teacher Representative	Melissa Wilson-Clark	P
Parish/Non-Teaching Representative	Tomy Valookaran	R
<b>Parent Representatives</b>		
Parent Representative (Grade 9)	Julie Roberts	P
Parent Representative (Grade 10)	Cathy Hadley	Ab
Parent Representative (Grade 11)	Louella DiFrancesco	P
Parent Representative (Grade 12)	Lisa Allison	P
Parent Representative (French)	Frances Quinn-Ford	P
Parent Representative	Kathy Miller	Ab
Parent Representative	Keisha Petrolo	Ab
Parent Representative	Allison Jocko	Ab
Parent Representative	Jill Williams	P

**Attendance:** P= Present Ab = Absent R = Regrets

### **Other Attendees:**

None

### **CALL TO ORDER**

**Meeting Called to Order:** 7 pm

**Opening Prayer:** All

**Welcome and Introductions:** B. Povolo

## ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN

**Approval of Minutes:** February 7, 2018 – no changes

Motion to Approve by: J. Roberts    Seconded by: L. DiFrancesco

## REPORTS

**Principal's Report:** M. O'Reilly

### *Distinguished Volunteer Award*

- Congratulation to Beatrice Povolo for being this year's Distinguished Volunteer

### *Learning Management System*

- Next year there will be a new learning management system
- The new system will enhance communication between teachers, students, and home

### *Black History Month*

- February was Black History Month
- There were displays around the school and a featured film fest at the Landmark theatre which included student's work (commercials, trailers, etc.)
- A young country musician was in the school with her band – the band played at the assembly and was enjoyed by all

### *Multicultural Night*

- The multicultural night was a good night
- It was completely run by students which displayed great leadership skills
- There was an enjoyable talent show

### *Holy Thursday*

- Drama students led the re-enactment of the passion during Holy Thursday celebration
- The re-enactment was well received

### *Sports*

- Winter sports are now over - senior and junior hockey teams were finalists winning silver medals
- Spring sports are starting up – track and field, baseball, rugby, soccer, badminton, lacrosse

### *Autism Awareness Week*

- Autism awareness week is the week of April 1<sup>st</sup>
- Student's art work has been displayed in the school

### *Trips*

- Band has a trip to British Columbia
- Law class is also planning a trip

### *Catholic Education Week*

- Catholic Education Week runs from April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 4<sup>th</sup>
- There will be speakers in the school

### *Bishop's Annual Foundation Dinner*

- The Bishop's Annual Foundation Dinner will be held on May 3<sup>rd</sup>
- The event features board alumni with the opportunity to raise funds within the board

### *OSSLT*

- OSSLTs will be written on April 10<sup>th</sup>

- School will be open only for the students writing the test

#### Vice Principal

- Mr. J. Longo has been appointed as the vice principal for students with last names starting with G-O

#### Financial Report: L. Cairns

- Current council budget is at \$8035 after all current expenses have been removed

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Student Pick-up/Drop Off and Busing Update:

- There has been an audit of the student pick-up/drop off areas from the transportation office
- Concerns have been observed around student safety while buses are at back of school
- All options are being evaluated with a move to have the buses drop off and pick up at the front of the school
- No drop off at the front of the school will be allowed
- There will be appropriate signage and cross walk installed
- A second meeting with the Board, Durham Transportation staff, and M. O'Brien – date has not yet been set – more details to be provided at next month's council meeting

#### Merit Award: M. Wilson-Clark

- Catholic School Board Award of Merit recognizes an individual or group
- The award applies to clergy, employees, parents, rate payers, students, or trustees for outstanding service to the cause of Catholic education
- Nominations are due Friday April 6<sup>th</sup>
- A nomination for Tomy Valookaran will be completed by M. Wilson-Clark and another for the youth minister at St. Isaac's, Shelley Gosh, will be completed by J. Williams

#### Parent-Teacher Interviews Scheduling: N. Carpenter

- A question was raised about being able to schedule parent-teacher interviews online via an app
- This would allow parents to control the timing of interviews with the different teachers – in some cases (for parents with multiple children) the multiple teachers were scheduled at the same time or there were long gaps between appointments
- N. Carpenter to provide the name of the App used at other schools

#### Budget Requests: M. O'Reilly

- School Sound System – Letters went out to the Knights of Columbus at both Holy Redeemer and St. Isaac's requesting financial support for the school sound system - Waiting for a response – M. O'Brien is following up with the Knights of Columbus
- Allocations for other school projects – none at this time
- Discussion of funds allocation will be discussed at the next meeting

#### PRO Grant 2018: B. Povolo

- An application will be submitted for the \$1000 PRO Grant
- Submission deadline is end of June for the money to be spend within the 2018-2019 school year
- Historically the money has been used to support the Newsletter which goes out twice a year informing the St. Mary's community of various events
- B. Povolo will apply for the PRO Grant to go toward the Newsletters

### OPEN QUESTION PERIOD

- Used Uniform Sale – sale will be held on July 4<sup>th</sup> between 4:30-6:30 pm
- Growing Success – A question was raised regarding the school policy on how teachers breakdown marks/assessment process – Expectation is that the assessment is consistent across departments and

it is the policy that at the beginning of the course the outline for evaluation should be provided – If it is not received, the student can ask for it to be provided

## ADJOURNMENT

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:00 pm

**Closing Prayer:** All

Next St. Mary CSS Council Meeting

**Wednesday, May 2, 2018 @ 7:00 pm - St. Mary CSS Library**

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