



ST. MARY C.S.S. PARENT COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, October 7, 2020

(Virtual)

Executive Members	Name	Attendance
Principal	Susan Duane	P
Chair	Beatrice Povolo	P
Vice Chair	Samuel Koroma	P
Secretary	Shelley McMurter	P
Financial Secretary	Emily Povolo	P
Teacher Representative	Melissa Wilson-Clark	P
Parish/Non-Teaching Representative	Tomy Valookaran	P
Parent Representatives		
Parent Representative	Adele Sartor	Ab
Parent Representative	Andrea Szollos	P
Parent Representative	Cordelia Clark Julien	Ab
Parent Representative	Jill Williams	Ab
Parent Representative	Keisha Petrolo	P
Parent Representative	Louella DiFrancesco	P
Parent Representative	Nancy Barry	P
Parent Representative	Rizza Andrade	P
Parent Representative	Samantha McLachlan	P
Parent Representative	Zhora Adatia-McGlashen	P

Attendance: P= Present Ab = Absent R = Regrets

Other Attendees:

Elizabeth Alfarano

Laura Rowed

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting Called to Order: 7 pm

Welcome and Introductions: B. Povolo / S. Duane

Opening Prayer: T. Valookaran

ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN

Approval of Minutes: September 23, 2020 – no changes

Motion to Approve by: E. Povolo

Seconded by: S. McLachlan

REPORTS

Principal's Report: S. Duane

World Teacher's Week

- The teachers work hard to make sure students are engaged, supported, and able to learn
- Relationships are established to make sure students are comfortable with the platforms being used
- They are upbeat and welcoming

Thanksgiving Liturgy

- The Thanksgiving Liturgy was pre-recorded and watched on Tuesday and Wednesday this week
- During this time there was also a discussion on the committees formed for students and how to engage in them using Zoom – these help students to feel connected to the school – be sure to check them out

Food Drive

- There is a Food Drive going on this week
- The food will be picked up by the Salvation Army
- The date will be extended to allow students to bring in non-perishable items

School Drills

- Fire drills, lock down drills, and hold and secure drills have been held with everyone doing well

2020 Graduation

- The graduation ceremony for the graduating class of 2020 has been pre-recorded and will be shown via YouTube on Friday October 9, 2020 at 7pm
- There was a lot of work done by the grad committee to put the ceremony together which includes all of the student's pictures - it is beautiful – all are welcome to watch
- Saturday October 10th will be the grad students drive by – staff had planned to be part of the drive by but due to COVID-19 and the safety of everyone this will not be able to occur
- There will be a student photographer there to take pictures

School Pictures

- School pictures will be taken by Edge Photography November 2nd and 3rd
- The school is meeting with the Yearbook company to discuss putting something together
- Grad pictures will be scheduled at a later time
- Please note: for online students that will be graduating this year, if the student does not return to St. Mary's during the school year for learning, they will not be a St. Mary's graduate as they are not currently a student of St. Mary's

Public Health Nurse

- The Public Health Nurse was in the school today
- The nurse spoke about what is going on in the community and what happen when there is a positive COVID-19 case
- The Public Health Nurse is the first person notified of the case and she notifies the school which then needs to complete a careful tracking of the student's movement through the school – tracking of the students is currently done

- The Public Health Nurse was impressed with the school's protocols and staggered exits with teacher escorts – there is a tight process in place at the school
- The students have been good with following the protocols but need to remember to physically distance themselves when outside – even when wearing a mask
- The school asks that any student that is showing simple symptoms to stay home from school and not return for 24 hours after the symptoms are gone – for more severe symptoms, stay home for 48 hours after the symptoms are gone

Mid-Terms

- Students will receive a mid-term mark through Edsby on Friday October 9th
- There will not be a report card issued at this time and there will not be an assessment on the learning skills
- Teachers have reached out to parents for students that are struggling with their courses
- There will not be parent-teacher interviews but parents are encouraged to reach out to the teachers if needed
- Marks are based on the student's work
- Final marks will be received for the Civics and Careers course
- There will not be any final exams and the culminating tasks at the end of the quadmester is appropriate so that the students are not overwhelmed with the amount of work

Financial Report: E. Povolo

- Current balance: \$10343.02 - amount carried over from last year of \$4308.02 + the student fee \$6035
- The used uniform sale was not able to occur in the summer this year – will look into the possibility of having one in the New Year at the earliest – any student needing assistance with purchasing a uniform can contact the school to make arrangements
- Ms. Duane will speak with the staff and students to determine if there are any school needs for the year
- 2020 graduating class has asked to donate a best buddies to have an automatic opener for the door upstairs that leads to the catwalk for special needs students that find it difficult to open the door – this was decided in June and Ms. Duane will look into having this done

NEW BUSINESS

- It was mentioned that students are leaving the school through the back and not all are dispersing – some students are congregating and some are not wearing masks or social distancing – Ms. Duane will look into the situation

Council Meeting Dates for 2020-2021 Year

- Dates are to be determined and will be looked at to align with each quadmester

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned: 7:35 pm

Closing Prayer: All

Next St. Mary CSS Council Meeting

Wednesday, December 2, 2020 @ 7:00 pm – Virtual Zoom Meeting