



**St. Bernard of Clairvaux Catholic
Elementary School**

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**Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, Nov 17, 2021, Virtual, 6:30pm**

In Attendance

Isabel Sauve, Principal
Kim Romany, Chairperson
Cindy De Lio, Secretary
Tina Marano, Teacher Representative
Hank Rizkalla, Parent Representative

Natalie Laporte, Vice Principal
Joel Moody, Treasurer
Jonathan Kostoff, Teacher Representative
Karen Rose, Non Teacher Representative

Guests

Liselle Castro
Derek Da Silva

Nidal Jezdan

Meeting commenced at 6:30 pm

Approval of Agenda

- Cindy De Lio 1st, Joel Moody 2nd

Chairperson Update - K. Romany

- CSC Training for council members will be held on November 25th
- Still receiving OAPCE emails, we bring forward any information to council.
- Next OAPCE parent engagement event to be held on November 20th, Isabel will send information by school messenger to the school community.
- Parish-school communications
 - The parish will communicate directly to families regarding Sacraments.
 - Other parish events the church will communicate with the school directly and information will be shared with the school community.
 - The church has not reached out to the school yet regarding the parish Christmas drive.
- Fundraising
 - Kim will inquire with Kernels about a Popcorn fundraiser. Also with Purdy's regarding an optional chocolate fundraiser.
 - Planning for after March Break.

Principal's Report - I. Sauvé

- See attached.

Treasurer Update - J. Moody

- Bank balance as of September statement is \$23,334.95 and currently no expenditures during September. Figure is current for October 2021 and no further expenditures.
- Need to discuss developing a budget.

Teacher Rep. Update/Non-teacher Rep. Update - J. Kostoff / T. Marano / K. Rose

- Mrs. Marano is a member of the Equity and Diversity Committee, recently was able to participate in some book buying. Found helpful and useful books for the school. Hoping to purchase even more materials, like posters and different resources teachers can use. If parents have anything they can recommend it is always welcome.

Other Items & Adjournment

- No other items.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:19pm

Next Meeting Jan 19 2022 @ 6:30pm



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Catholic School Council 2021-2022
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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

School Organization

1. Student Population

Currently at 450 students (in person) and 30 (online) for a total of 480 students. Over the past several months, there has been quite a bit of movement with families moving in and out of our school area. We have 5 more students who are scheduled to move into our area for December, which will bring our population to 485.

2. Staffing

- We welcome Ms. Natalie Laporte, teacher from St. Maria Goretti School, who has been appointed as our new Vice Principal, effective November 15th. She takes over from Mr. Peter Krolewski, who was with us for 3.5 years. Please join me in welcoming her to St. Bernard of Clairvaux!
- We welcome Ms. Alexandra Bujeya, Long Term Occasional Teacher in for Ms. DeMedeiros, who is scheduled to return to St. Bernard of Clairvaux on December 6, 2021.

Literacy and Numeracy & Excellence in Student Achievement

1. School Focus

Mathematics: We continue to focus on both Literacy and Numeracy but will be focusing on Mathematical Fluency and high impact strategies that include descriptive feedback, learning goals, and success criteria. We are currently working on how we will collect this data, evidence, and work samples of students to analyze learning gaps and plan next steps. There will be release days for teachers to support this professional development.

2. Kindergarten iPads & iPod Touch and Coding with BeeBots

Our Kindergarten staff will be getting training on the use of iPads and iPod Touch to document student learning. The classes have also received *BeeBots* where students are going to be learning simple coding. This learning will be supported by our Itinerant Teacher of Technology, Mrs. Wilson, who will help staff and students in developing proficiency in the use of these devices.

3. Class Curriculum Evenings

Many thanks to all our families who were able to join us for classroom curriculum evenings at the end of last month. Teachers took the opportunity review classroom routines, schedules, rules and expectations as well as curriculum that will be covered over the next term. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) also had the opportunity to ask questions.

4. Progress Reports, Parent-Teacher Interviews November 18th

- Progress Reports were issued to students on Tuesday, November 16th. These are accessible through student email.
- Parent-Teacher Interviews will take place on the evening of Thursday, November 18th or on a date/time by mutual arrangement between the teacher and parent(s)/guardian(s).

5. Professional Development Day

Focus for staff was on the following items:

- Health & Safety
- Cyber Security Training
- New digital libraries for students, with a special focus on students with special education needs

- Anti-Human Trafficking
- Mental Health and Resiliency with guest speaker Louise Jewell
- Introduction to teacher training on the new *PowerSchool Student Information System* which will eventually replace our current *Trillium* system.

6. CCAT Testing

Was administered to the Grade 4 students (both in-school and remote) over a period of three days. It is a cognitive abilities test that helps to determine giftedness. The testing was led by Mrs. Putzu and Mrs. Androulakis. The tests have been submitted for scoring and results will be available in the next few weeks. Parents whose child(ren) meet the criteria would be notified about possible next steps.

7. Student Activities

We have several activities and sports already running in the school for students:

- a. The Athletic Rep for our school is Mrs. Lopez. Mr. Kostoff continues to be the president of the Mississauga North Athletic Association. We are in the process of getting coaches to begin volleyball.
- b. Clubs: Rosary Club is run by Mme. Larson and takes place on Fridays. Eco Club is run by division and run by Mrs. Lopez, Ms. Vien, and Mr. Rossit.
- c. Student Tech Team – we hope to get this running soon where the students will learn about setting up and caring for our devices (iPads, Chromebooks, and laptops).
- d. Christian Meditation is another activity that staff are exploring with their students and this has been implemented for several years now and looks slightly different depending on the class.
- e. Picture Day took place last month. Our new provider is Edge Imaging. Graduation photos have also been scheduled for the new year. At this point in time, there are no class pictures.

Health & Safety

1. **Fire Drills and Lockdown Practices:** We have completed all our Fire Drills for the first term and our first lockdown “practice will be done at the end of this month. Students cannot practice an actual lockdown practice due to COVID restrictions, so teachers will only be having discussions about what to do and what it would look like in an actual situation.
2. **Student and Staff Safety – COVID protocols:** We continue to adhere to Peel Public Health measures for schools and board expectations around COVID safety for students and staff. Some items may vary in schools as they are site-specific depending on the school community and location. Students and staff continue to report results from COVID self-screening daily.
3. **School Bus Safety Training:** is being conducted for all students and we expect to complete this by December 16th. Ms. Laporte will oversee this training.

Catholic Community, Culture and Caring

1. Pastoral Planning

- Masses: We are waiting to book our Advent Mass with Fr. Mark in December. It will be done virtually, as was the Opening School Mass.
- School Pastoral Plan has been completed. It will be posted by the board on our school website.
- The Rosary Apostolate have begun their monthly virtual visits with the classes. Many thanks to Mrs. Craig and Mr. Rossit for leading and organizing the visits and schedules for classes.

2. Sacramental Dates

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) have been contacted by the church regarding First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. We are forwarding the letters to families as we receive them. All questions should be directed to the church office.

3. ShareLife

Our ShareLife fundraising committee has been formed and is led by Mrs. Antezza, Mrs. Salema, Ms. Bunde, and Mrs. Mauricette-Skyers. For students we are selling Terra Cotta Vanilla Snowman Cookies and Christmas Candy Cane Grams. For staff, an employee campaign through payroll deduction or one-time donation has started.

4. Thanksgiving Food Drive

Thank you to all our families who were able to donate so generously to our Thanksgiving Food Drive. We were able to collect 562 lbs. of food for Eden Food for Change. We will have another Food Drive at Christmas.

5. Terry Fox Walk

The funds raised for Terry Fox Foundation were not reported to our school community earlier. Through the generosity of families, our school was able to raise \$1291.30! Thank you to all our families for their support.

6. Remembrance Day Ceremony and Liturgy

To honour all those lost or missing in wars past and present, our Remembrance Day Ceremony took place on November 11th at 10:30am. Many thanks to the students of Ms. Macri's Gr. 7 class for their beautiful and meaningful presentation.

7. Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week

Will take place November 22 – 26, however the school works on bullying awareness and prevention all year round. There will be activities the teachers have planned for students and morning announcements will also focus on this important theme. Kindergarten classes are planning some special theme days to bring attention and understanding of this important topic to our youngest children.

8. Eco-Schools

- Many of the classes have signed up for workshops offered by the Region of Peel that support education of our students on good environmental practices, energy conservation, and waste management. These are offered throughout the school year on a variety of topics.
- As we continue to work on ways for our school community to be good stewards of our environment our Eco-Teams have been formed and are run by division. We have applied for our annual Eco-School certification and are aiming for Gold status this year! Many thanks to Mrs. Lopez, Ms. Vien, and Mr. Rossit for their leadership.

9. Equity & Diversity

Last year we began the formation of a school Equity & Diversity committee where teachers work to build capacity amongst staff to bring awareness, understanding and acceptance of the various oppressions and micro-aggressions that our students and school community may face. By educating staff through culturally responsive pedagogy, we hope to deliver curriculum that is meaningful and relevant to students. Staff will be leading monthly initiatives, like our Virtues program, where there will be a specific focus for students. Our school-wide goals include:

- taking an audit of our school and classroom climates and instruction (including texts and reading materials)
- looking at student voice and creating safe spaces; focus on mental health and well-being
- staff professional development
- involvement of parent(s)/guardian(s) and community stakeholders

Respectfully submitted,



I. Sauvé
Principal