

#### 2021-2022 School Council

Meeting Minutes, May 4, 2022 Online Meeting, 6:30-8:00PM

**Attendees:** Ms. Gizzi, Ms. Mete, Tara Cruz, Jennifer Toth, Gia D'souza, Rosa da Silva, Lorena Ferrari, Sylvia Decarvalho, Georgia Kowtun, Feliciana Silva-Correia, Tania Ferreira Moral, Joanne Giaimo, Lenka Jendrusiak, Debbie Cabral, Miss Escalona, Michelle Dalisay, Vanessa ?, Monica Cabral, Ms. Mete, Anna ?

Guests: Mario Pascucci

Regrets: Miss Evans, Cathy Ceci, Katarzyna Menendez, Catherine van Broekhoven

AGENDA ITEM & NOTES	ACTION ITEMS / PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE
Catholic Education Week Prayer: God of Grace, help us to be side by side in rebuilding our communities of faith and learning. Help us restore harmony and balance in our relationships, and renew our desire to approach challenges confidently and with peaceful hearts. May we always rejoice in recognizing the blessings our lives hold. Amen.  We would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather, and which the Region of Peel operates, is part of the Treaty Lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit. We are grateful to have the opportunity to work on this land, and by doing so, give our respect to its first inhabitants.	Gia D
<ul> <li>Approval of Last Meeting Minutes &amp; Agenda</li> <li>Minutes dated March 9, 2022; updated to reflect teachers that participated</li> <li>Agenda dated May 4, 2022</li> </ul>	Motion to approve minutes/agenda: <b>Debbie C</b> Second: <b>Georgia K</b>
3. Board Trustee Update	Mario P
<ul> <li>Budget continues to be key issue; Enrollment numbers are down across the board; approx. 84,000 down to 79,000 students; many newcomers in areas not from catholic regions of the world</li> <li>In late December draft budget created; last week input from parents requested; finance committee meets again next week</li> <li>Mario has put his name forward for Trustee next year</li> </ul>	
Q: 90% of budget is allocated to salaries. The survey asks parents to prioritize various items (all very important), but this is only affecting 10% of the budget (i.e. a very small amount of funds). What is the Board doing to in terms of fiscal review to ensure the 90% is being used efficiently?  A: Administration/salaries has always been about 90% of the budget. Salary increases for leadership roles has been kept to 1%; Board is looking at LTDs; Trying to maintain student:teacher ratios and admin:student ratios; Income has been reduced – can no longer rent out gyms etc.; Mario will raise concerns with Board and ask for greater transparency	



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Principal's Update	Mrs. Gizzi
Faith Development:	
Celebrated staff on St. Joseph the worker day on Monday	
<ul> <li>Congratulations to Grade 2s that received First Communion; We will be celebrating Confirmation soon; We will celebrate all those that received sacraments at the next</li> </ul>	•
school Mass; Council will be invited to give out gifts	
Gift for communion – medallion and rosary	
Gift for confirmation – Prayer card and mini rosary	
Catholic education week continues; Board wide mass today virtually	
<ul> <li>During Holy Week Grade 8s put together Stations of Cross</li> <li>Collected donations for Dr. Simone</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Continued collections for Share Life (up to \$926 currently)</li> </ul>	
Board presentations upcoming – anti racism, faith formation, etc.	
Health & Safety:	
Hepa air filters added a couple of weeks ago	
Going to be speaking with board maintenance to relieve drainage issues in parts of	of
field that get very soggy	
Academic Activities:	
<ul> <li>Pro grant is being used towards Vex and robotics training for teachers</li> <li>Grades 7/8s participated in Board wide Film Festival contest; Awards ceremony</li> </ul>	
showcased top 5 videos for our school; Top 1 will go against other schools; May 1	2
EQAO dates set up – 4 days	
Tutoring program underway – Wednesday and Thursday – literacy and numeracy;	
grades 3-8 – offered to students where teacher and family identified there are need.  • Journey into learning for new FDK students planned soon	ds
<ul> <li>Journey into learning for new FDK students planned soon</li> <li>June – grad plans – liturgy + ceremony + party; hall and DJ booked for June 22</li> </ul>	
Composites from last year are now arriving and will be distributed	
Mental Health awareness week	
Extra-Curricular Activities:	
Pizza day is back and initial challenges have been resolved; Youth ambassadors is a distributed. The places at a May Make for appropriate.	nelp
<ul> <li>to distribute; Thank you to Ms. Mete for organizing</li> <li>Play day scheduled for June 28 (rain date June 29); Will be asking council parents</li> </ul>	sto
get involved (e.g. hand out freezies etc.)	,
Eco schools application has been completed; QofH reached platinum this year (Bi	g
Gulp and Big Crunch were two big initiatives)	
Spirit wear that was ordered is arriving shortly; Was made available through an on store; Closed at the beginning of April: There will be apportunities to re-appoint a store; Closed at the beginning of April: There will be apportunities to re-appoint as	
store; Closed at the beginning of April; There will be opportunities to re-open the s for additional orders in the future	iore
<ul> <li>Week of May 16 XMovement will be in the school running sessions for kids; PRO</li> </ul>	
grant funds used for XMovement community event for all families (June 8)	



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<ul> <li>Track and Field teams will be starting soon – still waiting to see what grades are allowed to participate</li> <li>Basketball for intermediates started this week</li> <li>Ordered mesh for outdoor basketball nets as well as some new basketballs</li> <li>Trip to Ripley's Aquarium organized for several classes</li> <li>Book club has had great success</li> <li>Book fair has been successful – funds go back into the school</li> <li>Early On program for pre-school children is back up and running – lots of children have been participating</li> </ul>	
Questions raised by parents: Q: Why are there no sports for Juniors? How was this decision made? A: Decision is made at Board level (Athletics Department); Not enough teachers and time available to run programs for all age groups; prioritized older kids since they will be leaving elementary school soon ACTION ITEM: Mrs. Gizzi to look into availability of permits for gym; parents willing to organize intermural sports for kids given Board organized sports is quite limited  Q: Request for additional sports for kids with special needs A: Request will be taken back to family of schools Athletics Department; Within QofH we have organized intermural sports which are open to all kids ACTION ITEM: Mrs. Gizzi to provide feedback to Board that kids with special needs have very few opportunities to participate in organized sports. This needs to be facilitated/supported by the Board Athletics Department.	
4. Co-Chair's Report	Tara C / Jenn T
Follow-up on action items:  ■ Equipment for outdoor use/mesh for basketball nets  □ See Principal's update – mesh ordered for nets  ■ Communion/Confirmation gifts  □ Gifts purchased (prayer card, medallion, mini-rosary)  By-Law 3.1 School Council Election Committee  ■ School will establish an election committee to oversee fall council election  ■ Committee plans election process and oversees it  ■ Individuals running for Council can't be on committee  ■ Volunteers: Lorena F and Joanne C	Motion to approve Election Committee: Gia D Second: Feliciana S
Teacher appreciation event/lunch Council discussed ideas for Teacher appreciation event Considered ordering platters of sandwiches Proposed date - June 28 (same day as Play Day) Reminder that Council funds cannot be used for teachers; funds must be raised separately	



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5. Treasurer's Report	Tania M
Current balance as of May 4: \$6,516.77	
6. Fundraising Committee Report	Feliciana S / Debbie C
Chocolate Fundraiser	
<ul> <li>Sold: 27 Full cases, 17 ½ cases</li> <li>Raised \$1365.00 + \$420.00 in donations</li> </ul>	
Sandwich Day Fundraiser Idea	Motion for Mr. Sub
School Lunches/snack offered by council.	Fundraiser: <b>Georgia K</b>
<ul> <li>Options: Mr. Sub, Pita Pit, Kids Essentials</li> <li>6" subs - \$4.50</li> </ul>	Second: Tania F
o Pita pit - \$6 for kids meal including drink and cookie	
<ul> <li>Kid Essentials – 4 week trial</li> </ul>	
Dates: May 24 and June 14 – Tuesdays	
Pricing \$6 per sandwich	
Popcorn Days Fundraiser Idea	
Kernels Popcorn – sizes: monster bags, or snack bags come individually sea	
Cost to council:	Fundraiser: Rosa D Second: Tania F
\$32.99 per monster bag – butter & salt flavour qualifies for 2 for 1 price	
Pricing:	
\$2.25 per snack bag	
<ul> <li>\$35 per monster bag</li> <li>Dates: 4 Fridays - 2 in May, 2 in June</li> </ul>	
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Flavours to be offered for monster bags: full menu of Kernels offerings	
Volunteers: Joanne, Sylvia, Gia	
Additional Fundraising Ideas	
Consider Krispy Kreme donut day	
<ul><li>Held at highschools in area</li><li>\$1 cash per donut; very successful</li></ul>	
\$ \$1 cash per donat, very successful	
School Dance	Motion to approve
<ul> <li>Theme ideas: Tropical, Halloween in spring, winter theme, colour theme</li> <li>Location: In the gym</li> </ul>	\$500 for School
Date: June 16	Dance: <b>Debbie C</b>
Freezies being donated	Second: Rosa D
Tropical decorations; Summer send off; Allow kids to dress up	
<ul> <li>Members of subcommittee: Amber T, Debbie. C, Georgia K, Jenn T, Tania M</li> <li>Information exchanged via school council email: qofhschoolcouncil@gmail.cc</li> </ul>	
7. Community Report	
Upcoming events in Port Credit	
Carmen Corbasson closing; Renovations until Fall 2024	



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8. Parish Representative Report	Gia D
No new updates	
9. OAPCE Report	Rosa D
<ul> <li>Parent share St. Marguerite D'Youville webinar w/speaker Sara Westbrook May, 19th</li> <li>7pm zoom. Email M.Licata at dufferinpeel@oapce.org</li> </ul>	
Reminder school board survey to provide feedback on budget open until May 12th	
Next OAPCE Dufferin Peel meeting: Wednesday, May 25 <sup>th</sup>	
10. Other Business	Gia D
Teacher evaluation/how is parent feedback received and implemented	
ACTION ITEM: Topic to be deferred to next meeting; Mrs. Gizzi to address on June 8	
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11. Closing Prayer	Gia D
Dear Lord, Thank you for being with us today and keep us safe and in your heart until we meet again. Amen.	
MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:37 pm	Motion to adjourn
	meeting: <b>Gia D</b> Second: <b>Tara C</b>
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**REMINDER – NEXT MEETING: June 8, 2022**