



ST. JOHN CSPC MEETING - MINUTES

December 7, 2021 | Meeting called to order by Principal Ann De Agazio

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In Attendance

CSPC Members: Nadia Niccoli & Anthony Reyes, Co-Chair | Claire O'Shea, Treasurer | Gajendran Sathanathan, Secretary | Sonia Pagliarello, Tanya Bismayer, Beth Mielniczuk & Tom Horn, Fundraising | Terry Ann Isaac, Cathy Blewett, Melanie Battaglia, Robyn King, Diversity & Inclusion | Barry Chatterton, Parish Rep | Marianne Internicola, OAPCE Rep

Faculty / Admin: Ms. Horbay, Ms. Hatch-Ennis, Ms. DeAgazio

Approval of Minutes, Outstanding Updates, Old Business

Nadia Niccoli has proposed that the minutes from the October 19, 2021 St. John CSPC Meeting be approved and the motion was seconded by Marianne Internicola and Tom Horn. Motion was passed.

Based on suggestions from the previous meetings, a new form has been designed and implemented by Beth Mielniczuk, where by new topics, suggestions and concerns can be brought to the attention of the CSPC. The form is available on the CSPC website and was also sent out to the CSPC.

Principal's Report

Staff Update:

Ms. Aiello has replaced Ms. Martinez de Herrera as the supply secretary until December 17, 2021, and Ms. James will be returning to St. John's on January 3, 2022. As well, we have filled the position for a catholic lunchtime supervisor and would like to welcome Ms. Brancato to said position.

Staffing Needs:

No current needs identified.

Morning Protocols / Testing

The staff and students have been adhering to the safety guidelines set forth and it is asked that all staff, students and parents continue to be vigilant with wearing their masks, maintaining physical distance, staying in their cohort and sanitizing and/or washing their hands frequently throughout the day. Furthermore, parents have been adhering to the new Covid-19 Passports and have been keeping their children home if they are exhibiting any symptoms as well as promptly testing said children.

Rapid Antigen Screen kits will be distributed to each student on December 17, 2021 along with a letter that provides parents with instructions on how to use said tests. It is recommended that the tests be used periodically during the holidays if the child is not symptomatic. Oral Swab Tests continue to be readily available in the office if required by parents for their symptomatic children.

Vaccination of children between the ages of 5 to under 12 have become. There is a scheduled drop-in vaccination clinic for children to be held in the St. John's gymnasium on December 29, 2021 between 8:00am to 8:00pm.

Christmas Concert



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Unfortunately due to current COVID-19 protocols and the work-to-rule campaign by the teaching staff, it is not possible to hold the event physically or virtually this year and as such it has been cancelled. Individual teachers may choose to put together a curriculum-based activity in place of this event.

Budgetary

The current budget allows for a Block of \$14,577 and Ghost/P Card of \$7,443 which totals to \$22,020.

Ontario Active School Travel & Traffic Safety Program

As discussed in the October 19, 2021 meeting, a representative from the Ontario Active School Travel will be briefly visiting the school during the week of December 13, 2021 to December 17, 2021 to observe traffic flow and safety concerns. A formal meeting regarding the concerns will take place near between the end of January 2022 and the beginning of February 2022.

School Initiates

Mr. Breech and Ms. Hatch have organized a food drive that saw donations of over 2,000 food items. As well, a collection of gift cards for teens for the Community Centre and a collection of personal care / hygiene items has begun and donations are actively being canvassed for.

Diversity & Inclusion Initiatives

Ms. DeAgazio continues to be supportive of the proposed initiatives. Furthermore, the following initiatives have started:

- Registration of St. John for a virtual conference called "I Am King" for the Grade 7/8 on December 15, 2021 which will take place throughout the day and was specifically designed for the Black youth in the school. Grade 6 students that are interested will also be given the opportunity to attend. Due to current work-to-rule challenges, the event will be attended by Ms. DeAgazio and students with a completed permission form which will be sent out shortly.
- Three workshops have been scheduled for students (one for each division) and one workshop for the parents titled *Colour-Blind*, *The Heart of the Matter* and *Stick with Truth* which is an adaptation of the *Colour-Blind* workshop designed for younger students. Tentative dates for the three divisional workshops are January 7, 2022 and February 8, 2022 for the parents' workshop. A follow-up to *Colour-Blind* is available.
- Based on a proposal from the Diversity & Inclusion group, a set of Sankofa Black Heritage Evaluation Books have been ordered and will be made available to utilize by the teaching staff. With these books, online downloadable resources have been provided.
- New reporting protocols have been implemented to handle some of the recent incidents at St. John, such as how incidents are reported by staff, how parents are informed, etc....

Finance / Budget Update

The opening budget effective September 1, 2021 was \$19,086.98 and there has been no additional sources of income that was generated. In terms of expenditures, the Novel Study which was approved in the previous fiscal resulted in an outlay of \$3,653.18. This resulted in a reconciled ledger balance effective December 5, 2021 of \$15,433.80. The reconciled ledger balance included approximately \$4,113.80 in unused swim team funds. Based on current initiatives and planned events, the projected float is listed at approximately \$6,041.69.



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Fundraising

The Spirit Wear campaign that was implemented since the last CSPC meeting has generated \$1,394.68 in its first round of sales. This amount consisted of the sales of 127 t-shirts and 92 hoodies. It is anticipated that the second round of sales will commence in March 2022. There is a possibility of including ball caps and shorts but information on this is preliminary at the moment. The orders have been scheduled for delivery on December 9, 2021.

Parent Night Out Event was originally scheduled for February 2022, however due to health regulations and occupancy limitations we have decided to shift the date to Saturday March 26, 2022 at The Balmy Beach Club (360 Lake Front, Toronto, ON M4E 1A7.) The hope of shifting the date was that by this point health regulations and occupancy limitations will be relaxed allowing a more comfortable event for all attendees. As in previous years, it is anticipated that a DJ and silent auction will take place during this event. Consideration is being given to holding the silent auction virtually prior to this event and collecting fees through the online cash system.

The Alumni Fund initiative is in its preliminary stages of development. While this is the first time this initiative will work, it is anticipated that this initiative will continue for many years. Currently, it is anticipated that a letter will go out to the families of the graduating class in May 2022, in which anonymous donations will be requested, preferably in the amounts of \$25, \$50, \$75 or \$100. Once the donations are collected, the graduating class will be given three choices of how they wish to spend the funds to better the school. The committee has suggested that the funds be used for technology, book, diversity inclusion programs or some form of leadership programs for the next graduating class.

Lastly, a new proposal was proposed to send out a letter prior to the Christmas break to request additional donations from families with emphasis on the continuous needs of the school while the ability to fundraise has decreased. Further, discussions determined that it would be prudent to revisit this proposal in January / February 2022.

OAPCE

During the October 4, 2021 meeting, a presentation on Safe Schools and Safe Schools Team (SAST) was presented by Michael Caccamo, TCDSB Superintendent. The SAST has been mandated by PPM 144 – Bullying Prevention & Intervention legislation. Its mandate was outlined as follows:

- Ensure that members of the team are given opportunities for input
- Review the results of student climate surveys and build strategies to improve the school climate
- Provide updates at staff meetings and CSPC meetings
- Ensure that safe reporting practices are in place
- Reach out to the expertise of TCDSB professionals as needed

The SAST will consist of the principal or vice-principal, one parent, one teacher and one non-teaching staff member at a minimum. And regular updates will be provided in CSPC meetings, student assemblies, staff meetings and school newsletters.

During the November 29, 2021 meeting, a presentation on What is OAPCE and the Role it Plays was presented by



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Annalisa Crudo-Perri, OAPCE Toronto, Executive Director. The OAPCE has been mandated by Section 3(1)8 of Ontario Regulation 612/00. Its mandate is to assist with the education and training for parents regarding school council operations, increasing parental involvement, improving student and school performance and other matters related to the Catholic education system

Lastly, Pic funds for parent involvement / engagement in the amount of \$500 has been held, details shall be provided by CSPC chairs and/or the principal. PRO Grant has been applied to with a potential to receive \$1,500 to be used in anti-racism initiatives.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

With regards to the Por Amor Programming, an application for funding has been made and any funds received will be used in the following year due to time constraints on the receipt of said funding. Two assemblies are being planned during Black History Month with a focus on Black Futures; one for the kindergarten to grade three classes and the second for the grade four through grade eight classes.

The following initiate leads have been assigned to better delegate the programs:

- DEI Communications – Robyn & Carman
- IEP Support – Melanie
- Clothing Exchange Program – Sandra, Jackson, Carman
- Family Buddy Program - Eloise

Lastly a new member has joined DEI, Tara Wiseman.

Next Meeting

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Nadia Niccoli at approximately 8:30pm.

- February Meeting – Tuesday February 1, 2022
- April Meeting – Tuesday April 5, 2022
- June Meeting – Tuesday June 14, 2022