

St. John CSPC AGM Meeting

September 30th, 2024

In Attendance

CSPC members: Claire O'Shea; Cathy Blewett; Becky Sherlock, Lisa Agis-White, Bianca Fetros

Other parents: Jenni Cook, Siobhan Cox, Corbin Tomaszeski, Tanya Bismayer, Antonio Liscidini, Camila Porto, Leah Venturina, Sarah Kavanagh, Luis Roberto Carlini-Juniori, Blas Santana

Regrets: Barry Chatterton

Faculty / Admin: Ms. Bartlett; Ms. Horbay; Mr. Bryce

Approval of Minutes & Outstanding Updates

Updates: There will be no grade 8 trip this fall. The school could not get a September date. It has been booked for the end of the year – Brock University.

Grad shirts: Farm to Table fundraiser started today. Hope is that this will cover the cost of hoodies.

Math Guru booked for this week.

AC repairs – a parent will come and look over the machines. He has connected with Ms. Bartlett. There is an ongoing survey as to the state of the AC units.

Bianca Fetros passed the minutes from the June meeting and Cathy Blewett seconded the minutes.

Principal's Report

380 students enrolled, 15 homeroom (12 English, 3 French)

New staff: Ms Gerges 6/7 permeant

Mr Chamba 6/7 French/core French permeant

Library Technician: open – no applicants

LTO Teachers:

Ms Smith -Grade 1 (Valentini)

Ms, Fraser Grade 4 (Mederios)

Ms. Gadek ELP 1 (DECE for Ms Hatch)

Current Staff:

ELP 1: Hatch/Gadek

ELP 2. Silva/Sunanda

Grade 1. Smith

Grade1/Grade2: Lima

Grade 2: Christie

2/3 Burke-Wood

3: O'Sullivan

4. Fraser

5. Bain

5. Fraser (Medeiros)

6/7 Gerges

7/8 Dempsey

8. Horbay

French:

5/6 Reis

6/7 Kennedy/Chamba

8 Chorazy

Spec Ed: Douris

Phys Ed: Breech 70% /Cole Friday am

Instrumental Music: Menezes, Vocal music: Hinchburger

Core French: Kennedy, Chamba, Mackenne

School re-org: Ms. Bartlett asked for an extra primary teacher but was denied. Some of the primary classes are very full. There are exceptions to the cap that are allowed by the ministry (10% of classes may go over cap) Minimal changes for school re-org, a small number of students were moved to different classes. This has already been communicated to the families.

Congestion: parking and drop off on Lyall Ave – parents are not following rules of the road. Concerned residents and parents have contacted Ms. Bartlett. She has been communicating to the parent community to be mindful and respectful of the crossing guard.

There is concern with the lack of designated drop off area: would like to look into this

Notre Dame parking lot: is not for St. John use

Convent Lot: used for parking. Will not be an area for students to play. Students will play in the main playground. Ms. Bartlett is concerned about the amount of equipment flying around. Has asked students to bring softer balls/deflated balls. The board is in the preliminary stages of developing the convent lot. It is likely to take a very long time. Plan is for astroturf field/parking lot.

School is in full swing. Ms. Bartlett is very impressed with the number of activities at the school and the dedication of the teachers.

Mobile phones: board policy is in place and being followed. Smart watches are included. Rule: Cell phones/smart watches should stay in bag. Once off property students can take it out of the bag

Agendas are still available

Extra Curricular sports: X-C, Volleyball

Leadership: Eagles Unite Sept 23rd for grades 1-8

Math Guru: this Wednesday

Terry Fox run: Sept 19th

Truth and Reconciliation Day: today

Virtue Assemblies: today

Q&A: Why is the lot not officially being used? Why can't we use the convent lot as a drop off area or to develop that land. Lyall has become very congested since the convent drop off is no longer in use.

A: There are safety concerns around using the convent lot as a designated drop off area. Students should not walk in the lane that leads to the staff parking lot

Front door: parents should not use the side door to the school. All non-students should use the front door.

Curriculum Night: Oct 8th 6pm-7pm

First mass: Oct 15th

Math Guru Oct 2nd

Halloween Dance: Oct 31st

Financial Year End Update

Claire presented the year end Treasurer report – see appendix

Cathy motioned to approve the treasurer report and Becky seconded.

Committee Year End Updates

Committee reports

- **Fundraising Leads** (Becky Sherlock/Bianca Fetros):

Last year was a successful fundraising year (see June minutes).

Halloween Dance, pizza lunch and Spirit Wear will continue. For all other fundraisers, the committee will wait to see how many CSPC members and other volunteers come forward. Recruiting volunteers was a challenge last year and is a barrier to hosting more fundraising events. For example, each of the inflatables require a parent volunteer to staff.

Halloween Dance: is booked for Oct 31st. Costs will be lower as the DJ is complementary

Q&A: Suggestion to ask teachers to request for parent volunteers

Suggestion to have a volunteer committee that only focus on getting volunteers.

CSPC should do a presentation at curriculum night. Try to get people to sign up for events at the beginning of the school year. Parents can use volunteer days that are given by corporations.

- **Diversity, Equity & Inclusion** (Cathy Blewett):

Last year was a productive year for DEI (see June minutes)

The dress code clothing swap was June 4th - Cathy has connected with Ms. N. and they will be out sister school for donations of the leftover clothing

Presentations hosted by DEI last year:

1. Roy Fernandez – Equity and inclusion
2. Melanie Battalia: Special Education

Glossary of terms is in the student agendas this year.

Ms Horbay took a group to the Black student event last year

Q&A: When is the book fair? At November PT interviews – hosted by Ella Minnow

Q&A / Misc:

Motion to approve the close the meeting: Cathy motioned to approve and Becky seconded.

Elections for 2024-2025 CSPC

10 New elected council members acclaimed by Ms. Bartlett:

Cathy Blewett, Bianca Fetros, Cobin Tomaszeski, Antonio Liscidini, Jenni Cook, Nadia Niccoli, Claire O'Shea, Becky Sherlock, Tanya Bismayer, Siobhan Cox

Co-Chair – Corbin Tomaszeski

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Secretary – Jenni Cook

Treasurer – Claire O’Shea

Fundraising Team – Bianca Fetros, Becky Sherlock

OAPCE: Co- Chairs will be the OAPCE reps

Grants: Tanya Bismayer

DE&I – Cathy Blewett, Terry Ann Issac, Lisa Agis-White, Bianca Fetros

Teacher Rep – Ms. Horbay

Parish Lead – Will speak to Barry Chatterto about this role

Student Rep: Ms. Horbay will ask the grade 8 students for a volunteers

Safe Schools Rep: Antonio Liscidini

Communications: Siobhan Cox

2024/2025 CSPC Meeting dates (established after CSPC Elections):

October (Finance Meeting) – Wednesday 16th October @ 7pm: update on tech and AC units requested

Other meetings TBD