

# MINUTES

## St. John CSPC Meeting

June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 | *Meeting called to order by Mr. C*

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### In Attendance

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CSPC members: Nadia Niccoli; Claire O'Shea; Marianne Internicola; Marlo Taylor; Cathy Blewett; Jacky Arminen; Lianne Tapuska; Liz Sconce; Kim Cho; Tanya Bismayer

Regrets: Jennie Gaffney; Terry-Ann Issac; Sonia Perez; Jamie Wilson; Melanie Battaglia; Sonia Pagliarello; Carmen Vanderreest; Shelan McCreary; Angela Visconti;

Faculty / Admin: Mr. Comacchio; Ms. Horbay; Mr. Morishita-Miki

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### Approval of Minutes & Outstanding Updates

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Jacky passed the minutes from the May meeting and Kim seconded the minutes

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### Misc. Items

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- Claire and Nadia recognized **Jacky** for her 12 years of service to St. John with an Honorary life-long membership of St. John CSPC – thank you Jacky...we will miss you!
- Nadia – beautify the school prior to new school year; e.g. flowers planted around the trees; repaint mural; look at local artists to see what we can do; refresh lines (flowers for front – Nadia and Marianne to lead on flower planting and looking for volunteers to help throughout the summer / mural (Mr. C recommends defer discussions to Sept as work or proposal needs to be vetted and better understood how these plans may intersect with the playground plans with the board (would also want students to be involved in the design with a local artist) / Sept welcome back family gathering – plans will need to wait until more information provided on school re-opening
- Nadia – great job this year to our Diversity & Inclusion committee – given everything happening right now – have we heard from board what they might be doing / thinking to build greater awareness regarding anti-black racism? Discussed at length – commitment to continue to bring in materials; email rec'd with number of resources with focus on D&I including presenters in the school; realizing the lens in which we are doing things; some teachers also starting sharing some resources with students during distance learning to support dialogue and awareness

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### Financial Update

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Claire presented the month's expense report:

- Claire presented the Financial Report since May meeting
  - Pizza lunch – refund for Gr8 parents provided to those who requested
  - Unallocated balance includes pizza lunch carry-over; so approx. \$6000 carry-over
  - Confirmed ok to carry-over funds; no explicit date provided – Mr.C will follow up on whether there would be a deadline in the 2020 school year to spend funds from this year
  - Basketball hoop will be installed in July

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### Principal's Report

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#### Staff Update:

#### Staff Changes:

Ms. Reguly

Ms. Hifawi (DECE)

Ms. Murray

Ms. DoRego

Mme. Makenne

Ms. Craig

Ms. Van Holten

## Maternity Leave:

Ms. James

Ms. Van Wyck

## Student Enrollment as of June 19, 2020:

428 and 8 students on the waitlist. We may anticipate more students enrolling as some neighbouring schools are oversubscribed. This may mean St. John may need to go through a school reorganization in September.

**Grade 8 Drive Thru Graduation – Tues. June 24, 2020:** Thank you to the Grade 8 teachers and all the staff that were able to attend the graduation. We were able to honour our graduates in the best way we could. Parents were very happy as were the students... Some were embarrassed but we did our best to let them know we care for them and we will miss them!

*Additional note of thanks from parents and CSPC to everyone involved in helping to mark this milestone for our grads in a special and meaningful way!*

**Welcome to Kindergarten – Virtual Meeting – Tues. June 24, 2020:** Thank you to the ELP Team (teachers and DECE) who provided a comprehensive summary of the first few days of Full Day Kindergarten. This is in place of the traditional in-school Welcome To Kindergarten sessions.

**Collection of Student Items:** Thank you to all the parents that were able to collect the bags of belongings. The staff did a wonderful job collecting the items and most of the items have been collected. For the items that have not been collected, they will remain in the school until the Fall.

**Mr. Breech – Triple C and Acts of Kindness:** Great work Mr. Breech and the Triple C Team and a huge thank you to the parents that were able to connect with media outlets to promote the bike ride. Our Acts of Kindness initiative was a huge success and did a great job connecting St. John with the local community. These acts demonstrate who we are as a Catholic school and our priority of making positive changes.

**Ms. Horbay and St. John Social Media:** Thank you to Ms. Horbay for all her efforts in keeping us connected through the social media platforms (Instagram and Twitter). The many posts connect us all as a school community as we navigate school closures.

**Report Cards:** All report cards will be sent by the IT department at the Board electronically in the coming days. Hard copies will be printed and placed in students' OSRs when we return in the Fall.

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## Committee Reports

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- **Fundraising Leads** (Tanya Bismayer / Sonia Pagliarello):
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- **OAPCE Leads** (Shelan McCreary / Terry Isaac):
  - N/A
- **Sponsorships, Grants & Speakers Lead** (Kim Cho):
  - N/A
- **Volunteer & Special Events Leads** (Jacky Arminen / Jennie Gaffney):
  - N/A
- **Website & Communications Lead** (TBD):
  - N/A
- **Parish Lead** (Carmen Vandereest):

As most know, Fr. John was due to retire tomorrow (June 25th). However, all priest moves have been suspended by the archdiocese until health authorities deem it safe so his anticipated leave date is now August 27th.

Churches have re-opened but strict return measures are in place to protect the health of everyone.

Churches can only welcome 30% of their capacity for any Mass. For our church that is about 60 people. Seats must be reserved in order to attend any Mass. This can be done on-line through the church website <https://www.stjohnsrc.ca/> or by phoning the church office **416-698-1105**.

Everyone must wear a mask and have their hands sprayed with sanitizer before entering the church. At this time the only entrance to the church is through the ramp door and each person will be escorted to an assigned seat that maintains a distance of 2 metres between parishioners unless they are family members.

While this is a very different and somewhat clinical way to attend Mass we are not to forget that these new ways only affect our attendance in the church and not the reason we are there - our celebration of Christ through the Eucharist.

These past 3 months have been financially difficult for our church as contributions remain substantially low. If you are able, there are a few ways to help – donation envelopes can be dropped off anytime into the security mailbox next to the front door of the rectory and cheques can still be dropped off or mailed to the church office and parishioners can always sign up for PAG (pre-authorized giving).

Fr. John thanks everyone who has sent baked goods, chocolates, meals and cards, especially the ones from children. He asked that we keep the emails coming because he likes to hear how you and your families are doing during this pandemic. They can be sent to him via the church email address: [stjohnschurch@bellnet.ca](mailto:stjohnschurch@bellnet.ca)

#### **(Pangea) Diversity & Inclusion Leads** (Terry Isaac & Cathy Blewett)

- N/A

#### **Q&A / Misc. –**

Will we continue with the St. John spirit wear next year? – Yes, will continue to offer spirit wear clothing; will need to work with the provider to determine approach and next steps

Will return to school be consistent across school boards? – Multi-disciplinary committee established to determine return to work and parent survey will likely be used to inform; there likely will be some overlap across boards with respect to bussing; anticipate training on PPE etc. will be consistent across school boards.

In order to better inform plans for a safe return to school in any form, we ask that parents/guardians complete the **Return to School Survey by June 30, 2020 6:00 PM**: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KL7JN3G>.

Instructions will go out regarding pick up of remaining personal items – email Mr. C directly to arrange pick up

Daycare Connections has own set of protocols – understand their enrollment was increasing prior to Covid; unable to speak to what the daycare will be doing / planning – parents are encouraged to reach out to Nicky directly with any questions at [kidsclub@bellnet.ca](mailto:kidsclub@bellnet.ca)

Moving forward, return to school instructions / updates will come directly from the board and not from the school.

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## Next Meeting

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### **September 2020 AGM – TBD**

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Nadia at 8:22 p.m.

#### 2019/2020 CSPC Meeting dates:

- ✓ October – Tuesday Oct 15<sup>th</sup> 7pm (Finance meeting)
- ✓ November – Tuesday Nov 5<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ January – Tuesday January 14<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ March – Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ May - Tuesday May 12<sup>th</sup> (virtual)

### **June - Tuesday June 24 (virtual)**

September 2020 (AGM) to be determined

