

AGM Minutes

St. John CSPC Meeting

September 25th, 2023 | Meeting called to order by Lisa Agis-White

In Attendance

Lisa Agis-White, Kerry Fraser, Claire O'Shea, Becky Sherlock, Cathy Blewett, Tara Duff, Bianca Fetros, Barry Chatterton, Erin Skrypnyk, Marianne Internicola, Liz Sconce, Mandy Craigg, Jeannie Etchells, Iwona Rychalska, Susan Walo, Natalie Yiu, Marcela Gonzalez

Faculty / Admin: Ms. Horbay; Mr. Kerr

Opening Prayers – Ms. Horbay

Approval of Minutes & Outstanding Updates

B. Fetros approved the June 20th, 2023 minutes. B. Sherlock seconded.

No outstanding updates.

Principal's Report – K. Kerr

K. Kerr presented the Principal's Report.

As mentioned in the community update, there will not be a school reorganization this year. Student numbers are great. Initially, numbers were projected to be down 30 students, when we are, at this time, only off by 8 students. In the coming weeks, total enrollment will sit at 370, which is on par with last year, despite a large grade eight cohort leaving. These enrollment numbers will allow for some fluctuation while remaining on target.

There is a new area superintendent, Flora Cifelli, who plans to visit St. John in the coming weeks.

On Friday, September 15th, St. John welcomed Mr. Fernandes, TCDSB Equity and Indigenous Education Superintendent. He provided an anti-racism talk and engaged grades 6 to 8 to start thinking about why we want to make our St. John community more inclusive. This presentation was well-received.

In terms of staffing, we are close to full and currently have three LTO: Ms. Bassett, Ms. Santana, Ms. Fraser.

Finance Report – Claire O'Shea

C. O'Shea submitted the final CSPC budget for 2022-2023. Line items were reviewed ***see appendix**

Some additional notes:

- Mr. Breech was provided with an advance to purchase new sports jerseys for this year
- Almost all teachers spent their allocated funds
- Library resources will be rolled over into the next academic year
- Leftover funds, not yet allocated, will be used for school improvement

B. Sherlock inquired about the \$300 allocation to teachers for supplies and whether this number could be increased or whether it was static. C. O'Shea indicated that it could be changed and would be something to be discussed at the first financial meeting with the new council.

B. Sherlock also indicated that the air conditioners in the school continue to have issues. C. O'Shea indicated that this is an issue we can table at the next council meeting. K. Kerr mentioned that there have been electrical issues associated with the A/C units, in particular, with the breakers being flipped. Our custodians are aware of the issue.

OAPCE Update – M. Internicola

There were no OAPCE meetings over the summer and they have not sent the meeting dates for this year.

OAPCE meets five times per academic year.

M. Internicola informed the committee that she will be stepping down as OAPCE representative for the next academic year due to OAPCE's official document supporting the notion of upholding parental rights and values in Canadian education, particularly around the issue of gender identity and pronouns in schools.

Executive council supported M. Internicola in her decision to step down.

K. Fraser inquired whether St. John was obligated to send a representative to further meetings. M. Internicola said all CSPCs are encouraged to designate an OAPCE rep and/or the CSPC chair could stand as rep. OAPCE also sends out official newsletters that can be e-mailed to the school for subsequent updates.

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Update – C. Blewett

Work is underway to install cabinets/bins in the current Lost & Found area to house the new St. John Clothing Bank. More details will follow.

The DEI Committee will be setting meeting dates for the school year, once a sub-committee is created.

Fundraising Update – B. Fetros

2022-2023 was fun! Lots of money was raised and the Spring Carnival was a huge success!

An update for the coming year, as reservations were required early – the Halloween Dance DJ has been booked. Planning started in advance of next academic year. Fundraising envelopes will be distributed to students before Thanksgiving.

Parish Update – B. Chatterton

Sign up has begun for First Holy Communion and First Confession sacraments.

First Holy Communion will be available for students Grade 2 and above. Email correspondence went out to the Grade 2 families. This will be the 7th year that the sacraments have been coordinated by St. John Parish, and not the school.

First Holy Communion will take place after Easter.

First Confession will take place in November – December.

Be sure to register as soon as possible with St. John Parish.

Closing Prayers – Ms. Horbay

Resolutions

Mr. Kerr motioned to add “Safe Schools” as a sub-committee within the St. John CSPC. Tara Duff is interested in running for lead of this committee. C. Blewett approved, B. Sherlock seconded.

C. Blewett motioned to adjourn the Annual General Meeting (AGM) before proceeding with the 2023-2024 Elections. M. Internicola seconded.

Final Notes

Elections for the 2023-2024 CSPC were held, led by K. Kerr.

The Executive Council for the 2023-2024 year was selected as follows:

Co-Chairs: Lisa Agis-White, Kerry Fraser

Secretary: Marianne Internicola

Treasurer: Claire O’Shea

Full membership of voting members are as outlined in the attached contact list.

Dates for the St. John CSPC were determined for the upcoming academic year. As requested, meetings will alternate days of the week in order to maximize on attendance.

Meeting Dates:

Monday, October 16 – Budget/Finance Meeting

Wednesday, November 22

Wednesday, January 10

Thursday, February 22

Monday, March 25

Monday, April 22

Thursday, June 6

No meetings will be held in December or May.