

Minutes

St. John CSPC Meeting

September 27th, 2022 | *Meeting called to order by Mr. Kerr*

In Attendance

Lisa Agis-White, Teja Ricalis Claire O'Shea, Kerry Fraser, Nadia Niccoli, Sonia Perez Maldonado, Becky Sherlock, Kate O'Brien, Bianca Fetros, Terry-Ann Isaac, Cathy Blewett, Adam Aguzzi, Becky Sherlock, Marianne Internicola, Eloise Morrison, Chelica Hiltunen, Tara Duff, Erin Skrypyk-Bajor, Beth Mielniczuk

Faculty / Admin: Ms. Horbay; Ms. Hatch-Ennis; Mr. Kerr

Opening Prayers & Land Acknowledgement – Ms. Horbay

Approval of Minutes & Outstanding Updates

Marianne passed the minutes from previous meeting and Claire seconded the minutes

Principal's Report – Mr. Kerr

- Enrollments
 - Currently at 368 students, down from 392
 - Reorganization of grades 1 through 4, affecting approximately 20 students,
 - Primary classes capped at 20 according to the board
 - No effect this year – keeping VP at least for this year, if trend continues, next year would be re-assessed
 - JK/SK – good numbers currently
- Goals/Foundational Element objectives
 - Talking to people in the community, talk to students (learning, not fear)
 - Reference the document that Mr. Kerr will share
 - i.e. equitable and safe school
 - Commitment to anti-race/bias – confront and zero tolerance – increase education
 - Progressive discipline school board/province
 - Staff/parents equity/alignment
 - Student support/needs
 - Creating culture of academic excellence for students
 - Work with CSPC - spending aligned with core objective of school
 - How to increase enrollment? Problem is system-wide
 - Goal is +20 students
 - Ensure all community members are aware and involved of goals/objectives – data backed
- Q&A
 - Communication to parents re: the divisional assemblies
 - YouTube posting by Mr. Kerr for parent to access
 - Possibly to post on new designed website
 - Regarding students in need – how do kids know where to get support/resources?
 - New social worker, engage her to share resources
 - Guidance counselor Ms. Mack – share more resources
 - Gather/post resources links on website
 - Support teams – SLPs for assessments. Then community agencies for deliver support – SBSLT - School based support learning team? – school will put the list out once finalized.

- Church boundary rules separate than school board boundary rules.

Financial Update – Claire O'Shea

- Treasurer Report
 - Refer to document from Claire – go over all Revenue and Expenses line items
- Budget Report
 - Unallocated funds of ~\$1K to roll into this year
- Fundraising Report – over \$16K
 - Alumni Fund – new initiative from Gr 8 parents
 - Donation Drive – spent on Athletics, Arts, Books, French resources
 - End of Year dance
 - Lunches – fearless meat and pizza lunches
 - Parents Night out
 - Spirit Wear drive – through Eagle Beaver

Committee Reports

DEI (Cathy Blewett):

- Glossary of terms up on FB page
- Special Education session
- Sent out resources for Black History month
- Por Amor program – 5 weeks for gr 6 – 8
- Dress code clothing swap
- Purchased progress pride pins for teachers
- Started work with communication strategy – most effective ways to communicate to entire community (inclusive)

OAPCE (Marianne Internicola):

OAPCE (Ontario Associate of Parents in Catholic Education) is the authoritative voice of Ontario parents and guardians in Catholic education. We are the provincial voice that is authorized through the Education Act and Regulation 612, to represent families with children enrolled in the English Catholic education system. OAPCE is a vital connection between the Ministry of Education, CDSB in Ontario, the Institute of Catholic Education, Ontario Catholic Trustees, Parish, Regional Parent Associations, School Councils and other parent groups. OAPCE elevates the profile of a publicly funded Catholic system of education by providing opportunities for ongoing information sharing, resources, learning, networking and community building. OAPCE's mission over the past year continued to be Engage, Advocate and Enhance, and collaborate with parents to ensure the protection of publicly funded Catholic Education in the province.

The annual OAPCE conference was held on May 28 in person and in partnership with the Halton CDSB - theme - Re-Claiming and Re-Engaging Parents as Partners - with various speakers:

- Greg Frankson - Founder & CEO, Voice Share Inc.
- Jody Harbour - Grandmother's Voice
- Dr. Neil Orlowsky - Dir of Ed & Chair Global Education, The Abraham Global Peace Initiative - the Power of One
- Shannon Tobin - Founder & CEO, Dare to be Youth Charity
- Teresa Hartnett - Dir Family Ministry for the Diocese of Hamilton
- John Del Grande - Catholic Education Advocate
- Miguel Martinez - President & Founder MTClife

Videos of the presentations can be found here - <https://www.oapce.org/conference2022/>

OAPCE hosting a meet & greet for parents with the School Trustee candidates on October 3rd at the CEC (Catholic Education Centre) - 80 Sheppard Ave. E 3rd floor https://mcusercontent.com/4bb11667ede646f9d611f6a05/files/9b574a5e-2647-fc43-c815-5c0ea7c003ff/Save_the_date_2022_v2.pdf

Toronto OAPCE meeting is scheduled for October 25 in person at the CEC. They haven't yet confirmed whether there will be a virtual option for the meetings.

Parish (Becky Sherlock):

- Children's liturgy started 2 weeks ago

Q&A / Misc.

Safe Schools Update (Tara Duff):

- First meeting this year in coming weeks
- To update bulletin board in school
- Coming up: school safety plan meeting
- Application put in for crossing guard

Outgoing Chair Message (Nadia Niccoli and Anthony Reyes):

- Review of CSPC format/structure
 - 4 executive roles: chair, treasurer, secretary
 - Committee leads + members
- Non-voting members for non-council if time commitment is a challenge but help always welcomed
- Money raised and allocation decided by voting members

Elections (Beth Mielniczuk):

- Review of council candidates & welcome to the new council

Ms. Hatch-Ennis not be continuing on CSPC for 2022-2023

Closing Prayers – Ms. Horbay

Next Meeting

2022/2023 CSPC Meeting dates:

Tuesday October 25 (Finance Meeting)
Tuesday November 22
Tuesday January 17
Tuesday February 28
Tuesday April 18
Tuesday June 6
No Meetings December 2022 or March 2023

Elections

New St. John CSPC Members 2022-2023

Executive

Co-Chair - Lisa Agis-White

Co- Chair – Teja Ricalis

Treasurer – Claire O’Shea

Secretary – Kerry Fraser

DEI Committee

- Cathy Blewett
- Terry-Ann Issac
- Becky Sherlock
- Adam Aguzzi

Fundraising & Grants Committee

- Becky Sherlock
- Bianca Fetros
- Sonia Perez Maldonado
- Kate O’Brien
- Nadia Niccoli

Parish Rep

- Becky Sherlock in the event Barry is unavailable

Communications Lead

- To confirm if Kim is still able to do it or Nadia Niccoli

OAPCE Lead

- Marianne Internicola