

Mother Teresa Catholic School Community Council (MTCSCC)
Monday, April 15, 2024 7:00pm – Zoom
MINUTES

In Attendance: Allyce Brown (Interim Chair), Mr. Fradette, Mr. Rock, Jena Boyko, Danielle Daigneau, David Sumner, Rachelle Phenix (online), Crystal Bernier (online), Hudson Byblow (Trustee), Taylor Raiche (with SCA), Adam Day (with SCA)

Regrets: Samantha Vandale, Crystal Nataraj, Linnea Spiess, Michelle Hinz, Jolene Morris, Lisa Frey, Polyana Ortega, Krista Dennis, Juanita Theriault, Koreena Farr, Amanda Day

1. **Call to Order:** 7:05 pm
 2. **Prayer and Introductions**
 3. **Approval of Agenda (addition of Trustee visit to agenda):**
 - a. **MOTION** to approve agenda: David
 - b. **SECONDED** by: Allyce
 4. **Adopt Minutes from March 18, 2024**
 - a. **MOTION** to approve minutes: David
 - b. **SECONDED** by: Danielle
 5. **Administrators Report:** Mr. Fradette, *with additional notes from meeting*
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CSCC Meeting- Apr. 15th, 2024- Principal's Report

1. **Lent**
 - Friendship Inn Pool Our Love Campaign
 - There was tremendous support from our families for the Friendship Inn. We had 4 heaping bins of non-perishable food.
 - Message from the Friendship Inn:
“Dear Friends, Thank you for caring about the Friendship Inn and the guests we serve 365 days a year. Your donations will help us as we serve up to 1200 meals everyday to people who may otherwise go hungry. We appreciate you!” Friendship Inn Team
2. **School Wide Student Retreat**
 - We are looking forward to our school wide retreat on Wed., May 1st (note date change). *Will be facilitated by Face-to-Face Ministries.*
3. **Computer Lab**
 - Our older desktop lab computers were reconfigured with Google Flex to more or less convert them into fast Chromebooks. Stay tuned for feedback on how things are going. *Will add roughly 25 salvaged computers to the school supply.*

4. **Earth Day**
 - Mon., April 22nd
 - School yard clean up in coordination with the Silverspring Community Association and Silverspring School.
5. **Kindergarten and Grade 8 Farewell Pictures**
 - Wed., April 24th (8 Schlichemeyer) and Thurs., April 25th ($\frac{7}{8}$ Brisebois & $\frac{7}{8}$ Christiansen)
6. **4/5 Chandara & Vu Swimming**
 - Fri., April 26th Lawson Civic Centre 12:45pm-2:45pm
7. **Gr. 6 Immunizations**
 - Thurs., May 2nd
8. **Illustrator Laurie-Forest Lechasseur Presentation**
 - 4 Salud & 4/5 Sturgeon Classroom Presentations
9. **Professional Learning Day**
 - Fri., May 10th
10. **Gr. 4-8 Track & Field Day**
 - Tues., May 14th, Wed., May 15th
 - Alternate Days: Thurs., May 16th, Fri., May 17th (*in case of weather*)
11. **Victoria Day**
 - Mon., May 20th
12. **Gr. 8 Camping at Kadesh**
 - Tues., May 21st-Thurs., May 23rd
13. **K Santos @ Wonderhub**
 - Wed., May 22nd 9:30am-12:00pm
14. **Learn to Ride Safe (Bike Safety) Gr. 3/4 Schell**
 - Thurs., May 23rd 9:00am
15. **Learn to Ride Safe (Bike Safety) Grade 3 Tine plus Grade 3 Roberge**
 - Fri., May 24th 9:00am
16. **CSCC Liaison Meeting**
 - Wed., May 29th 7:00pm Location: TBD
17. **Gr. 6-8 Year End Band Concert**
 - Thurs., May 30th 10:45am
18. **GSCS Elementary Olympics**
 - Fri., May 31st BJM
19. **Professional Learning Day**
 - Mon., June 3rd
20. **GSCS Track & Field Meet**
 - Tues., June 4th @ Gordie Howe
21. **Year End School Mass w/ Fr. Gerard**
 - Tues., June 11th 9:30am The Cathedral of the Holy Family. *Thank-you to Fr. Gerard for spending so much time serving our school.*
22. **Gr. 8 Farewell**
 - Thurs., June 13th 1:00pm The Cathedral of the Holy Family
23. **Gr. 4's & 5's Batoche/Beaver Creek Trips**

- Fri., June 14th
 - 24. CSCC BBQ Hot Dog Student Lunch**
 - Fri., June 14th
 - 25. National Indigenous Peoples' Day**
 - Fri., June 21st
 - 26. ½ Chandara & 5 Vu Reconciliation Walk**
 - Fri., June 21st Victoria Park 9:30am-2:30pm
 - 27. Year End House Team Assembly**
 - Wed., June 26th 12:30pm
 - 28. Last Day for Students**
 - Thurs., June 27th
 - 29. School Wide Swim Trip**
 - Still awaiting a confirmed date
 - 30. Questions?**
 - David asked if the school knows anything about the results from the national standardized testing. Darren explained that the CAT test tells us about individual student results, but less about the overall school results. Still waiting for direction on the Our School survey. Uncertain whether this will move ahead this year.
 - David asks how many schools Fr. Gerard is involved with. There are many!
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6. Trustee visit

- Welcome to Hudson.
- Not necessarily a report and cannot speak on behalf of the board.
- The board is working hard to address the large class sizes.
- The challenges with the teacher contract negotiations weighs heavily on the board.

Questions:

- David asks about the structure of the board and the role of the trustee. The board has involvement with governance and policy outside of the day-to-day operations. They would make decisions such as busing contracts. How often do they meet? Roughly every 2 weeks. How do they govern education and what influence do they have on education? The board hires Francois Rivard, the Director of Education. An analogy in a bakery would be that the board brings in the supplies, but the school administration is responsible for all of the operations in the bakery.
- Hudson has an open-door policy and welcomes any ideas or questions. Because the trustee is an elected position, they serve the people.
- There is a lot of attention on class size and complexity. Are you hearing this from parents? Yes, to an extent. Darren also expressed that he hears about concerns from parents.
- David asks if the board has influence on how the division operates their budget and how they allocate resources. Yes, to a degree they do.

- Historically the board could adjust the mill rate, and the budget was allocated directly based on the mill rate. This is no longer the case, and the money from the mill rate goes to the ministry and is distributed accordingly. Currently the struggle for the board is choosing the least bad option.
- David wants to highlight his concern with class sizes. For example, 30 kids in one classroom in elementary. His other concern is the split classes in the English stream given the small numbers at Mother Teresa. Classroom discipline is another concern. There are no more programs for gifted students (ELO was cut last year). David would also like to have the ability for parents and students to provide feedback to the board on teachers and/or school.

7. Liaison Reports

a. Community Association:

- Welcome to Adam (President) and Taylor (Youth Coordinator). Only came to Adam's attention recently that the CSCC would like a report from the SCA. Adam has been on the SCA for about 7 years.
- Currently sharing programming with several other community associations, with very low participation from Silverspring families. This means that the SCA does not bring in any money from their programming. They are currently looking for ideas from the community to find activities that families are interested in. Pickle ball has been extremely popular and has been their largest revenue generator. But they would like to find other activities that bring value to the community.
- A few events coming up include the park clean-up on Earth Day (Apr 22). Since the school is cleaning up during the day, the SCA can focus on other areas of the neighbourhood in the evening (likely 6:30 meet at Ebenezer Church). Will be advertised through Edbsy and on the website/Facebook page. Also planning the garage sale day on June 15, and partnering with other neighbourhoods in the northeast. Planning to host a BBQ and allow kids to advertise the sales they are having (e.g., lemonade stands). There is a nature columnist living in the neighbourhood, and they are offering walks and tours of the swale.
- The SCA also connected to an Indigenous person that offer beading classes and could potentially offer an event for Indigenous Peoples Day. We do not have a soccer coordinator in the community.
- Looking to partner with the community, including the schools and churches. Also looking for any talents in the community that somebody is willing to offer.
- The Facebook page is also no longer a forum, but an information/educational space. The SCA will plan to stay in touch and send reports to the CSCC with some consistency.

b. Preschool: No representative in attendance.

- c. **St. Joseph's Highschool:** St. Joseph's is growing again. Anticipating an additional 100 students and 4 portables in the fall, with the total number of students being around 1450. The new high school in Holmwood is not expected to be available until 2027. There have been consequences to this including the lack of gym time, such that grade 11 physical education can no longer be offered. Also due to changes in the curriculum, there is no longer the option of offering industrial arts and some other practical skills to grade 9 students, due to the lack of space. The focus will remain on the upper year students.

8. Old/New Business

- a. **Volunteer for upcoming interim Chair:** Allyce has volunteered for the next meeting and David has volunteered for the June meeting. Thank-you, Allyce for chairing again! 😊 Rachelle explained there is a binder in Mrs. Banda's office with some information for the interim chair, to allow some continuity.

- b. **Other:** n/a

9. **Next Meeting:** Monday, May 27, 2024 7:00pm

10. **Adjournment:** 8:10 pm