

Mother Teresa Catholic School Community Council (MTCSCC)
Monday, May 27, 2024 7:00pm – School Library
MINUTES

In Attendance: Allyce Brown (Interim Chair), Mr. Fradette, Mr. Rock, Jena Boyko, Koreena Farr, Amanda Day (online)

Regrets: Samantha Vandale, Crystal Nataraj, Linnea Spiess, Michelle Hinz, Jolene Morris, Lisa Frey, Polyana Ortega, Krista Dennis, Juanita Theriault, David Sumner, Rachelle Phenix, Crystal Bernier, Danielle Daigneau

1. **Call to Order:** 7:10 pm
 2. **Prayer and Introductions**
 3. **Approval of Agenda:**
 - a. **MOTION** to approve agenda: Koreena
 - b. **SECONDED** by: Seb
 4. **Adopt Minutes from April 15, 2024**
 - a. **MOTION** to approve minutes: Koreena
 - b. **SECONDED** by: Allyce
 5. **Administrators Report:** Mr. Fradette, *with additional notes from meeting*
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CSCC Meeting- May. 27th, 2024- Principal's Report

1. **School Start** (*Name of a company*)
 - We are ready to go for this in Fall. Information will be sent home to parents in the near future. School supplies will be sent directly to your home in August. *Parents have the option to select and de-select items on the list of school supplies.*
2. **Pastoral Care**
 - Strategic Plan Goals
 - **Goal 1:** Strengthen our understanding and support of students who identify or who have family members who identify as gender and/or sexually diverse.
 - **Goal 2:** Foster meaningful connections with students, staff, families, and the wider community to support our growth as inclusive, safe, and caring Catholic communities.
 - **Goal 3:** Support school leadership by developing and enhancing administrative procedures related to human sexuality and family life, and equity and inclusion.

- **Goal 4:** Develop a positive and comprehensive communication plan to support schools throughout the year.
- **Goal 5:** Develop age-appropriate prayer and faith resources for both elementary and high schools to emphasize love and respect Safe Spaces

Poster:

- It is the product of an extensive consultation process involving students in our high school YAC (*Youth Alliance Circle*) groups, parents, elders, the bishop and the bishop's delegate, and other community members. *The ones who probably had the biggest voice and that were listened to the most were the high school students.*
- The top of the poster shows some of the diversity in our schools, including students who identify as gender or sexually diverse. *This is represented by the different colors of hands and wrist bands representing different groups.*
- The hands are all reaching out to a stylized sacred heart of Jesus. June is recognized by the church all over the world, in all its diversity, as the month of the sacred heart. It's a symbol of Christ's sacrificial and unending love for all of his people.
- The words "We Are All Welcome Here" were chosen by students in our YAC groups.
- (Fr. Matthew *spoke at the CSCC liaison meeting*) Why this matters? Increasing numbers of gender diverse students; Unique challenges faced by gender diverse students; Catholicism seen as obstacle rather than support
- [GSCS31 SafeSpacesPosters 2sizes 2.1.pdf](#)
- *Koreena mentioned that this was very needed and well done.*
- *Allyce asks if this will be introduced by teachers to the children in the classroom. There has been no discussion of this yet.*

3. Staffing & Classroom Arrangements

- Friendship Request Forms have been sent home and collected.
- On the June 4th PLD, teachers will spend the day creating tentative classroom arrangements as well as contingency arrangements should anything change in September.
- Where possible we consider academic learning, behavior needs, learning style, friendships, who should/should not be together, educational considerations, and gender balance.
- *There is a decent chance the English stream will be adding one additional classroom next year, if the growth continues the way it has. Unfortunately, this likely would happen with a shuffle in mid-September. The numbers in French immersion are roughly where expected for this time of the year.*
- *Anticipating will be up about 15 students in English, and down about 20 students in French. Currently we're at 525 students, which is about right for the size of the school.*

4. School Wide Student Retreat

- We held our Student Retreat on Wednesday, May 1st led by Face to Face Ministries.

- It was a great day made possible by the Catholic Schools Foundation and the CSCC. Thank you for your support.
5. **Computer Lab**
 - Our older desktop lab computers were reconfigured with Google Flex to more or less convert them into fast Chromebooks. They are working very well so far.
 6. **Gr. 4-8 Track & Field Day**
 - We held our annual Gr. 4-8 Track & Field days 2 weeks ago and were blessed with great weather conditions. These were 2 wonderful days where students demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and competed to the best of their abilities.
 7. **Gr. 8 Camping at Kadesh**
 - Our grade 8's just returned from their year end grade 8 camping excursion
 8. **School Wide Living Rosary**
 - Tues., May 28th 9:00am Gym
 9. **CSCC Liaison Meeting**
 - Wed., May 29th 7:00pm Location:TBD *This was changed to the week before.*
 10. **Gr. 6-8 Year End Band Concert**
 - Thurs., May 30th 10:45am
 11. **GSCS Elementary Olympics**
 - Fri., May 31st BJM
 12. **Professional Learning Day**
 - Mon., June 3rd
 13. **GSCS Track & Field Meet**
 - Tues., June 4th @ Gordie Howe
 14. **Tiger Idol Auditions**
 - Thurs., June 6th & Fri., June 7th
 15. **5 Vu Beaver Creek**
 - Thurs., June 6th 8:30am-3:00pm
 16. **K Hitchings to Forestry Farm**
 - Monday, June 10th 8:45am-11:45am
 17. **Year End School Mass w/ Fr. Gerard**
 - Tues., June 11th 9:30am The Cathedral of the Holy Family
 18. **K Hitchings Spray Park**
 - Wed., June 14th 12:30pm-2:00pm
 19. **KA Santos Forestry Farm**
 - Wed., June 12th 1:00pm-3:00pm
 20. **Gr. 8 Farewell**
 - Thurs., June 13th 1:00pm The Cathedral of the Holy Family
 21. **Gr. 4's & 5's Batoche/Beaver Creek Trips**
 - Fri., June 14th
 22. **K Santos Forestry Farm**
 - Fri., June 14th 11:45am-3:00pm
 23. **3 Tine & 3/4 Schell @ Forestry Farm**
 - Friday, June 14th 9:00am-11:30am

24. **CSCC BBQ Hot Dog Student Lunch**
 - Fri., June 14th
 25. **6/7 Hammel & 7 Daignau @ Bowling**
 - Wed., June 19th 12:30pm-3:00pm Eastview Bowl
 26. **3/3 Roberge-Dyck Spray Park**
 - Thurs., June 20th 12:30pm-1:30pm
 27. **National Indigenous Peoples' Day**
 - Fri., June 21st
 28. **1/2 Chandara & 5 Vu Reconciliation Walk**
 - Fri., June 21st Victoria Park 9:30am-2:30pm
 29. **K Hitchings @ Spray Park**
 - Mon., June 24th 12:30pm-2:00pm
 30. **Tiger Idol**
 - Mon., June 24th & Tues., June 25th 12:30pm-3:00pm
 31. **K Santos, K Hitchings, 1 Kent, 1/2 Schmitt, 2/3 Roberge-Dyck Nutrien Playland Trip**
 - Tues., June 25th
 32. **Year End House Team Assembly**
 - Wed., June 26th 12:30pm
 33. **1/2 McIntosh @ Forestry Farm**
 - Thursday, June 27th 8:45am-12:30pm
 34. **Last Day for Students**
 - Thurs., June 27th
 35. **School Wide Swim Trip**
 - Still awaiting a confirmed date. *Should find out very soon and a notification will be sent out to the whole school immediately to start recruiting chaperones.*
 36. **Questions?**
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6. Liaison Reports

- a. **Community Association:** Rachelle attended Earth Day Community Clean Up. Better turn out this year with approximately 10 families or so!
- b. **Preschool:** No representative in attendance. They had their graduation today, so they are done for the year.
- c. **St. Joseph's Highschool:** No representative in attendance. David is currently at their meeting.

7. Old/New Business

- a. **Volunteer for upcoming interim Chair:** David has volunteered for the June meeting. Thank-you, Allyce for chairing again!
- b. **Other:**
 - Koreena asked if we can distribute a welcome package from CSCC to the kindergarten parents, when they begin in the fall.

- Darren suggested that we should probably choose a date for the welcome BBQ. Tentatively plan for Thursday, Sept 26. AGM will be held Sept 16, which will allow some planning time. In the future, will have to have a discussion around changing the format and delivery for “meet the teacher” night.

8. **Next Meeting:** Monday, June 17, 2024 7:00pm

9. **Adjournment:** 7:50 pm