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Minutes of Iona Catholic Secondary School Council Meeting Wednesday, May 19th, 2021.

7:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting - Zoom

Attendance:

Carl Cini, Maria Pallotta, Sharon Kamassah, Mary Dolban, Emidio Santroni, Dana Yamada, Ruby Dominic.

- 1. Opening Prayer
- 2. Welcome and Introductions
- 3. Acknowledgement of S. Hobin, School Trustee's attendance
- 4. Review and Approval of today's agenda
 - All in favour
- 5. Review and Approval of April Minutes
 - All in favour

Trustee Report S. Hobin

Weekly calls with The Minister of Education continue to be held.

Some of the key topics are as follows:

Pop-up covid testing trials were offered to hundreds of schools but has not generated a lot of participation as it isn't mandatory to be tested for those who are asymptomatic.

Ministry consider the numbers in ICU units as reflective of community spread and when students are back in the classroom.

Board is focusing on September with hybrid models being offered to all students, however, to avoid further re-organization, students/parents will have the option to sign up for a full school year rather than opt to switch mid-year.

There is a concern over the shortage of French teachers; French is being offered in-class and virtually.

Treasurer's Report

M. Dolban

1 cheque has yet to be withdrawn for an alumni award.

There is a balance of \$1,735.73

Parish Reports

R. Dominic

SUNDAY COMMUNION SERVICES

Mass continues to be live-streamed every Sunday at 10am and every Wednesday at 7pm preceded by the Rosary.

OAPCE Report

N. Morgado

OAPCE update for May 20, 2021

□ the OAPCE annual provincial conference took place May 14 & 2021. Recordings of the keynote

Presentations are now available: https://www.oapce.org/conference-2021/#

☐ The OAPCE website contains recordings of the webinar series for parents, you can find them at

https://www.oapce.org and clicking on conference 2021/webinars tab

 $\ \square$ The next and final meeting for OAPCE Dufferin Peel representatives will be held on May 26, 2021

☐ The May edition of The Parents 4 Parents Press OAPCE newsletter is now available, you can view it at:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/19piQBD_yydvgp59t_IACpBXbc73cwAD8/view

Chair's Report S. Kamassah

Central Committee for Catholic School Councils (CCCSC)

A member of Council raised the topic of how to enlist more parent participation at council compared to previous years.

Principal Cini will consider sending an information letter out to parents at the feeder schools.

Teachers' Report E. Santroni

Completed Catholic Education week.

Video showcased the success that students had in terms of learning. This followed the theme of 'nurturing hope'.

Mental Health: Students advocating and having a 'voice', students relate to other students;

Relay For Life: original goal was surpassed and resulted in healthy competition amongst the staff - it was a great way to bring people together and raise money for cancer research.

June 9th: Closing Mass in Period 1, Feast Day of Saint Columba.

Virtual Mass to be conducted by Father Scott who will give a special blessing to all graduating students and to those teachers who are moving or are retiring.

Principal's Report C. Cini

LMS will continue, the format has been working

Virtual learning or Cohort C will continue to be available to students in September

40% of the school budget is allocated to technology and software

Goal is to reduce the amount of synchronous learning and have students returns to in-class learning

Returning to 4 quadmesters until all students can return to school full-time;

Students will most likely remain in their classrooms for lunch with a transition to the cafeteria or on a rotation basis;

The school day will be divided into two-150-minute instructional blocks attached to each course:

You Tube Video Channel: Iona CSS. All events, grad video, Christmas concert, dance projects, etc.

May 20th: mid-Quad, for those students in civics and careers, those courses will end.

May 25th: all students will have received their marks. For those students who were at risk of not earning a credit, parents and students will be contacted.

Father Scott will be doing the closing mass and the graduation mass which will be filmed.

The Grad Mass will be available on June 24th.

Friday, June 18th: All CPT's are due, the timelines are tighter so that feedback can be given to the students.

June 24th is the last day of classes.

June 25th, June 28th and June 29th are PD Days.

School materials will be collected over the course of these dates.

The 120-page yearbook created by Mr. Tingle will be available by the end of the year and will be given out to students providing that textbooks, materials have been returned.

Friday, June 25th: The graduation ceremony video will be released on You Tube and will entail a lot of speakers, awards of distinction, etc.

Mr. Santroni commended for his video work.

Monday, June 28th: Plans to invite all graduates and their families to attend in caps and gowns. Awards will also be distributed at that time.

New Business

No Report

Adjournment

The meeting of Iona Catholic Secondary School was adjourned.

Final Meeting for the year.