

IONA CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Minutes of Iona Catholic Secondary School Council Meeting Wednesday, February 24th, 2021.

7:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting - Zoom

Attendance:

Carl Cini, Maria Pallotta, Sharon Kamassah, Mary Dolban, Emidio Santroni, Ruby Dominic, Chris Clarke,

Regrets:

Nelly Morgado

- 1. Opening Prayer
- 2. Welcome and Introductions
- 3. Review and Approval of Meeting Agenda
 - All in favour
- 4. Review and Approval of Draft Minutes of Monday, November 23rd, 2020 Meeting
 - All in favour

Welcomed Guests from Student Council:

Joey Cuzzetto – Prime Minister Student Council

Started Events in December 2020:

Christmas Spirit Week, Pajama Day and Valentine's Day Match-A-Matics Celebration donated by Mr. Cini

Great participation by 230 students

Looking to celebrate International Women's Day for March 8th

Virtual Relay for Life – Mr. Clark and Joey coordinating this

Eli – organizing a Rocket Week Tournament in lieu of sports activities that cannot take place at this time.

Grateful for student council.

Chris Clarke – Staff Liaison for Student Council

Challenging year, although they haven't been able to meet in person, student council is very motivated and are bringing about great ideas.

He emphasized the real need for community involvement.

Example, Grade 9's have not had a chance to get know anyone.

Plans to have an International Women's Day event.

Beginning stages of liaising with Relay for Life – major charitable event.

Student Council Election: Student Trustee Rep (Tyson participating on Iona's behalf)

Treasurer's Report

M. Dolban

November Report, balance \$2035.73

Monies used toward alumni awards and student council letter.

Will discuss awards for this school year at our next meeting.

Parish Reports R. Dominic

Exposition and Adoration of Sacrament takes place from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. maximum of 8 people

Register on EventBrite

Stations of the Cross livestreamed on Friday evenings following Exposition and Adoration of the Sacrament.

Sacrament of Reconciliation- Father Damien is available to hear confessions every Saturday from 4-4:45 p.m. and at other times by appointment. Contact parish office

Mass is livestreamed every Sunday at 10 a.m. and every Wednesday at 7 p.m. preceded by The Rosary at 6;40 p.m.

OAPCE Report N. Morgado

She will forward the Minutes from her meeting.

Chair's Report S. Kamassah

Central Committee for Catholic School Councils (CCCSC)

of parent webinars coming up

Tomorrow: Peel Public Health, Peel Covid 19 update

and

Presentation by Canadian Blood Services, link available in the flyer

March 10th: Movie Night Media Specialists, "media and literacy and faith focus" Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Flyer will be made available.

Teachers' Report E. Santroni

Great initiative for Black History Month Symposium. Speaker series to commemorate values. Great venue to reach more students, teachers can access these resources

Mr. Santroni created google classroom for Black History, create student videos, 'What does Black History mean to you'. Continue the theme of Equity past February.

Ongoing discussions around this important topic.

Other initiatives include audits of books in the library, 'Is it representative' of these core values.

This is a year-round initiative.

March: start series of Justice-SHSM

Look forward to speaker presentations from:

- Fire Fighter
- Nurse from Brampton Civic Hospital

Opening this up to feeder students and grade 7 students and grade 8's who have registered.

This is an opportunity to 'plant the seed' for Grade 7 students.

Principal's Report

C. Cini

Mid-point Quad 3: March 9th

Expect mark update and notices to parents for students at risk on March 17.

Spring Break - moved from March to week of April 12th

Quadmester 3: CPT's will likely be due during Holy Week

Timetables for Quad 4 will be emailed via Board email to students on April 14.

Final Marks: Quad 3 – emailed home April 30th.

The weekly schedule that goes out on Sundays on Twitter and Instagram to notify students about their cohorts and periods has been received positively from students.

Since the return to school and new Covid protocol, noticed that a # of students have moved to Cohort C. @ 50% of population is now online. To some students, this is a detriment, but, for others, it is not.

Quad 4: April 20th.

Due to the large # of students at home, live announcements will be done through Microsoft Teams including the national anthem and prayer. Student feedback has been positive. It gives some sense of normalcy.

Return To School: all students who are coming Cohorts A or B, they are now required to follow the provincial screening process. This is verified by the classroom teachers. Those students who may not have access to resources or who may be non-verbal are provided with additional assistance to complete the questionnaire.

Grade 12 Graduation:

Gowns and Caps are in

Some Cohort A's have received them

Cohort B – will receive in class

Cohort C – pick up at school

Grad Photos: Iona is asking students to take own graduation photo, follow framing of photo/protocol and upload in App.

Yearbook Photo and Grad Baby Photo – write up congratulations

Deadline is March 12th.

Legacy Project: Legacy sweatshirts have been distributed and proceeds from the initiative and fundraising towards charity of choice.

Ceremony:

- Committee created at board level
- Reviewing this collectively at the board level.
- Further details to be shared at a later date.

Grade 9's: Processed order for new hoodies

Equity in the Schools: Discussions and ongoing training for staff around this important topic.

Mental Health: Iona's focus on Wellness

- Meditation Wednesday
- Grade 9 Social Social 9
- Check-ins with students and check-in with Staff, important given the continuous changes

Course Selection: started the process of selecting courses for next year

Important Reminder to students to check board emails daily, Instagram and Twitter. This is an important way for information sharing.

New Business

No Report

Adjournment

The meeting of Iona Catholic Secondary School was adjourned.

Next meeting Date: Wednesday, April 21st, 2021 at 7 p.m.