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Minutes of Iona Catholic Secondary School Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 27th, 2021.

7:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting - Zoom

Attendance:

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

1. Opening Prayer
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Acknowledgement of our School Trustee's attendance
4. Review and Approval of Meeting Agenda for today's date
 - All in favour
5. Review and Approval of Draft Minutes of Monday, November 23rd, 2020 Meeting
 - All in favour

Trustee Report

S. Hobin

Regular Minister of Education calls and meetings are attended.

COVID-19: Following the Christmas break, the numbers in Elementary Schools had unfortunately quadrupled. High priority is given to get these numbers down.

The Secondary School Hybrid Model and Virtual learning has made it easier to accomplish this.

With 77,000 students in Ontario, unfortunately, it does not match the number of devices available to many students. Asynchronous packages are available for elementary students to keep up with schoolwork.

New Information will be come available for the following:

- Public Health will determine which schools will implement Rapid Testing meant to test those that are asymptomatic.
- With the report of the new COVID-19 variants, elementary school children must wear masks outside.
- Some geographic areas do not have internet available to students. It is important to recognize the comparisons between school boards and access to resources.

Further information will be available as it pertains to the Education Budget for 2021.

A special Thank You was extended to all staff for 'doing their very best' during this time.

For any questions or comments, email Sharon at sharon.hobin@dpcdsb.org

Treasurer's Report

M. Dolban

Some monies have been used towards the purchase of Awards.

Parish Reports

R. Dominic

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD IS NOW ONLINE!

Since "in-person" Liturgy of the Word for Children is not permitted during the pandemic, our Children's Ministry is excited to offer Virtual Liturgy of the Word for children and their parents. The pre-recorded sessions will be available on the parish YouTube channel. Feedback is encouraged and appreciated. Go to:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCokoBfidkS QAZ_Buk3g-bhw/featured

SUNDAY MASS ON YOUTUBE



The regular schedule is now in effect for both weekday and Sunday Masses. The Sunday Vigil Mass is also being live streamed on our Parish Youtube Channel on Saturday evenings beginning at 5pm. The link to our parish YouTube channel is:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCokoBfidkS QAZ_Buk3g-bhw?

SUNDAY COMMUNION SERVICES

During the current lockdown, even though public Masses have been cancelled, St. Francis of Assisi Parish is offering multiple Communion Services, for 8 people at a time, on Saturday evenings and Sundays during the times when our Sunday Masses would normally be celebrated (check the parish website for specific times).

Each Communion Service lasts 10 minutes and participants are asked to remain standing for the duration of the Service.

Anyone wishing to participate in a Communion Service must register on-line using Eventbrite by 4pm on the Wednesday before the weekend of the Communion Service you wish to attend.

If anyone is in need of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Fr. Damian is available to hear confessions in the Reconciliation Room every Saturday from 4:00pm to 4:45pm, and at other times by appointment. Mass is also live streamed every Sunday at 10am and every Wednesday at 7pm (preceded by the Rosary at 6:40pm).

OAPCE Report

N. Morgado

The November 21st Annual General Meeting minutes will be made available.

The OAPCE Year-End Report:

- Create a multi-year strategic plan.
- Parent Engagement Manual.
- Parent Survey results: 398 received, 32% represented Dufferin Peel, 65.6% of parents prefer in-person learning. 82.4% expressed that safety protocol was being followed in the schools.
- TVOlearn.com has online resources available to student for JK to Grade 12.
- A webinar series is available for all parents to attend. See <https://myemail.constantcontact.com/RECAP--Upcoming-Webinars-for-Parents.html?soid=1112755941898&aid=eRBetdl9WKQ> for a list of all webinars.

Chair's Report

S. Kamassah

Central Committee for Catholic School Councils (CCCSC)

Highlights:

- Canadian Blood Services Presentation – January 7th, 2021. Grade 10 students from Cardinal Leger also did a presentation on 'Stem Cell Treatment' and the need for more donors.
- Dufferin Peel Equity Presentation as part of Parent Engagement- February 11th, 2021.
- MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) Group have expressed their interest in presenting.

Parent Engagement Groups

Black Advisory Groups comprised of staff and students

Special Education Advisory Committees

Teachers' Report

E. Santroni

Teachers continue to do a mental health check-in regularly with their students and continue to provide support to them by keeping the dialogue open.

Parents need to be aware of this.

The school Chaplain and Mr. Santroni do a daily reflection and prayer in school announcements.

Videos of the school present some degree of normalcy which is important for the students.

Mindful Wednesday's will continue to run.

In conjunction with Ash Wednesday, Nancy from CYW and Mr. Santroni emphasize that the focus of Lent is not necessarily 'about giving something up but rather about giving back'.

Addressing Mental Health. With the aid of a local company theatre, 300 students will be participating via Zoom in a highly participatory style of theatre referred to as a "Mental Health Lightning Form".

Black History Month: Students may be asked to participate by sharing a 30-60 second video presentation on 'what it means to be me' to share their personal journey.

Principal's Report

C. Cini

A schedule has been sent to students and parents regarding the return of textbooks and COVID-19 Pre-screening requirements which include wearing masks.

The organization to pick up Books for Quad 3 will be determined at a later date and pending the return of school on February 11th.

Monday, February 1st is a PA Day.

Tuesday, February 2nd: there are no classes, however, students are required to Log In and retrieve their LMS classes.

Wednesday, February 3rd: Synchronous Classes

As the students enter mid-year, it is important that the students get a head start.

Students are encouraged to check the board emails 2X daily. Timetables will be emailed on Thursday, January 28th.

- Quad 2: Report cards will be sent out on February 12th.
- Quad 3: Mid-Quad 3 marks will be posted on March 9th. Quad ends on April 19th.
- Quad 4: Timetables will be posted on April 15th.

Course Selection: Students can complete this on their Blueprint and are encouraged to complete the course selection with their parent/guardian.

The deadline to do is February 16th.

Ms. Howell and Mr. Orlando are available to assist. Teachers are also a great resource for students.

Grade 8 Registration: There was positive feedback on the Grade 8 Open House Video. It is a great first impression. Special thanks given to Mr. Santroni.

Student Council Update: Iona's Student Council President, Joey Cuzzetto will be attending the next Council meeting and will be presenting on topics such as, Student Mental Health, Black History Events and a Valentine Friend Match-Making initiative.

Return-To-School Protocol: Each student must be COVID-19-Screened before the return to school.

Equity Workshop by Father Tony Rickard of Archangel Roman Catholic Church, New Orleans March 25th 6:30 p.m. to 8p.m. - All are encouraged to attend. The new bulletin is attached.

OSSLT: Grade 10 and 11 students are being prepared to complete the work in anticipation of writing the test.

New Business

No Report

Adjournment

The meeting of Iona Catholic Secondary School was adjourned.

Next meeting Date: Wednesday, February 24th, 2021 at 7 p.m.



IONA CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL QUADMESTER 2 TEXTBOOK RETURN

As we complete Quadmester 2 and begin Quadmester 3, students need to return textbooks, instruments and other learning materials. Peel Public Health has indicated that providing students with the necessary resources is an essential service.

To begin this process, we will be collecting textbooks, instruments and other materials according to the following schedule:

Thursday, January 28	8:30 – 11:00	Grade 9
Thursday, January 28	12:00 – 2:30	Grade 10
Friday, January 29	8:30 – 11:00	Grade 11
Friday, January 29	12:00 – 2:30	Grade 12

All items should be labelled with the student's name and teacher's name (you can use masking tape, a post it or a piece of paper in the inside cover) before returning the item.

Please note that classes for each grade will be asynchronous at these times to allow students to drop off materials.

Expectations for the safe return of Learning Materials:

- Any person coming to the school must complete the self-assessment using the school screening tool and follow the directions outlined in the self-assessment process. Links to the Province's COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening webpage as well as the actual screening tool are provided below:
 - [Link to Provincial Government's COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening Webpage](#)
 - [Link to Provincial Government's COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening Tool](#)
- If the self-assessment directs you to stay home and monitor your health or to get tested for COVID-19, do not come to the school.**
- Materials will be dropped off in the bins set up on tables outside the front doors.
- Everyone must always wear masks and socially distance (6 ft) while on the school campus.
- Social gathering of any kind is not permitted on the school campus.
- Leave the school campus immediately after returning their learning materials.

If students (or their parents) are unable to come to the school during these times, please have your child notify the teachers or, if you have any additional questions or concerns, you may leave a message by phone at 905-823-0136 or by email at IonaCatholicSecondarySchoolInfo@dpcdsb.org.

Further information will be forthcoming regarding the distribution of texts and learning materials for Quadmester 3. If the students return to school by early February (as per the Government's original announcement), then we will distribute textbooks and resources when students (in Cohorts A and B) return to the physical building and we will arrange a separate pick-up for Cohort C. If the return-to-school date is extended, we will share a plan for pick-up of resources for all students.

Webinar:
Thursday March 25, 2021
6:30PM-8:00PM

Parents/Guardians Equity Workshop with Father Tony Ricard

"When the Saints Go Marching In"
**Celebrating the Saints of the African
Diaspora**

Overview:

From the beginning of Time, People of Colour have walked closely with God. From wandering in the desert to celebrating the Eucharist, we have been a part of the People of God since the moment God made a Covenant with Father Abraham. Join Fr. Tony Ricard and his Students from St. Augustine High School in New Orleans as they walk us through the rich History of African and African-American People of Faith!

About the Facilitator:

A Priest for the Archdiocese of New Orleans.
Preached in and visited 20 other countries.
Campus Minister of St. Augustine High School in New Orleans.
Former Core Instructor of Church Doctrine for the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University.
Catholic Chaplain of the NFL's 2010 World Champions - the New Orleans Saints.
Presented at Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board conferences.



To Register:

<http://bit.ly/FatherTonyEquityWorkshop2021>

All Parents and Guardians are Welcome to Attend

**ANY QUESTIONS CAN BE DIRECTED TO
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