

CSPC Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: May 20th, 2021

Time: 7pm – 8:00pm

Location: Zoom Video Meeting

Meeting Attendees:

Joe Panno

Dawn Papadimitriou

Christina Bellissimo

Council Members:

Christina Sachanowicz

Marj Bidger

Jessica Ferrari

Maria Andreopoulos

Kristina Beintner

Monika Boszormenyiova

Kathy Fenech

Diana Morrone

Maria Skinner

Vanessa Thomas

Jenn Pyz

Meeting called by Christina Sachanowicz and Marj Bridger

Item: Opening Prayer - Led by Ms. Papadimitriou

Item: Principal's & Vice Principal's Address

Mr. Panno

Mr. Panno shared that there was a decision made that all TCDSB will have the Pride Flag for in June and more info to come.

There was a question from parents regarding potential job action by teachers but there was no information to share. This concern has come from an article written by the Toronto Star. Once the Board has more info the Director will provide info as well as administration.

Information regarding what September 2021 will look like should be communicated through school messenger at some point next week.

The school has received \$80,000 so that we can receive and install new hand washing stations to replace the old ones.

On May 26th at 6:30pm we will have a Welcome to Kindergarten virtual session for families who have a child entering Kindergarten in September 2021.

Some important upcoming dates: June 4th is PA Day and the last Parent Council Meeting is June 16th. SK grad will be on June 23rd. Grade 8 grad ceremony will be held virtually on June 24th. The last day of school is Tuesday June 29th.

School Calendar for 2021-22 has been released. Some important dates to mention are as follows: The two days that follow Labour Day are PA Days therefore the first day of school will be Thursday Sept 9th 2021. Thanksgiving Day is October 11th; Christmas Break is from December 20-31st; Family Day is on February 21st 2022; March Break is March 14-18 and the last day of school is June 30th. PA Days are scheduled for November 19th 2021, January 14th 2022, February 18th and June 3rd.

Ms Papadimitriou

In December, the school participated in the "Save the Water" Campaign. Students learned about the water crisis in First Nations Communities, particularly the Neskantaga First Nation Community in Northern Ontario. Students sent pictures and letters the Neskantaga community. In February, students sent letters and emails to the Prime Minister and to the Minister of Indigenous Services, Mark Miller. The Prime Minister's office responded with a letter that can be found in our April newsletter. Mrs. Bellissimo and Ms. Selby's FDK class sent a slide show and also received a response from the Prime Minister's office and from the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change.

On April 1st Father Sean led us prayer to prepare for Easter. We thank Mr. Vennare, Mr. Periera and Mrs. Pitoscia for their participation and organization of the liturgy and music. May 26th is next liturgy honouring Mother Mary.

Ms. Gentile's Grade 2 class celebrated Earth Day as they studied water conservation. The grade 5 extended French class learned about being stewards of creation and how they can care for the Earth. Ms. Martino's class watched a live presentation of The Lorax. And Ms. Rosa and Ms. Kennedy's FDK class made Earth Day crowns.

The school celebrated Catholic Ed week in the first week of May where students participated in online liturgies.

The month of May is the Virtue of Compassion and we also honour Mary.

Item: Chair Report

Christia Sachanowicz and Marj Bridger

Change to bylaws will be revisited before the end of August. AGM on September 22nd

Item: Overview of Financials - Led by Jessica Ferrari

Please view the March and April 2021 Statements for more detailed information

Cash position is \$32, 852. \$15, 711 credits to be given at a later date;

Item: BRICKS & SK Grad - Led by Monika Boszormenyiova

All the grade eight students will receive the BRICKS award this year. We will also honour all staff at St. Gregory.

Currently the committee is getting quotes for the purchasing of the awards. Not sure if we should we purchase in bulk or just for the current year.

Maria Skinner: Expressed disappointment that individual BRICKS Awards won't be awarded this year. Students have been working towards this since grade 5. Maria asked the BRICKS Committee in March about the Awards and was told that information was coming soon. Maria suggests that there could of have been an earlier discussion.

The committee determined that every child deserved it due to their demonstration of the BRICKS requirements/values but also perseverance over these last couple of years with online learning. And the committee received feedback that equal access for students to receive recognition for their work and to take part in various volunteer opportunities was impacted by the pandemic.

There will be a plaque that will recognize the grade 8 class as they are all recipients of the BRICKS award.

SK Grad-no gathering. There will be a display for students, and they will receive a package, certificate and graduation caps. More info to come.

Item: Grade 8 Grad - Led by Maria Skinner

Grade 8 grad will be on June 24th at 10:30 am. It will be a virtual graduation, as per the guidelines from TCDSB. The ceremony will still be formal and will include the school awards. There will be a Valedictorian address and a slide show that shows the student as a baby and then as a graduate. There will also be a memory slide show and a goodie bag that will include the student's diploma, any awards, yearbook, and a gift from grad committee. Parent volunteers will deliver packages to students.

Virtual students will be included in both SK and grade 8 grad.

OAPCE Update-Led by JennPyz

Conference was this past weekend. There are some recorded sessions if you are interested on their website. OAPCE Toronto also met about a month ago—de-streaming for grade 9 math will start in September. There will no longer have academic or applied

streaming. The hope is that de-streaming will help students with better opportunities for math choices as they continue their high school career.

Item: AOB

None.

Meeting Closed by Christina Sachanowicz & Marj Bidger