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Approved Catholic School Council Meeting November 4/24

Date: September 30, 2024

Time: 7:00 p.m. to 09:08 p.m.

Location: Robert F Hall CSS

6500 Old Church Rd, Caledon East ON. L7C 2Z2 (Library -Learning Commons)

A. Routine Matters

1. Call to Order and Attendance
 - a) Meeting called to order at 7:00pm
 - b) In attendance: F. Agyemeng, K. Daponte, J. Eldridge, J. Godino, C. Guido, B. Hirsch, I. Lara, S. Malisani, S. Merola, A. Patterson, N. Sandher, J. Salvaggi, V. Seweryrek, M. Oliveria, L. Fodaro, J. Vitale, A. Castellano, F. Littlejohn, D. Speranza, S. Galati, S. Miller-Maggi
 - c) Regrets: M. DeMelo-Glinski
2. Opening Prayer -lead by D. Speranza
3. Land Acknowledgement – read by F. Littlejohn
4. Approval of Agenda-Motioned by A. Patterson, second by J. Eldridge
5. Approval of Catholic School Council Minutes, - Motioned by A. Patterson, Second by C. Guido (Date- May 27, 2024)
 - a. Business Arising from the Minutes add Ida Lara to the attendance
 - b. Add Ida Lara to the Parent engagement Note that this engagement night was the highest parent engagement night
 - c. Adjustment to the Treasurer Report- total engagement event \$1668.88 adjusted to \$582.83

B. Trustee Update – D. Speranza Noted that Trustee would like to attend a council meeting via Zoom in future

C. Standing Items:

1. **Chair Report** – **K. Daponte:** nothing to report
2. **Treasurer Report** – **A. Patterson:** There was \$2717.96 last year. We spent \$500.00 on the parent engagement night to the hospitality department, and then an additional \$82.83 on miscellaneous items for parent engagement night. We also donated \$200.00

to the graduation awards (x2 \$100.00 each) We have approximately \$1935.13 in our account currently, to be verified by the next meeting.

3. **Principal Report – D. Speranza:**

- **Regarding Parent Council meetings;** Virtual options must be available for parents unable to attend meetings in person
- Tonight's meeting date was decided by school council from the previous school year
- Many nomination forms were submitted (12 in total)
- bylaws allow for 15 council members therefore, we do not need to go to school based election process because we have 12 members interested in voting positions
- RFH Council Info Mailbox created – general mailbox specifically for council related information now available through rfhalcscinfo@dpcdsb.org
- items for agenda must now go through council members two weeks prior to the meeting date to allow for community members to view in advance to determine if they would like to attend upcoming meetings (agenda is published two weeks prior to the meeting dates)

- **Regarding School business;** 1595 current enrollment (over projected number)
- Sept 30/24: today begins the process for re-organization
- we are in the position to hire 4 additional teachers = 24 sections 2024-2025
- this will help develop additional programming/options and extra-curricular activities
- we are not a capped school and will continue to register students in our boundaries
- currently have 4 new portables to accommodate the additional student enrollment and will be getting 2 more later
- effective Wed, Oct 2 we will be splitting classes
- a letter will go home with the students effected by the re-organization tomorrow
- priority classes who will be split (1) large 30+ classes and (2) our greater needs classes (locally developed- who require small teacher/pupil ratios)
- departments given the opportunity to use the portables will be departments who do not require additional/or specialized equipment (math/English/social science)
- late bus (Shelburne) is an example of the growing pains at RFH's additional enrollment (with the development in the North)
- there are ideas of another DPCDSB school being built in North Brampton in the future as a possibility

4. **Chaplaincy Report – No Report - not in attendance**

5. **Parish Report -No Report**

D. Information/ Updates:

1. **Central Committee for Catholic School Councils (CCCSC) Report – No Report**
2. **Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) Reports -No Report**

E. Action Items:

1. **Nominations: D. Speranza** read nominations received.
 - all people who have submitted a nomination can have/hold a role and would have a vote, except DPCDSB employees cannot hold the position of chair (J. Salvaggi, I. Lara, S. Merola)
 - Council is comprised of (P) (teacher rep) (VP) (parish rep St. John the Evangelist) Parent members (max number is 15)

Roles of Council for the 2024-2025 school year:

Co-Chair: Karrie Daponte

Co-Chair: Janice Eldridge

Secretary: Cynthia Guido

Treasurer: Andrew Patterson

OAPCE/DRAPCE Rep: Freduah Agyemang

Parish Representatives:

St. John the Evangelist Parish (Caledon): Sabrina Merola

St. Leonard's Parish (Brampton): Andrew Patterson

St. Timothy Parish (Orangeville): Jennifer Salvaggi

Teacher Rep: Melanie Oliveria

Non-Teaching Rep: Laura Fodaro

Student Reps: Sophia Galati/Senna Millar-Maggi

Parent Members:

Rose Adom

Marina DeMelo-Glinski

Joanna Godino

Barb Hirsch

Ida Lara

Hold the night for all Chair's and Co- Chairs Oct 24/24
5:30pm at Cardinal Leger S.S



2. **Student Council Report** – S.Galati and S Miller-Maggi

- Terry Fox event Sept 26/24- had stations throughout the walk -\$2500 was raised. new year was the water station for all walkers/runners to stay hydrated during the event.
- Gr.9 elections (4 new student reps were selected)
- Feast Day: Oct 4- opening school mass/pep rally/Jr. football game/concession sales for lunch
- Pending Approval by Board: CSC partnership request: fundraising ongoing to purchase bleachers
- quote \$65,000/ has not been approved yet
- Pending Approval by Board: Host Christmas Market on December 6th (5-10 pm) to also help with the fundraising of the bleachers
- Local businesses can participate in the market and seeking donations (for silent auction)
- **Action Item:** Asking CSC to help host 2 small fundraising events (potentially through a sub-committee) ex. Terra Cotta cookie- individually wrapped cookies are compliant and do not go against the 10 days allotted per year.
- **Parent Volunteer fundraiser subcommittee formed:** J. Godino, S. Merola, I. Lara and A. Patterson. Will coordinate separate meeting to discuss and source fundraising ideas.

F. **Future Meetings:**

1. **Nov 4, 2024**
2. **Jan 20, 2025**
3. **March 3, 2025**
4. **May 26, 2025**

Adjournment 9:08PM