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# Catholic School Council Meeting Monday May 3, 2021 - Unapproved Minutes

The regular meeting of the St. Martin Secondary Catholic School Council was called to order at 6:33pm. The meeting began with a prayer and welcome to everyone by Roxy Smith. Marta Da Costa was the secretary.

#### In Attendance:

Jason PrattFather AndrijAndrew NahriniakJake C.Roxann SmithMarta Da CostaMaria MaffeiMaria VessioDebbie CabralRenata StsiatskevichBarb FrenchSharon BolgerChenor Jalloh

## **Approval of November Meeting Minutes**

Maria approved Renata seconded

## **Approval of Agenda**

Marta approved Renata seconded

## Student Representative - Chernor Jalloh

- Gift from Student Council
  - All students will be getting a Mustangs mask with messaging on the side
- Photo Challenge
  - o There will be 15 activities all done through IG
  - Of things that students have been up to during the pandemic, such as favourite makeup
  - Asking all students who participate us #MustangCouncil on IG
- Elections
  - Due to schools being closed, elections will be left to next year due to school being closed
  - o Elections will take place in the fall

## **Teachers Report – Andrew Nahirniak**

- Teachers are working behind the scenes to wrap up this year and planning for next year
- Graduation organization going on, working on something for the grads within the health guidelines
- Course selections for next year are due
- Spin room: 20 new bikes came last week, the were placed upstairs in the new spin room
- Upgrades to cooking room are underway
- Getting new projectors for various classrooms
- Academic & University prep classes take place
- Co-op program is still running

## Chaplin Report - Fr. Andrij

- Month of May Catholic Education Week
  - o Understanding and celebrating the privilege of teaching and learning in Ontario
  - Nurturing Hope is the theme
    - Supporting each other in that way
    - Based on the document created by Pope Francis saying we are created by God

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- Wednesday Cardinal Collins celebrated mass at 11:00am, some teachers decided to view mass the next day with their students.
- o You can view the link in the newsletter OLSTA link
- CYW Donna Sommer offering bereavement support during the pandemic
  - We don't know the dynamics at home, with neighbors and what affect the news is having on our community
  - It's left up to the teachers and students to reach out if they need some support.

## Parish Rep Report – Paula Conliffe-Layne

No report

## **OAPCE Report - Erika De Rango**

No report

## **Chair Report - Roxanne Smith**

- Just a friendly reminder for parents to be mindful of what is being posted on our parent councils
   WhatsApp group.
- Roxanne is a member of the Black Community Advisor Council with DPCDSB. If anyone has any
  concerns for yourself or another parent, please bring it forward to Roxanne and she will present
  it at those council meetings
- This is a new group, some of the things they will be working on are:
  - o they are looking at graduation coaching for Black students
  - Head coverings and du-rags, teachers should not be directing students to remove their head coverings
  - Black Student Association within schools
- Anyone with special needs children can reach out to SEAC to get information
  - Looking at having a committee member to attend those meetings

## **CCCCAT Report - Renata Stsiatskevich**

No Report

#### **Principal Report – Jason Pratt**

- Education week preparing the earth
- Next year September will be starting with a Quad-mester
  - Mixing up courses to allow for late arrivals; some students do better in the AM vs PM
  - Rotating the schedule to give all students a chance to succeed.
- Online Safety
  - o Reminder to monitor your children's activities online
  - o Remind students that they shouldn't be sharing codes with other students
- Mental Health Support links, videos, mindset all in the community newsletter that gets sent out
- Safe Arrival system has been implemented this is used with teacher attendee program. Families need to download the school messenger app
- School Generated Funds (SGF) now posted on the school website
- Student survey posted on school website

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## • Plant Update:

- 4 new projectors to retrofit with smartboards
- o Spin Studio in place, to encourage female participation in fitness and health
- Hospitality new fridge and new small appliances for the new baking program
- o Dr. Dish shooting machine for basketballs
- New parking spaces at front for visitors 3 new spots and expanding staff parking
- New paint throughout the first floor

## • Graduation Update

- We are in the planning stages
- Early June
  - All grade 12's to get a grad gown
  - Pickup day TBD
  - Sign waiver to use photo on grad video
  - June 29<sup>th</sup> video
  - Through out June Edge Imaging doing photos
  - June 28<sup>th</sup> at 2pm Grad video released on social media; includes all components of regular grad.
  - Volunteers needed for June 3<sup>rd</sup> (11:30am 2:30pm) and June 29<sup>th</sup> (8am to 4pm) if you can volunteer forward your name to Roxy.
- Congratulations
  - To Roxy for being appointed a member of the Black Community Advisor Council
  - Fr. Andrij for celebrating Ukrainian Easter

#### Motion to adjourn

• Maria M. seconded by Marta

Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm

2020/21 Meeting Schedule: Oct 5, Nov 2, Dec 7, Feb 1, Mar 1, May 3, June 7
Starting at 6:30 p.m.