

St. Francis de Sales Catholic School Council (SFDS-CSC)

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday November 12th, 2019

Attendees: Previn Francis; Sheena Paul; Rachel Hickey; Damien Julien; Jennifer Karagiannis; Ilze Jacko; Shannon White

Regrets: Cathy Haynes; Mary Ellen Douglas; Tracy Johnston; Angela Humphrey; Lacey Mangos;

Agenda Item	Discussion Summary	Actions
Welcome	Meeting called to order @6:35 with Opening prayer by the Chair	N/A
SFDS-CSC Updates	Updates on the status of Chocolate Fundraising, and the Christmas Feast provided by the Chair. A note of appreciation was also offered to Mrs. Jennifer Karagiannis and all the other parents involved in making the Teacher Interview Night Potluck a great success.	Motion to hire a caterer to provide food for the Christmas Feast approved by the Council. Final tally for Chocolate Fundraising to be provided at next meeting.
Report-back on DCPIC Commissioning Mass	Mrs. Rachel Hickey provided Council with an update on the DCPIC Commissioning Mass held on Oct 30 th .	N/A
Parish Update	Damien Julien provided an update to Council on several upcoming St. Francis de Sales Parish activities.	N/A
Principal's Update	Council provided with updates on a number of school initiatives, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Improvement Plan• Bullying Prevention and Intervention• Math Focus (C.U.B.E.), Number Talk, and Math@Home Kits• Pathways to Success – Career interests• Communications to parents via email as well as through the Edsby app.	Further details on specific initiatives will be provided as they are rolled out.
Proposed SFDS-CSC Initiatives for 2019/20	Council members discussed strengthening parent engagement and involvement and implementing a kindergarten yard - as two of the things they would like to try to pursue this year.	There are staff members present during every recess. During lunch time, in addition to the staff members, there are Lunch Time Supervisors hired by the school board to ensure the safety of the students.

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		<p>Regarding the kindergarten yard, Mrs. Paul will discuss further with the Kindergarten teachers, will look into the safety concerns and supervision logistics of re-opening the Kindergarten yard, and will report back to the council.</p> <p>The Chair will also report back to the School Council on potential options for improving communications to the parent community at SFDS-CSC.</p>
Recess Supervision	Council members raised the need for additional recess supervision on the playgrounds, noting in particular that this would be especially beneficial to our youngest students. It was noted that a kindergarten play area would help to alleviate some of the issues observed.	Council members proposed soliciting more recess/lunch volunteers from the parent community, while issues around the feasibility of a kindergarten yard are further explored.
Next Steps	Caterer to be retained for the Christmas Feast	Communication to parents and the setting up of CashOnline payments, will take place shortly.
Adjournment	Motion of adjournment made. Next meeting in January 2020.	N/A