



Michael Power - St. Joseph High School

Catholic Secondary School

CSPC Meeting
Wednesday, October 26, 2022
7:00 pm MPSJ Library

MINUTES

1. **Welcome Prayer of St. Francis for Autism**
 - Anapaula Elliott (Chair) Opening welcomed all attendees and led our opening prayer.
2. **Land Acknowledgment**—Martin Clough (Principal)
3. **Introduction**— Anapaula Elliott (Chair)
 - Declaration of Quorum, Quorum 7 in attendance was confirmed by AnaPaula Elliott
 - Review and Approval of Agenda - agenda was Approved 1st: Diana 2nd: Annette
4. **Approval of Last Meeting Minutes** –Katie Piccininni (Secretary)
 - Review and motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting, approved 1st: Diana 2nd: Vincent
5. **Introduction of Guests** –Anapaula Elliott (Chair) Tonight we are welcoming our Ward 2 Trustee Markus de Domenico
6. **Markus de Domenico** —Delighted to be back— Thank you to everyone for participating in democracy
 - Looking forward to the continued partnership with the Admin and CSPC. Parent engagement at MPSJ is great—and it is so important
 - Here to do a quick Trustee update: Attended MPSJ Open House, enjoyed the evening speaking to so many wonderful parents. Congrats on the success of the Open House. Also went to FNL great victory for MPSJ Director and SO's all attended a very exciting successful evening. AFL meeting our board charity I am the Trustee on their board and we serve almost 1 million meals every month. Also we organize a Golf tournament where we made 50k. 80k of funds went into the Ukrainian newcomer student eg: tickets to attend Marlies game, backpacks, winter clothing foundation—working with the Hayden fund.
 - Process is underway for next month to make an official offer to purchase at Scarlett Heights so stay tuned.
 - OSSLT provincial results are strong for the province. Grade 9/10 numeracy and literacy tutoring to help close gaps for covid. This will be accomplished by Ministry/board funding. GR 9 and benefits GR 10 math class as well

- Guidelines from board is to target students by subject and need, needs will be identified by the teachers/school
- Q: Is Math Café (Club) available at school? This is mentorship by students offering math tutoring. And #2 will this also be extended to Gr. 11 students? A: They (admin) are looking into it.

7. **Safe Schools Presentation**—Nancy Medeiros VP (Safe Schools Committee)

- Liaison for SAST, Admin, Staff and Parents and Students
- Progressive Discipline
- Positive school climate
- Emergency response plan
- Will be drafting the plan for additional input
- Mayeli Macias –volunteered to be the parent on this committee

8. **Chair Report** –Anapaula Elliott (Chair)

- By-laws to be approved, Anapaula Elliott requested a motion 1: Christina 2nd: Judith
- Ratification of the by-laws all approved / 0 opposed
- Friday night lights and open house very successful
- Timing of TTC buses is an issue...Mr. Clough has reached out and is waiting to reach back out again by the end of the week, noted that a morning express route also was not added.
- Traffic safety is a very serious issue around the school, many parents and community members have reached out. Also, students traveling across to the plaza, there may be some landscaping in the future to try to get them to use the lights
- Can we get a crossing guard? Mr. Clough is looking into it. We need more enforcement we no longer have resource officers available to help with traffic at our school
- Q: Can we do another FNL? How can we (CSPC) support it? TCDSB prides itself on being inclusive, why didn't we ticket both games? Could we in the future? Admin: possibly but really it is a lot of logistics. The teachers did an amazing job that evening. School Admin will consider other events... Kids are starved for social interaction and being a part of the high-school community. A lot of suggestions to make it even bigger.
- Parents are always happy to help was conveyed to administration
- Q: Can kids wear spirit hoodies on game days to get the rest of the school excited? Admin: There are a lot of spirit days that the administration is trying to implement they wanted to gauge parent input on these at tonight's meeting.

9. **Motion to launch an events De-brief committee.** Proposed by Katie Seconded by Annette
Approved by all 7 voting members in attendance: Motion Carried

10. **Principal's Report** –Martin Clough (Principal)

- A very busy and exciting month—Father Michael led a Mass at school, also in person honour roll ceremonies resumed as well, academic awards were presented. We had former principal Rosemary Rosetti in attendance which was a nice way to properly send off the former Principal in person.
- Post-Secondary Fair held on 10/12 a lot of colleges and universities had displays at the school—need to make it a bit better there were some issues at this event. Comments from parents were made about some families talking too long, parents with kids from other schools attending, lineups were unfortunately very long, perhaps universities need to send more representatives we can look at making changes to the structure of the Fair in the future. This is usually meant for students in GR11/12
- Grade 9 Orientation Day at Centennial was held on 10/12, students had a pizza lunch and went to the park to have team building/orientation.
- Club Fair also happened on so students could see what was available to them. This was great for all grades.
- Open house was held in person on 10/19 and was a welcome change—about 1800 attendees...very successful. There were separate IB and Extended French presentations.
- FNL...Held on was amazing and was very well attended. It was great to see the students so happy. This week Halloween pumpkin carving led by the student council, and on Halloween all students and staff can dress up in costume. No masks, and make sure appropriate costumes, culturally etc. Hats are ok just not masks. Admin will send out a communication this week. Overall, the participation from students shows that there is a lot of demand. Students are really craving in person engagement. Admin will keep this top of mind when planning the future.
- OSSLT will be a bit differently applied graduation requirement, will happen in fall and spring in school using school computers. They must pass or enrol in a course OLC to meet the ministry requirement. All students are enrolled in the boot camp to help them prepare for this test. This will be communicated to parents through various emails. Fall test dates November 2-December 7th Spring: March 1-April 26th grade 10 will write this test in the spring 2023 A lot of resources to help the students prepare to see and practice each component of the literacy test. Does not affect grade 9.
- Update on athletics. Very happy about what we are offering this fall—The Fall Sports season will be drawing to a conclusion in mid-November. The following sports teams ran during the Fall Season: Golf, Junior/Senior Girls Basketball, Junior Boys Soccer, Girls Field Hockey, Junior/Senior Boys Football, Senior Boys Volleyball, Cross Country. The Winter Sports Season will start up in mid-November.
- Online credits do not apply to students in 2023, others can opt out.
- School Improvement and Equity Plan Mr. Clough gave a presentation on SIEP formerly SLIP. Student Achievement and Instructional Equity
- Human Rights and equity mental health well-being an engagement faith and wellness
- Pathways and transitions Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations in action
- Using various metrics to identify needs of MPSJ in this regard also helps in formulating goals.
- One of the focus this year is the grade 9 de-streaming.
- Instructional Equity to all depts. Develop specific instructional strategies to meet all the differing needs, culturally and socioeconomic, mental health well-being and engagement.
- November 4th school plan submitted and then 2 weeks later it is posted on the school website for parents

11. **Treasurer's Report**—Annette Heim (Treasurer)
 - Annette Heim gave a summary of financial report. We had to return money to the board that they accidentally deposited into our account. Waiting for the SA Fund. Also put together a proposed budget. Note that the Fiscal year runs from June-end of May the following year. Uniform sale raised \$8650. Which was amazing. The council currently has about 15k in the budget for the year.
 - Proposal of funding for student spirit day/event? \$4k per grade to do something for our students to help rebuild their mental health.
 - Q: When do the grants when happen A: End of school year so they are ready for next year.
12. **OAPCE Report**—Vincent Nguyen (OAPCE Rep)
 - Coach Martinez MTC Life did a presentation
 - Reminder about the OAPCE Newsletter –a lot of resources for parents enclosed
 - November 28th is the next meeting which will be the commissioning meeting
13. **Fundraising Report** –Cori Stadler (Fundraising Committee Chair)
 - Chapters Fundraiser cannot happen until January that was previously planned. Looking at other options. Toques not in the current spirit wear offering and perhaps we can consider this as something we can sell. Needs to be investigated. Perhaps we can run a 50:50 where each student is strongly encouraged to participate. Made thousands at another school. Suggestion that this needs to be done via school cash online and via parent community.
 - Parent council to maybe invest in a square machine purchase.
 - A lot of items to consider for fundraising. Maybe consider bringing back the Pub night -will follow up with John MacDonald to seek advice.
 - Suggestion for the Fundraising Committee to meet separately from the main CSPC meeting as there is so much to share and discuss-Fundraising Committee Chair to follow up.
14. **New/Other Business**
 - Digital Agendas vs. hard copy— A parent asked about his child wishing to have a hard copy agenda. Mr. Clough clarified that the agenda is now only digital. A parent suggested for those who wish perhaps purchasing one at the dollar store etc.
 - Parent asks about textbooks also depending on the class some no longer utilize textbooks. Room consensus was that this should probably be expected more often as the world continues to become more digitally inclined.
15. **Concluding Notes**—Anapaula Elliott (Chair)
 - Request for a parent to volunteer to select and read the prayer for our next meeting. Helen Kim has graciously volunteered and will bring for the next meeting.
 - The Guidance Department will be attending our next meeting please bring your questions
16. **Motion to adjourn**—Anapaula Elliott (Chair)
 - Motion to approve 1st Annette 2nd Katie:Motion Carried

NEXT MEETING: November 30th, 2022