



# ST. URSULA CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

## APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 2, 2019 @ 6:30 pm  
in School Library

### ***Call to Order-Welcome-Acknowledgment of First Nations Sacred Territory-Opening Prayer (6:30 PM)***

**Attendees:** Dawn. C, Nadine. E, Miria. B, Patti. R, Simonne. V, Tanya. B, Tina. K, Lucie. D, Jennifer. F, Shirley. C, Rita. D, Wayne. C, Leila. H, Victor. R, Jennifer. W, Horace. W, Nadia. R, Sandra. V

### ***Regrets:***

Council Elections: Votes

Co-Chairs: Miria B, Dawn C

Treasurer: Horace W

Secretary: Jennifer W

Parish Rep: Tanya B

OAPCE: Leila H

Voting members: Sandra V, Nadia R, Nadine E, Patti R, Simonne V, Tina K, Victor R

Teacher and non-teacher rep: Jennifer F, Lucie D

### ***Principal/Vice-Principal's Report (7:29 PM)***

School Organization/Structure

- Our school population is 446
- We have 18 classes
- 29 teaching staff
- Welcome to Ms Cavanagh, who is replacing Ms. Yousif .5 until her return to 1.0 position. She is also here for a .3 vacancy position and Ms. Engson (DECE) who is on a full year LTO assignment in FDK
- 6.5 Educational Resource Workers - Ms. Borges, Ms. Vieira LTO positions replacing permanent staff on leave.
- Seven Students here from Brock University- year one of 2 year teaching program. They will be with us until the new year

Reorganization –

- Minimal reorganization about 30 students.
- Created a 6/7 split. Lost the 2/3 split and 5/6 split

EQAO results 2018-2019

- GRADE 6 2018-2019 school board READING 92 70 WRITING 88 59 MATH 36 35
- GRADE 3 2018-2019 school board READING 79 59 WRITING 55 72 MATH 58 48 2.

- Results went down. School will focus on moving level 2 kids to level 3 to help bridge the gap

#### School Goals:

- St. Ursula's School Action Plan reflects the Ministry Goals: Achieving Excellence, Ensuring Equity Promoting Well -being, and Enhanced Public Confidence. Posted on website
- Catholic Board Plan. Please see School Website.
- School Cash online is the preferred method of payment for Field trips and School Lunches, Fundraising etc.
- Our main forms of communication going forward will be e-mail blasts to the community to reduce waste and costs.

#### Catholicity:

- Virtues Program -monthly assemblies will be taking place. All are welcome to attend
- YFA- Program and activities are already up and running, Food Drive for St. Vincent de Paul September 23 – October 10th
- Empowerment Team - problem solving self-esteem, resiliency, Rosary Apostolate starting Oct. 8th School masses: Opening mass Oct. 22nd 9:45 in the Gym, Advent Mass Dec. 3, 2019, school gym, Easter Mass, April 28, 2020
- End of the year mass, June 9, 2020 at St. Anne's church.
- Sacraments registration closed on October 1st. All registrations, prep classes and retreat day for gr. 7s will take place through the parish.

#### Curriculum

- Curriculum Math Focus - Math Computational Fluency Early Literacy
- Corrective Reading Program
- Technology: As part of our board's technology plan, we are continuing with the Edwin project (Nelson Chromebooks) for Grades 6/7, 7 and 8.
- Implementing Google Classroom in the junior /intermediate divisions to support home school communication along with agendas
- Eco Team Going for Platinum Certification again.

#### Extra-Curricular/Community:

- Open House /BBQ Sept 25th. Excellent turn out. Thank you to the community for their participation and support Cross Country - starting, BW family meet Oct.9th
- Soccer- tournaments took place this week Sept. 30th and Oct. 1. Boys went to finals, shoot out. Game could not be completed due to weather, so still needs to be decided through a shoot out at a later date
- Students represented St. Ursula well through competitive play and their behaviour.
- Junior Volleyball starting now 3.

#### Events

- Picture Day Lifetouch Retakes, November 11th
- Terry Fox September 27th
- Virtues Faith and Orange Day Assembly took place on September 30th, Mme. Bahsous and Mme. Cofini's classes led the school wide assembly

- Up Coming Dates/Events Cross Country BW Family of School Meet Oct. 9th St. Ursula Feast Day, October 21st Opening Mass Oct. 22nd Bullying Awareness Week, November 18-22nd

#### ***Dates to meeting for the year 2019-2020***

- November 6, 2019
- December 4, 2019
- January 15, 2020
- February 12, 2020
- April 1, 2020
- June 3, 2020

#### ***Old Business Updates (7:50 PM)***

#### ***New Business Updates (40 minutes) (8:08 PM)***

- Possible CUPE strike Monday
  - See email for further information.
  - Can also look on the Board website
- School Lunches
  - Trying to add a day for lunch- Friday
  - Sub
  - Just catering
- Apps re communication to parents I.E- Sea Saw, Class dojo,
  - School will try to use Twitter more as it is Board approved
- Teacher appreciation day- Council will give \$200 for coffee and bagels to the staff
- Progrant
  - Will look into seeing if Ministry still support
  - Ideas on how to use money
  - Mindful mike website: <http://mindfulmike.ca/>
  - Teaches kids about mindfulness, peer pressure
  - Price is \$1400 for two-day workshop
- Drumfit- exercise with exercise balls
- Art
  - Possibly a spring drama show
  - Play or musical
  - Rita will talk to the staff

#### ***Reports (5 minutes)***

- Treasurer:
  - No Update
- Fundraising Committee:
  - Looking at a variety of options: Poinsettias, Big box of cards, Chocolates

- Need volunteers to come in and assist with counting money received
- Rita will send out volunteer forms to see if people can commit
- Chocolates- Tina to follow up with Maneesh
- OAPCE
  - No update:
- Parish (Tanya)
  - Beading buds will take place March 9
  - Registration for confirmation is closed however Arlene is still accepting registrations. Please connect directly with her
  - Classes for confirmation are once a month

#### ***Votes***

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***Next Meeting: November 6, 2019*** at 6:30 p.m., Library of St. Ursula

***Agenda items for next meeting***

***Adjournment and closing prayer***