

# Corpus Christi CSS – School Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

6:30 p.m. – 8:00pm



**Location:** Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting  
**Attendees:** Kathleen Moro, Pat Brophy, Trish Nicholls Powell, Denise Garell-Teti, Kristy Dickinson, Emily Runions, Kais Qusous, Lisa Mikitel, Andrija Petresin, Kika Veljkovic, Stephanie Venimore, Natalia Szczepaniak  
**Regrets:** Mya Pellegrini  
**Facilitator:** Trish Nicholls Powell  
**Log Recorder:** Secretary

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| <b>Welcome</b>              |  |
| <b>Prayer</b>               | <p><b>Corpus Christi School Prayer</b><br/>         Heavenly Father, You call us to be the body of Christ to others. May our eyes look upon the world with Your compassion. May our feet hurry to help others and to do good. May our hands reveal Your blessing upon humanity. We ask this through Christ, our Lord, Amen.</p>  |
| <b>Land Acknowledgement</b> | <p>Halton as we know it today is rich in history and modern traditions of many First Nations and the Métis. From the Anishinabe to the Attawandaron, the Haudenosaunee, and the Métis - these lands surrounding the Great Lakes are steeped in Indigenous history. As we gather today on these treaty lands we have the responsibility to honour and respect the four directions, land, waters, plants, animals, ancestors that walked before us, and all the wonderful elements of creation that exist. We would like to acknowledge and thank the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation for sharing their traditional territory with us.</p>   |
| <b>Action Items</b>         |  |
| <b>Discussion Items</b>     | <p><b>Student Council Deputy Prime Minister’s Report – Natalia Szczepaniak</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Halloween activities             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pumpkin carving contest, students dressed up, Instagram costume challenge</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Sporting Activities             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Great turn out at the games, tickets sold out quickly. This Friday, Pink Day, another two home games</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Food Drive             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One item = one ticket. Someone won two tickets to the football game, great incentive for student participation.</li> <li>• Bins were separate by grade to promote competition, Grade 9’s won! A Grade 9 class will be drawn randomly, details on prize being ironed out. Doughnuts?</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Chair Report – Trish Nicholls Powell</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of CSC Bylaws             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two teaching staff, one non-teaching, one community, one parish, two students, and one appointed by council from OAPCE.</li> <li>• Send council the bylaws</li> <li>• OAPCE (Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education) representative (volunteer position) will receive information from Board of Directors at provincial level. Role is a conduit of information from OAPCE to community parents. This rep will also be able to participate in Webinars. Also expected to attend conferences and workshops offered by OAPCE, and attend the AGM. Denise is our representative.</li> <li>• Election of Co-Chair position. Stephanie Venimore has volunteered. And accepted!</li> <li>• Parish Representative remains as Lisa Mikitel</li> <li>• Teaching Staff Member remains as Lisa Mikitel</li> <li>• One Non-Teaching Staff Member – Father Andrija Petresin</li> <li>• Community Representative – Kika Veljkovic</li> <li>• Secretary – remains as Pat Brophy or Mike Silvello (both VPs at Corpus, on alternating basis)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Principal's Report – Kathleen Moro</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly staff mass (See Chaplain’s notes)</li> </ul> |

- Uniform Update – McCarthy’s
  - Mentor Shirt
  - Student Council Hoodie
- Grade 8 Information Night – November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.
  - Video narrated by admin, followed by the opportunity to connect with each Department Head and also a Handout per department
- EQAO
  - Thursday and Friday, digital on Board supplied Chromebooks. Thursday is sample, Friday is Live
- OSSLT
  - Grade 11 and non-graduating Grade 12. Digital version on Board supplied Chromebooks. We have a committee helping to run it. Nov 18, 19 sample, 23, 24, 25 students will write in their classrooms.
- Voted to make contribution for Faith Day food. Memo received shortly thereafter indicating monies could be allocated in this way. Asking now if the same commitment could be made for hospitality instead (redirected, no initial amount was debited). Council approved.
- Call for parents on CCCSS Safe and Caring Schools Committee
  - Kathleen and Anthony Cordeiro (Superintendent of Safe Schools for HCDSB) rewrote Bullying Prevention and Intervention Policy. Presented to and passed by Board of Trustees. This was done in light of the Equity and Inclusivity initiatives.
  - Now working on Progressive Discipline Policy
  - Each School is mandated to have a Safe and Caring Schools Committee. Two students and three teachers have expressed interest, we would like parent involvement as well. Commitment is four meetings (during the day). Suspension data is explored (from OurSCHOOL survey, previously TTFM (Tell Them From Me)). How can we be proactive in creating safe (and safer) spaces?
  - #NoHateInHalton  
[https://twitter.com/hashtag/nohateinhalton?ref\\_src=twsrc%5Egoogle%7Ctwcamp%5Eserp%7Ctwgr%5Ehashtag](https://twitter.com/hashtag/nohateinhalton?ref_src=twsrc%5Egoogle%7Ctwcamp%5Eserp%7Ctwgr%5Ehashtag)
- Evening with Bishop Crosby: November 17

HCCF is looking for sponsorships (which include tickets), Tickets, Silent Auction Items and Door Prizes. You can visit our website for more info or to register - <https://www.hccf.ca/evening-with-bishop-crosby/>. Here are the Sponsorship and Ticket options as a quick reference:  
<https://trellis.org/hccfeveningwithbishopcrosbyvirtualedition/checkout/select?type=ticket>  
 Will be virtual again.

### Chaplain’s Report

- During November we celebrate All Souls
- Every Wednesday, 7:30 am, we will have a mass or liturgy to pray for our community members who have gone before us.
- As we move to the Advent season, intentions will change, but we will continue with weekly Mass or Liturgy.
- Where in the World Wednesdays – promotes diversity and inclusivity
- Equity Walk last year where students identified areas where we could improve.
- ***Be You Love You*** Club
  - Meets Wednesdays after school
  - Involvement with LGBTQ+ community
  - Promotes dignity, equity, and respect. That is our message to the school and something we discuss in these meetings
  - One member of the club delegated at a Board meeting in June regarding the Fly the Flag initiative
  - A safe space, most members are in Grade 9. Some are students from our surrounding public schools who had never stepped into a Catholic space prior to

these meetings.

- Mr. Robinson (supply teacher) attends when he is present

#### Teacher's Report - Lisa Mikitzel

- New St. Paul pastor visit, Fr. Gregory
  - Associate Pastor for St. Paul's
  - Modern, approachable
  - Joined us on Morning Announcements, virtually showed us the church
  - Will be joining us on Wednesday for masses
  - Is eager to work with Corpus Christi's youth

#### New Business (as communicated by the parent community to Trish)

- Football Tickets
  - Feedback from parents: confusion surrounding the need for purchasing tickets. Why the limits on seating?
  - We are given guidelines on how many spectators can be present at a game. Our calculation was set at 500 (300, plus 200 on the rented bleachers)
  - \$2 was to subsidize the porta-potty and security guards. Still \$2500 in the red.
  - \$5 is to further recoup some of the lost funds, and donate some proceeds to Cancer Research.
  - We anticipate still being in the red in term of finances
  - Indoor spectators will be allowed soon. Each player on both home and away teams will be allowed to invite two spectators. Proof of vaccination is currently mandatory for entry to indoor sports for spectators.
- Grad Wear
  - Students have been provisioning their own Grade Wear sweaters. Student designed and purchased separate from school (not McCarthy's). Not an official piece of the uniform and should not be worn as uniform. School will be looking for an option, not a uniform piece, but one that is in line with our school colours (unlike current options). Looking to a company that will provide a financial kickback to the school to be used towards prom. These clothes can be worn on Spirit Days or civvies days.
- Grad Photo quality
  - Shadows on faces, but this was a question of concern for student photos. Kathleen will reach out to Pegasus. Quality on phone different from digital?
  - Can Grad Photos be retaken if you're not happy with the quality? Corpus will follow up
- Spirit Wear
  - Purchasing Spirit Wear gear? Our new graphics design teacher is working with SHSM students on creating new designs that we can put on clothes and other promotional material. We are hopeful that we can get to a place where items can be bought separate from school.

#### New Items as Brought Up at Meeting By Council

- Ms. Venimore – lots of opportunity for Grade 8 and 9 experiences. Are there events for Grade 10's to get them the same experiences? Would like to see any opportunities offered to Grade 9's also offered to Grade 10's.
  - Gratitude BBQ
  - Table Tennis in the atrium
  - Games in the atrium
  - Supervision for movies in the cafeteria was found as well
  - Student Achievement, Anti-Black Racism, Mental Health are the focus of our Academic Council meetings.
  - Police Academics – for Grade 9's, but possible for Grade 10's as well?

