

Corpus Christi CSS – School Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 1, 2022 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 Mikitzel, Andrija Petresin, Kika Veljkovic, Stephanie Venimore, Natalia Szczepaniak
Regrets: Mya Pellegrini
Facilitator: Trish Nicholls Powell
Log Recorder: Secretary

Welcome	
<p>Prayer</p>	<p>Corpus Christi School Prayer The Virtue for the Month of February is love. This means that we endeavor to develop in ourselves the habit of thinking, speaking and acting from an attitude of care and positive regard in all our encounters and circumstances. We become aware of our negative moods, and choose not to act out of them. We choose to set aside the harsh word. We refuse to allow our anger to inhibit our compassion or capacity to forgive. We deliberately search for ways to be helpful to others in our families, in our classrooms, in our social gatherings, and extracurricular events. That an awareness of God’s love will help us to bring an attitude of love to the whole of our existence. That as we launch out on a new school semester we will allow our love of learning, and the love in our community to expand and flourish. We pray to You, Lord. In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen</p>
<p>Land Acknowledgement</p>	<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>
Action Items	
<p>Discussion Items</p>	<p>Student Council Deputy Prime Minister’s Report – Natalia Szczepaniak</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Planning on Black History Month activities (posted on website) ● Candy-Gram Cookies for Valentine’s Day (minimal, as we are making a donation already) ● Student Council, upon hearing feedback from the Grade 12’s concerning lunches, approached admin and made a case for pushing for two lunches. Admin created a report on number of students in spaces at one time, ultimately received approval. <p>Chair Report – Trish Powell & Steph Venimore</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Trish & Steph - PRO-Grant Mental Health Series update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Got together with other school chairs, presentation to the board to receive the grant, and were successful ● Met with Principals of schools and the board, the premise is supporting student’s mental health ● Due to virtual learning, school community feels a disconnect. Wanted to increase a face-to-face connection between all stakeholders in education ● Provide parents with supports and resources surrounding mental health. Parents need a connection to other parents ● 3 Workshops (series). Live event is the plan, in the Spring. Relying on experts from the community ● Yet to determine speakers on Mental Health Theme. Second half of this live event would be with the school support staff (CYC, Social Worker, Chaplain, Guidance Counsellors) at the home school ● This would be rotated through the three schools ● Need school support in learning how to host events in school buildings ● Possible for student council to participate? ● Call out for help with set up (chairs, tech). Student body support for volunteer hours?

- Advertising / Marketing for the events – can't rely on student alone. We have a three pronged approach – Instagram, Twitter, School Messenger. School website as well
- Should also advise feeder schools of the events, would be a good opportunity for future students and their parents to see the building
- Should consider how to handle the questions that arise from the audience. People may be reluctant to ask questions in person. Invite questions in advance read by social worker or a moderator? Perhaps a QR code when participants enter the event inviting questions
- Everyone should leave with tangible tools (pamphlet, package)
- Follow up on action items from last meeting (Nov 2021)
 - No business to report
- Volunteer Hours – CNOY
 - Can be advertised on morning announcements plus our social media accounts.
 - Students can get volunteer hours for set up and tear down of PRO GRANT events, as well as during the event (assisting with technology). Life skills students can assemble the takeaway item(s)

Principal's Report – Kathleen Moro

- Weekly staff mass
 - Wednesdays at 7:30 AM presided over by our Chaplain, Father Andrija
- Uniform Update
 - Will address at next meeting. After speaking with Sita (Human Rights Officer), some language is outdated in our Student Handbook, it has been taken down. Will continue to look at the language and make it more sensitive to the various cultures that make up our local and global communities.
- Exams in second semester
 - No answer yet, other than that there was a survey / stakeholder input on exams in HCDSB. Research department will compile and present, more information to follow.
 - Question around culminating, how students are receiving their grades and feedback considering they don't get them back. In a normal year, there are days devoted to this at the end of the semester (exam and culminating review day). Since covid and quadmester, it has been done on a case by case basis unless the culminating was completed early enough in the quadmester to allow opportunity for discussion before the end of the term.
 - Teachers are using their professional judgement in ways consistent with past practices; integrity of courses is important, difficult to assess how virtual has affected this
- Cafeteria
 - Back and forth with Business Services and Facilities, our contract with Chartwells is ongoing but our servery is not ready to open due to staffing and infrastructure. Can we at least serve packaged food and drinks? Waiting for response
 - Is the servery issue specific to Corpus, or is it board-wide? It is site-based, we have been addressing this since September.
 - Is Chartwells our only option? Yes, it is bid on
- Update on CCCSS Safe and Caring Schools Committee from mtg Nov 2021
 - Bringing CC's school based plan in line with human rights and equity. Also looking at CC specifically and how our own unique community is represented in the plan.

Chaplain's Report

Teacher's Report - Lisa Mikitzel

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Business<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Kika suggesting course on Collaborative Problem Solving (CPS) that is offered for free out of Oak Park Neighbourhood Centre in Oakville – protocol for this?<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Office of Emi Bakaic approval▪ Is their message in accordance with Catholic values?
Next Meeting	Tuesday, April 5, 2022