

Corpus Christi CSS – School Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 5, 2022 6:30 p.m. – 8:00pm



Location: Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

Invited Guests: Kathleen Moro, Pat Brophy, Trish Powell, Denise Garell-Teti, Kristy Dickinson, Emily Runions, Kais Qusous, Lisa Mikitzel, Andrija Petresin, Kika Veljkovic, Stephanie Venimore, Natalia Szczepaniak, Mya Pellegrini; Chris Lambeck (parent guest)

Attendees:

Regrets:

Facilitator: Trish Powell/Steph Venimore

Log Recorder: Secretary

Welcome	
Prayer	5th Week of Lent Prayer: My loving Lord, it's so hard to love the world sometimes and to love it the way Jesus did seems impossible. Help us to be inspired by his love and guided by his example. Most of all, we want to accept that we can't do it alone, and that trying is an arrogance of self-centeredness. We need you, dear God, to give us support in this journey. Show us how to open our hearts so that we can think of others.. Help us be less fearful of the pain and darkness that will be transformed by you into Easter joy.
Land Acknowledgement	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.
Action Items	
Discussion Items	1. Student Council Deputy Prime Minister's Report – Mya and Natalia a. Graduating Student Council voiced that the grad class does not want the lawn signs b. Student Council would like to host a Spring Formal – Input from Sr. Admin forthcoming

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2. Chair Report – Trish Powell & Steph Venimore

(1.) PRO-Grant Mental Health Series update

- 3 speakers, 3 evenings – Corpus May 12th
- Volunteers needed from council members
- donations needed – have letter we can share if people can ask for donations

(2.) Final council meeting (June) – suggest in person mtg with a potluck.

3. Guest Report – Chris Lambeck

Parking lot improvement plan

- Anecdotal observations indicate that the traffic flow has become increasingly more congested throughout COVID and the restrictions that have been in place
- There is a significant amount of idling that is occurring – from a pollution standpoint, this is an issue
- Suggestion made that we should ask the City of Burlington to do a traffic flow study. Need to reach out to our facilities to connect with their city contact. Strongly advised to see expert advice from the city before changing any traffic flow patterns.
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4. Principal's Report – Kathleen Moro

- Uniform Update
 - Meet struck with our HCDSB Human Rights & Equity Officer to examine our Uniform Policy
 - Reviewed Notre Dame's Uniform Policy to seek alignment and best practices
 - Considered gendered uniforms and the equity/inclusivity aspects to this
 - Review and recommendation to revise aspects to the website
 - Discussion regarding religious vs cultural clothing – especially in headdress
 - Seeking to change the tone of our policy focusing on positive instead of negative statements
 - Removing archaic language that is inherently exclusive
- Blue & Yellow Day for Ukraine – March 8

- Link provided for staff/students/community to donate
- Raised \$2500
- Continuing to dialogue with students about this war. A war being waged and witnessed on social media. Sensitive to how students see and process this information and atrocity. Sensitive to those with ties to Ukraine
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- Autism Awareness Day – April 4
 - Smoothy day in the atrium. Learned about autism while enjoying a treat
 - Corpus & HCDSB has been focused and committed to inclusivity—especially with respect to those with a disability. We champion acceptance and a desire to learn and champion others.
- Suicide Awareness Training for staff
 - SW and CYC have been supporting staff regarding more intensive training and understanding of mental health, self harm, and suicide
 - SAFETALK training – focus to get many staff trained and comfortable to be first-responders and caring adults that can direct those in crisis toward experts
- 2SLGTBQ+ Training at staff meetings prior to June
 - HCDSB voted to fly the PRIDE Flag during the month of June
 - Some conversation about installing a second flag pole to fly the Pride Flag
 - Prohibitive cost to install a new flag pole means that the flag will fly below the Canadian flag
 - Suggestion made that a community communication go out to explain why the Pride Flag will fly below the Canadian flag
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- Parent/Teacher Interviews
 - Overwhelming feedback from parent community that they were happy we had returned to in-person PT interviews
 - Corpus tried to increase spacing and used space in atrium
 - The decision to do an in-person PT interview was a collaborative decision made with the whole teaching community
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- Drama Club
 - Drama Club presenting a play “Same Room, Different Story”
 - June 2nd and 3rd @7pm
 - Intermission with beverages
 - Tickets being sold - \$5
 - More information to come
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Paint The Town <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hosting with the City of Burlington ○ Partnership with Halton Police Services ○ Joseph Brant Hospital ○ May 26th – Evening Gallery Viewing @ Corpus of student artwork ○ Approximately 100 will be in attendance ● Graduation update – June 28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Many staff and students are interested in volunteering and the planning team ○ Grad students requested that we do not provide a lawn sign as a memento ● Cafeteria and oven update – any news on replacement part? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Staffing challenges ○ Cannot open until they secure part-time employees ○ Throughout HCDSB, about 50% of the secondary schools have a functioning servery. ○ Special Education Department has been running a weekly “Pop-Up Shop” Selling Pizza and other confectionary goods ○ Question: Where can a parent go to complain about the lack of action solving the problem of 50% operation of food services in secondary cafeterias? ○ Answer: Senior Administration ● OSSLT update – Pat Brophy ● EQAO update – Mike Silvello <p>5. Chaplain’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Father Andrija facilitating class retreats through the Chapel b. Holy Week Masses for each grade happening April 11-13th c. <p>6. Teacher's Report - Lisa Mikitzel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <p>7. Additional New Business</p>
Next Meeting	Tuesday, June 5, 2022