

Mother Teresa Catholic School Community Council (MTCSCC)
Monday, October 17th, 2022 7:00pm – School Library
MINUTES

In Attendance: Mr. Fradette, Koreena Farr, Rachelle Phenix, Jolene Morris, Mehwish Sehgal, Lori Sander, Juanita Theriault, Krista Dennis, Jena Boyko, Crystal Bernier, David Sumner, Michelle Hinz, Danielle Daigneau

Regrets: Mr. Rock, Linnea Spiess, Amanda Day, Crystal Nataraj

1. **Call to Order:** 7:05 pm
2. **Prayer and Introductions:** Mr. Fradette. Introductions by Krista.
3. **Approval of Agenda:**
 - a. **MOTION** to approve agenda: Lori
 - b. **SECONDED** by: Rachelle
4. **Adopt Minutes from June 22, 2022**
 - a. **MOTION** to approve minutes: Lori
 - b. **SECONDED** by: Koreena
5. **Administrators Report:** Mr. Fradette, *with additional notes from meeting*

Principal's Report

1. **CSCC BBQ/Meet the Teacher Night:**
 - Many thanks for the CSCC's hard work in organizing and carrying out this event. It was a wonderful event.
2. **Hope Club/School Assemblies:**
 - We are busy planning out the year with great events and activities with the Hope Club. We are currently in the planning stages for school wide House Team energizer assemblies. We are working with the older students/leaders to get them prepared for taking leadership roles in our school wide energizer assemblies. The first one will be in November. *All the kids are assembled in their House teams for this. Would help to build school culture.*
 - Other activities: liturgies, Socktober, Halloween dance, Remembrance Day colouring contest, Saint scavenger hunt, Rosary Club, Lent activities, poverty meal, Student Retreat, Carnival, etc.
3. **Opening Mass/Thanksgiving Liturgy:**
 - We held our first school wide Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Family led by Fr. Gerard. Fr. Gerard will conduct school visits in November and May, lead one liturgy at the school during Advent and Lent, and lead our grade 8 Farewell/Year End Mass.
4. **Edsby:**
 - We will continue to rely on Edsby for parent communication - River of News and the Edsby school calendar.

- With technology and fairly new implementation, there are “hiccups” once in a while. Please let us know if you are having any challenges or tech glitches. Our division has an Edsby team who can quickly troubleshoot and provide support.
5. **Cross Country:**
- Two weeks ago a number of our students participated in our school division’s annual Cross Country Championship Meet at Diefenbaker Park. Congratulations to all those students who participated, braved the chilly weather and represented our school so well. We had over 50 students participate in Cross Country this year. Thank you to Mrs. Chandara, Mrs. Boyko, and M. Tine who volunteered to coach.
6. **Volleyball:**
- Volleyball season is now well underway with a great turnout of student athletes. The senior boys and girls teams begin after school playdays this Thursday competing against other Catholic schools in our neighbourhood. The dates of those playdays are on the parent Edsby calendar. Junior boys and girls volleyball is also underway. The students practice and play against each other during recesses and noon hours. I would like to thank the coaches for volunteering in this capacity: Ms. Anaka, M. Rock, Mrs. Chandara, Mrs. Boyko, Mme. Salud, and Mme. Brisebois.
7. **School Lockdown Practices:**
- We will be having a School Lockdown Practice w/ SPS on Wed., Nov. 23rd at 10:45am and a Perimeter Lockdown Practice on Wed., Nov. 30th at 2:30pm. *Reminders will be sent out before. Perimeter lockdown doesn’t affect the kids as much, because the threat would be outside the school. Involves assigned staff being placed at the door to prevent students from leaving. They receive feedback from the SPS on their execution of the school lockdown.*
8. **Schools Win Twice Lottery:**
- Oct. 5th-Nov. 17th
 - The Catholic Schools’ Foundation Schools Wins Twice raffle is well underway. Tickets can be purchased online only. Details are posted on the Edsby River of News. Your support for this is greatly appreciated as Ecole St. Mother Teresa School receives half of all ticket money from our school. The other half goes to the Foundation to support Catholic Education initiatives in our schools.
9. **Parent Volunteers & Criminal Record Check:**
- Our division is currently reviewing this process. As it stands right now, any parent or caregiver who is supervising students alone will need a Criminal Record Check (CRC). Any parent volunteers who are under the supervision of a school staff member will not need a CRC. This may change once the review of this process is finalized. *Forms are available at the office to receive the CRC free of charge. Vulnerable Sector Check primarily required for high school, or when camping with students overnight, for example.*
10. **3 Way Conferences/Progress Reports:**
- In person this year.
 - Thurs., Nov. 17th 3 Way Conferences (In person) 3:45pm-7:45pm
 - Fri., Nov. 18th 3 Way Conferences (In person) 8:30am-1:00pm
11. **Patrols Support:**
- “École Saint Mother Teresa Parent Council,

We have now assembled our 2022-23 school Safety Patrol team. Our team requires a year long commitment and responsibility from students. As part of our team the

students perform an important community service. We therefore provide our team members the chance to have a small reward after their shifts and larger ones several times throughout the year. We also require various items to run our team. In past years your committee has generously provided funds for our team. We are asking that your council consider gifting our team \$300 for the 2022-23 school year. Thank you for considering our request. We look forward to your reply.

Your School Safety Patrol team leaders,
Mme Lindsay Mackey & Mme Lorraine Sturgeon”

12. Catholic Schools Foundation Grant

- We have applied for a Catholic Schools Foundation grant for \$1500 and CSF Rosary Grant application for \$300. 20% (\$300 and \$60 for the 2 grants) has to come from another source such as the CSCC. Motion?

13. Questions.

- Sensory Pathways are being created in hallway spaces. For example, alphabet hopscotch for body breaks or while making a trip to the bathroom. The school is looking to acquire the materials, then rent a cricket that makes patterns. This will require several parent volunteers to make the patterns and place them on the floor. Mr. Fradette will update council when more information is available.
- Question Re: Room parent group in Edsby, to allow the room parent to communicate with other families. The concern again is around privacy. Mr. Fradette will follow-up to see where that landed. Previously the office administrator had shared email addresses with the room parent – but it was important to Bcc to avoid sharing email addresses with the whole class. Ultimately the school requires parent permission to share contact information. We were hoping that room parents could share info from the CSCC, such as hot lunches. Perhaps the teachers (or the school) could send out a Google form to collect contact information from parents for CSCC and for room parent communication.

6. Liaison Reports

- a. Community Association:** Amanda Day couldn't make it to the meeting, but there was nothing new to report.
- b. Preschool:** Michelle representing preschool. Well underway and routines are being established. Open to new registrations because class sizes are still quite small. The 3yo class only has 5 students. Currently only 23 students in the whole preschool for all classes. This is quite a drop compared to the past. Will try promoting through the Edsby River. The preschools that have a teacher that has been present at the school for a long time tend to fill. It would be interesting to learn why – is it demographics or Covid? This is a neighbourhood with aging demographics. Offering bilingual (French) preschool might be a draw. Or perhaps do something like an outdoor school. Mr. Fradette contacted the Meewasin to see if could form a partnership. They said in the past they had 6 interpreters that would provide tours through the grasslands, but now they only have 2 interpreters. Perhaps there is an opportunity to share or combine with the Silverspring preschool.

7. New/Other Business

- a. **Schools Win Twice:** Can add to Facebook page, otherwise already discussed.
 - b. **Room parents/Teacher Profiles:** Will continue trying to recruit room parents, and hope to recruit new members.
8. **Next Meeting:** Monday, November 21, 2022 7:00pm
9. **Adjournment:** 7:50pm