



Star of the Sea Catholic School
Care for Everyone in our Common Home
PEC Meeting Minutes No. 7
School Year 2017-2018
February 21, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.

Attendees from PEC:

Nicole Regush	Lauren Datillo
Fr. Glenn Dion	Sinead Hibbert
Anyrt Granados	Shana Rivett
Heather Dagenais	

Regrets:

Austin Uzama
Cam Prout

Annual General Meeting

Meeting called to order: 7:12 pm

1) Opening Prayer Fr. Dion “Come, Holy Spirit”

2) Pastor’s Opening Remarks

- a. Reminder of school’s mission
 - i. “Go forth and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them...and teaching them...”
 - ii. School is extension of parish church
 - iii. School assists parents to help children love God and their faith and to be formed by gospel values
 - iv. Remember respect and reverence for “domestic church” in family setting

3) Parish Announcements - Mario Ylanan

- a. Parish Lenten Retreat
 - i. Saturday, March 3rd, 2018 9:00-5:00
 - ii. How to apply the passion, death, resurrection, and ascension of Christ to our own lives
 - iii. Register at parish (no fee, but lunch and snacks will be provided)
- b. New Evangelization Summit
 - i. Opportunity to hear basic message of kerygma: Jesus loves you, gave His life to save you, and walks beside you
 - ii. April 27th – 28th, Star of the Sea School gymnasium



4) Principal's Report

- a. Technology Initiative
 - i. Collaboration between teachers and technology experts
 - ii. Four years of discernment, research, and investigation
 - iii. Launching a new teaching and learning chapter to better prepare children for their future: Classmate

5) Guest Speaker from Classmate – Jani Mitanski:

- a. Introduction
 - i. Established 2012
 - ii. Working with many other CISVA schools
 - iii. Supporting over 270 teachers
 - iv. Revised curriculum has put emphasis on design, creative thinking, and acquiring skills as needed
 - v. Apply technologies to achieve this
- b. Infrastructure (as outlined in previous minutes)
 - i. Network
 - (a) setup during Spring Break
 - ii. Platform
 - (a) Schools often talk about “being ‘Mac schools’ or ‘Microsoft schools’”
 - (b) In reality, most are ‘Google schools’ as they offer excellent features for learning
 - iii. Devices
 - (a) Work toward 1:1 full class sets
 - (b) Experience at other schools has shown this to be the best way for students to take ownership of work
- b. Providing support for teachers
 - i. Technical support
 - ii. Learning support
 - iii. Team of four consisting of:
 - (a) Strategy and guidance (Jani)
 - (b) Management (eg. network, platform, devices)
 - (c) Tech support
 - (d) Learning support (eg. Professional development and assistance in lesson planning)
- d. Jani will be returning to school for a more comprehensive presentation and Q & A session

6) Chair's Report – Lauren Datillo

- a. Uniforms
 - i. Issues with supply of uniforms from Neat
 - ii. Complaints regarding declining quality, material of athletic uniform, existing uniform colours



- iii. Discussed pants for girls at last AGM
- iv. Cambridge uniform supply has excellent references from parents and schools
- v. Uniforms are manufactured in Canada
- vi. Changes considered: pants for girls, steel blue golf shirt for boys, new tartan for tunics and skorts, crest on sweater rather than undershirt, updated crest
- vii. Additional benefits: elasticized pants for small sizes, adjustable waistbands for pants and skorts, “girl-fit” for shirts and pants
- viii. A 2-year transition period will be included to allow for both uniforms at that time

7) Treasurer’s Report – Anyrt Granados

- a. Budget \$3.6 million
- b. Expenses
 - i. 86% instructional – staff, books, technology
 - ii. 7% administration
 - iii. 7% operations and maintenance

8) Gala Video

- a. Highlights from Gala 2016

9) Parent Participation Program

- a. 114000 hours of contributions
- b. Examples include supervision, hot lunch, gala, hybrid, office/library/teacher support, school and parish assistance, maintenance

10) Re-enrolment

- a. Reminder to pick up re-enrolment packages and tax receipts

11) Outdoor Ed Update

- a. Photos of previous years’ activities
- b. Fundraising
 - i. Option to pay \$400 or participate in hybrid approach
 - ii. Fundraising efforts:
 - (a) Easter chocolate from Purdy’s
 - (b) Spring plants and hanging baskets
 - (c) Pizza in June
 - (d) Freezies in June
 - (e) Donuts in September
 - (f) Uniform accessories (hairbands and toques)



12) Maintenance Report – Shana Rivett

a. Sima systems hired for security system

- i. Surveillance cameras
- ii. Improved technology for doors and windows
- iii. Emergency broadcast system
- iv. \$35 000 raised at Gala specifically to fund the system
- v. Work to commence over spring break

13) Questions

- a. Can blazers be included as part of the new uniform?
 - i. Please contact office or PEC with feedback. It will be considered if there is enough interest.

Important Dates: February 28 New Applicant Meeting
May 6 First Communion
May 31 Confirmation
April 20 Walkathon
June 21 Grade 7 Farewell
September TBD Parish Chicken BBQ
October 20 Gala

Meeting Adjourned: 9:06