

**Agenda: Nicholson Catholic College School Council**

Date and Time: 1 May 2018 1800 hours	Location: Nicholson Catholic College
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Members	Present/Absent
Lisa Gorrell – Principal	<u>Present</u>
Pat Rampp – Vice Principal	<u>Present</u>
Mary Jo Cassidy – Teacher Representative/Secretary	<u>Present</u>
Jo Belanger – Chaplaincy Leader	<u>Present</u>
Maria Tran – Student Representative/head girl	<u>Present</u>
Philip Berthelot – Student Representative/head boy	<u>Present</u>
Heni Mayer – Community Representative	<u>Present</u>
Lori Giacomuzzo – Parent Representative/Committee Chair	<u>Present</u>
Deniece Hunter (parent) – Parent Representative/Treasurer	<u>Absent</u>
Sarah Armstrong – Parent Representative	<u>Present</u>

Agenda Item	Lead
Call to order	Lori
Opening Prayer	Lori
Review and approval of last meeting minutes	Lori/all
Communications	Lori - provide update on last CSCA meeting -teleconference -a lot of talk about fundraising ideas Lori – correspondence received -lots of fundraising ideas Lori - FFL auction -basket prepared by Lori and ready to go, valued at \$120
Treasurer’s Report	Deniece – not present
Administrative Updates	Lisa – uniform policy updates -final pitch needs to be made to families -75% of students say black dress shoes -98% would like any black shoe ie. Birks all year -option to have longer time in summer uniform such as flip day -use synervoice to get final decision from parents in the very near future -short sleeve navy golf shirt has been added -girls will have grey pants available

## Staff highlights

### Staff members

#### Mary Jo

- Donations for Relay for Life auction
- information received re: self-regulation at Autism conference
- Sarah mention Autism Bus that was in the area
- 5 teachers attending Creating Mentally Healthy Classrooms
- Mindful exercise on April 19<sup>th</sup> had about 30 students and was well received
- 4 more classes scheduled for after school in May
- Mental Health and Wellness Challenge
- Community BBQ May 10<sup>th</sup> at lunch with visits from YouthHab, Children's Mental Health

#### Jo

Jamaica Missions- very successful for 23 students  
Socks for Cakes at St. Joseph was very well received  
This will happen at St. Michael in the last week of May  
Catholic Education week will have 11 students attending mass in Kingston on May 8th  
Chaplain's conference week of April 16 – 100 chaplains attended, next conference hosted by Toronto Catholic

Sarah mentioned free advertising from UCB Radio  
-this would be great to advertised special programs and for registration

#### Lisa

Literacy test completed and went well  
Used an alternative day plan to allow students to not feel rushed  
-seemed to work well  
-results in June  
-EQAQ Math will be written in the Learning Commons  
-teachers attending .....

-templates presented to assist with assessing all levels of learning  
-last PA Day topic was Universal Design for Learning – using all types of learning to engage students  
-Collaborative Enquiries: IB teachers using Tech in extended essays, Pilot Classroom expansion, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning regarding using tech to help students understand what they have learned by doing  
-working with Grade 7-8 teachers and our Gr. 9 teachers with English to use their interests to use critical thinking skills to help them understand what they have read  
-staffing and enrolment – current numbers are a bit lower than last year (437) so we are taking registrations from feeder schools and for specialized board programs  
-other students need to meet with Mrs. Gorrell before registering  
Sarah is willing to help us connect with UCB Radio for

	<p>school events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-30% adoption rate for School Cash on Line – staff coordinating activities provide information with info regarding the activities</li> <li>-letter from Mental Health Lead and Superintendent of School Effective re: impending legalization of cannabis gave a copy of Cannabis Talk Kit</li> <li>-hope to be proactive with this</li> <li>-staff will be trained to deal with how to identify and talk about the topic</li> </ul>
<p>Student Council Report</p>	<p>Maria &amp; Philip</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-developing of student council room is happening soon</li> <li>-Maria is having a blood drive on June 4<sup>th</sup> and a bus will transport interested students to venue</li> <li>-purchased new mascot – took a long time to get but finally arrived – has been used but hoping to use for Student Council Electionss</li> <li>-today was gallery walk</li> <li>-Election is on Thursday and mascot will be presented</li> <li>-ballots will be counted on Friday</li> <li>--Student Senate at board office yesterday and a new student trustee will be from Regi</li> <li>- Week of May 28<sup>th</sup> will be spirit week</li> <li>-Relay May 25<sup>th</sup></li> <li>-Food fight competition between 5 schools in the area to raise food for food bank by Student Council – goes by items per student</li> <li>- also doing Spring Showers toiletries drive for Quinte Youth Council for next week</li> <li>-dance last month had about 85 students but everyone had a great time</li> <li>-very expensive to have a school dance in small school environment</li> <li>-perhaps need to look for parent volunteers, playlists from students to help with having dance create some money for student council</li> <li>-also had Jersey Day for Humboldt and Sock day for Down Syndrome</li> <li>-grant received for promoting inclusivity – thinking for t-shirts with last name and homeroom</li> <li>-need to change big frame in front hallway or it might be easier to get one made for the cafeteria where it is easier to change pictures</li> <li>-may be a good idea to have the front foyer one be one that represents NCC from the beginning</li> </ul>
<p>New Business</p>	<p>Lori – ideas for recruiting more parents for next year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-have a parent from council promote joining at parent/teacher conferences</li> <li>-maybe at curriculum night</li> </ul> <p>Lori – discussion of Parent Reaching Out Grant from ideas generated at previous meeting and application completion</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-may have the opportunity to have Funny Money come to the school for a Financial Literacy assembly – this may be free</li> <li>-if they have the funding for next year we will get them for the Fall</li> <li>-may use cannabis talk kit and idea around it to use for parent grant</li> <li>-may have some partnerships with parents from full community, especially feeder schools</li> <li>-Lori will work with Lisa in writing the grant application</li> </ul>
Next Meeting	<p>As per the ALCDSB Administrative procedures for School Councils we have now fulfilled our requirement to hold 4 meetings per year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-will meet once more in June to wrap up the year – Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00</li> </ul>
Adjournment	8:10