

Catholic School Council

Thursday, September 21, 2023

Land Acknowledgement

We are meeting today on the traditional territory of many nations, including the Anishnaabe and Haudenosaunee. St Theresa Catholic Secondary School acknowledges our shared responsibility to respect and honour these lands and the many rich resources found here. As settlers, we are grateful for the chance to meet here and we thank the generations of people who have taken care of this land for thousands of years before today. We recognize the contributions and historic importance of Indigenous peoples and declare that we are committed to build relationships with Indigenous neighbours and friends. This acknowledgment is a first step in our ongoing commitment to reconciliation.

Prayer

O Lord, you mark the journey of life with change. Once again we witness your creation moving from one season to the other. Change is your instrument of growth that brings us to a deeper relationship with you. May your Word be the lantern that guides the roads of change in our lives. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Introductions: Lisa Romano, Principal; Jess Mulhall, Teacher; Trustee Murrell; Gillian Robinson; Dorothy Quick-Macklin; Suzanne White; Kara Enright; Amanda DiMatteo, Student Council; Travis Phillips, Student Council;

Regrets: Sylvie Brown,

Greetings from Trustee Murrell

Student Council updates

- Spirit week coming up with fun activities and theme days
- Fridays in October will have movies in the caf and sell popcorn
- Halloween dance for Gr 78 students as big fundraiser
- Haunted Hall for our students
- All positions were elected back in June except for the gr 9 position which is being voted on next week

Election of executive

- Chair – Dorothy Quick-Macklin
- Secretary – Gillian Robinson
- Treasurer – Suzanne White

CSCA membership

dates for CSCA meetings are:

- October 18, 2023 – 6:30 – 8:00 pm at the Board office (central to east and west jurisdictions)
- November 15, 2023 – 6:30 – 8:00 pm - Virtual
- March 5, 2024 – 6:30 – 8:00 pm - Virtual
- May 21, 2024 – 6:30 – 8:00 pm at the Board office

School Demographics

- 800 students, up from last year
- New 18 -21 LSDC program – for further skill development particularly around employability
- Access to alternate education program at 250 Sidney St
- Access to technology program at SJW campus including Hairstyling & Esthetics, Hospitality, Auto and Construction

- Supports: Guidance, Student Success, Resource, chaplain, Youth worker, Social worker, public health nurse, Addiction counsellor, Attendance counsellor, community police officer, Superintendent, Board supports for curriculum, OYAP coordinator, Indigenous education, faith Special Assignment Teachers

Uniform

- No longer dress code pants
- Some complaints about the new pants so looking at keeping the gray pants as well to provide options for different body types and sizes
- Tights should be worn with kilt but it was noted that this isn't really happening

Communication

- Committed to keeping students and families informed about what's going on
- Social media, weekly emails, school website

Treasurer report

- Current balance of minus \$129
- \$500 coming for Parent Involvement Grant

Next meeting: