

**Agenda: Nicholson Catholic College School Council**

Date and Time: Tuesday 30 April 2019, 1800 hours	Location: Nicholson Catholic College
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Members	Present/Absent
Lisa Gorrell – Principal	Present
Pat Rampf – Vice Principal	Present
Mary Jo Cassidy – Teacher Representative	Present
Jo Belanger – Chaplaincy Leader	Present
Lori Giacomuzzo – Parent Representative/Committee Chair	Present
Henry Mayer – Community Representative	Absent
Dr. Osborne Noronha	Present
Karen Elrafih	Present
Terry Ann Reid	Absent
Tony McGarvey	Present
Anne Marie Barrett	Absent
Michelle Emond	Absent
Agenda Item	<u>Lead</u>
Call to order and welcome	Lori
Opening prayer	Lori
School Council Chair Report CSAC	Catholic School Council Association (CSCA) is a group of Chairpersons, Principals and Vice Principals. Karon Shannon is the Chair. They met last week and discussed SafeTalk. There will be 2 sessions in our local area. Lori provided a SafeTalk handout. One is on Wed, May 15 <sup>th</sup> at St. Theresa from 4:30 to 8:30. Lori is attending
OAPCE	Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) is a voice for parents within the Catholic community. They have a yearly forum, usually in April and the board pays for a few parents to attend. They share information and resources. There is information on their website and you can sign up for their newsletter which is very good. Our previous representative has moved on to a trustee position so they are currently seeking nominations.
Pro Grant	There was a synservice to all parents. Alex Russell will speak on Building Independence and Resiliency in Young People. It is on May 16 <sup>th</sup> at NCC at 6:30pm. There is a companion piece for teachers on the same day at 4:30. There will be child minding by St. Michael students. Feedback on the evening will probably consist of a short questionnaire to be handed in after the presentation. All reporting needs to be done by August 30 <sup>th</sup> although the site is down right now. Mid-term report for expenses can be completed now. NCC Hospitality program is preparing the refreshments. It will be in the Learning Commons and RSVP will be to main office. Parish bulletins would be a great way to advertise the evening.

<p>Parent Discussion</p>          <p>Administrative Updates</p>	<p>There was a discussion regarding the set-up of awards night. It is felt that academic awards go by far too quickly and a large amount of time is spent on sports. It was felt that academics should be placed first and foremost in our school. This year, the Honour Roll student will also be recognized. Some felt that it was important to have both academics and sports together so that students could recognize each others merits regardless of whether is was sports, academics or both. Time is always a factor as the night can become quite long. The school is ultimately responsible for planning Awards Night but parents would like some input.</p> <p>Ministry requires schools to go from a ratio of 22:1 to 28:1 within the next 4 years. School grant structures are being discussed and smaller schools will be affected. Attrition rates won't be enough, and attrition does not affect class size ratio. On May 1<sup>st</sup> decisions will be made on redundant/surplus staff and by May 15<sup>th</sup>, letters will be sent to affected staff.</p> <p>Directors visit went well.</p> <p>EQAO math will be at the end of the semester.</p> <p>Exam timetable: June 18 – final summative assessments start with and extended Period 1 to include Period 1 Exam. June 19,20,21 will be Periods 2,3 and 4.</p>
<p>Staff highlights</p>	<p>Mary Jo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Author Eric Walters is coming to visit Grade 9 and 12 English students</li><li>• MHW received Speak up Grant is well underway. On May 6<sup>th</sup> during Mental Health and Wellness Week, students and staff will choose 4 of 15 different workshops to address their mental health and wellbeing.</li><li>• May 7<sup>th</sup> is the Road Race</li></ul> <p>Jo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Father Whalen and Fr. Russell did confessions for senior students</li><li>• Jo took 6 students to a Development and Peace Workshop</li><li>• April 10<sup>th</sup> was a retreat for students and staff attending next years Jamaica Mission Trip</li><li>• Street Retreat is May 1-3</li><li>• Catholic Education week is May 6-10 with Board mass on May 7 and school mass on May 8</li><li>• Grade 12 Graduation Retreat is May 24</li></ul>
<p>Round Table Discussion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discussion of the Parent Council Graduation Award</li><li>• Bank Balance needed</li></ul>

Student Council Report	Student Council Representatives Not present
Next Meeting	Tuesday 4 June 2019
Adjournment	1812 hours