

# MINUTES

## CSC Meeting St. Theresa's Secondary School

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*Feb 11th, 2020 | Meeting called to order by Carey Smith Dewey*

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### In Attendance

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Carey Smith-Dewey, Graham Stuart, Tracy Munz-Paisley, Kelly McGuire-Smith, Stephanie Foeller, Dany Pelletier, Lisa Sedore, Mikaela Dewey and Sydney Smith  
Regrets: Allie Barratt, Carol Holland, Tina Rae-Sararas, Kathy Parks

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### Prayer Welcome

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C. Smith Dewey - Prayer and special intentions

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### Admin Update

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C. Smith-Dewey

Mental Health Presentations:

- Ducky Mental Health presentation is coming up February 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am for junior students only.
- Seniors were provided mental health education by CMHA through the memorial to John Ogden.

Strike Action:

- Challenging start to the semester as a result of snow days and strike action: Removal of services begins today, including on-call coverage, sports events, etc.
- The board has opted to look at viability of sports events on a week by week basis.
- There will be no faculty coverage for admin roles. Coverage has to be provided by another administrator, which can be challenging to accommodate when teachers aren't able to cover for each other. Cannot blend 2 classes together to accommodate coverage.
- Teachers cannot cover during their prep periods or attend meetings called by admin
- Possibility of another strike day next week.
- Despite the challenges, faculty and admin continue to have the students' best interest in mind at all times.

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## Student Updates

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Mikaela Dewey and Sydney Smith

Student Council Activities prior to Christmas:

- Spirit Week revolved around Christmas: Karaoke in the Caf with a competition between grades, colour day, door decorating contest. Winner received a pizza lunch from the cafeteria, Student/Teacher hockey game – pleased to see lots of people in attendance, Christmas assembly – lots of participation from all grades.
- Students seemed to really love the school band called “Greasy Geese”
- Sydney and Mikaela performed at the assembly doing a dance choreographed by Jenna Gosson.
- Christmas Sharing was coordinated by Anita Bedore who took students on a bus to help distribute their sharing baskets.
- Student Council purposefully slowed down activities through exam time
- Liturgy
- Grade 8 day – toured the school, talked with teachers about course selection, caf offered students lunch which added to the experience of the day as cafeteria staff are always warm and inviting.
- Mr. Stuart shared that there was excellent feedback from the elementary school regarding Gr. 8 Day

Student Council activities planned for this semester:

- Music in the cafeteria and Pink/Red civies day planned for Fri, February 14<sup>th</sup>
- Considering a carnival day for May as a fundraiser for Student Council
- There doesn't seem to be a lot of interest at the secondary level for a school dance, so Student Council is considering hosting a Gr. 6, 7, 8 dance as a way of raising enough money to execute the Spring Carnival.
- Another assembly in the 1<sup>st</sup> week of June followed by an intramural ball hockey tournament.

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## Other Business

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### C. Smith-Dewey

#### Additional Supports:

Shannon Parsons - Social Worker has joined the St. Theresa's team 1 day per week – referrals come through other supports such as Mr. Stuart, Mrs. Smith-Dewey or Maggie Granville

#### Other supports already in place include:

Katie Deacon – mental health nurse

Tom Revell – KAIROS Mental Health and Addictions Services – 1 full day a week.

May be a half time counsellor coming soon.

#### CSC Meeting Minutes:

2019/20 meeting minutes to date, now posted to the STCSS website

#### History of Schools Update:

- Request for information from the board regarding the history of schools is complete and submitted to the board.
- Carey to share at next meeting
- Some discussion at initial History of Schools meeting regarding a visual to accompany the history.
- Carey to confirm expectations – suggested there is a student who may be interested in creating a video

#### ASIST:

- Some spots available through the SHSM and through CMHA
- Carey to check in with Michelle Ogden to confirm CMHA spots and report back to CSC
- If more demand among students than spots available, CSC may sponsor a trainer to provide additional training

#### Graduation:

Scheduled for Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at Maranatha Church. Start time to be confirmed.

#### Account Balance Update:

\$5,415.75 after withdrawal of \$1000 for requested sound equipment

#### Food for Learning:

- Every year St. T's CSC contributes a basket to the auction
- Anita Bedore will also contribute a St. T's basket from the Social Justice committee
- This year's theme decided on by CSC is Family Game night
- Tracy Munz-Paisley offered to shop for the basket
- \$100-150 limit

## Digital Empowerment Speaker – Matt Richardson

- Matt has agreed to speak to the St. T's community
- April 1<sup>st</sup> – two student groups in the AM
- April 7<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm – Parent Session
- Mrs. Smith-Dewey will arrange invites to our sister schools
- Fee is \$750 for the half day
- Matt will provide marketing resources to be pushed out on social media, website and Synervoice

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## Next Meeting

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April 21<sup>st</sup> @ 5:30pm – Room 101

June 2<sup>nd</sup> @5:30pm - Learning Commons

Meeting adjourned – 7:25pm