

# MINUTES

## CSC Meeting St. Theresa's Secondary School

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*Dec. 3rd, 2019 | Meeting called to order by Carey Smith Dewey*

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### In Attendance

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Carey Smith-Dewey, Tracy Munz-Paisley, Kelly McGuire-Smith, Stephanie Foeller, Allie Barrett, Dani Pelletier, Carol Holland, Tina Rae-Sararas,

Regrets: Graham Stuart, Kathy Parks

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### Prayer/Welcome

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C. Smith Dewey - Prayer and special intentions

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### Dinner

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### Informal School Update

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Stephanie Foeller

Speaker Potential – Matt Richardson from the Digital Empowerment Project. 1 session offered for parents and a different session offered for students – looks at positive online imaging, online kindness, protection from predators, etc. Feedback from council members that have seen him speak was very positive. Council agreed, Stephanie to obtain fees from Matt and email council members to confirm booking. Looking at March or April 2020.

C. Smith-Dewey

Senior students will be receiving some mental health awareness prior to the John Ogden Basketball Tournament, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Juniors will be invited to see a former NHL hockey player (with Ducky Brand Presentations) discuss his struggle with mental health and wellness. This presentation happens in February and is already posted to the STCSS online calendar.

Therefore spring is good timing to bring in matt Richardson to build on what the students have learned.

K. McGuireSmith

**SafeTALK** is a half-day training program that teaches participants to recognize and engage persons who might be having thoughts of suicide and to connect them with community resources trained in suicide intervention. ... The 'safe' of **safeTALK** stands for 'suicide alertness for everyone'. Available at student cost of \$40/per student

Motion by Kelly – CSC to fund 20 spots for students from Student Council and Peer Mentoring team to be certified in SafeTALK.

Seconded by Dany Pelletier, All in favour

Suggested training time is 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week of February

Kelly to contact trainer for dates.

C. Smith Dewey

Question from council member regarding labour disputes/disruptions.

Response: ALCDSB is a separate union from HPEDSB. ALCDSB can begin to take Work to Rule action 17 days after a No Board Report is released (indicating no progress in contract negotiations). Currently, no such report has been released.

Bussing may be delayed on days of HPEDSB strike as the bussing system is shared.

Question from council member regarding EQAO preparations.

Response: Preparations are important, however consideration needs to be made for level of student, etc.

Important to have open dialogue with school regarding how supports can be provided in multiple ways.

Parent Teacher Interview Night:

Information sessions offered in 3 areas: D2L, Addictions and Mental Health and Concussion Management.

Not as well attended as hoped, but still some interest. Could consider a carousel approach next time, with information tables that parents can access in the same space as teacher interviews. This would allow parents to manage their time with teachers as well as have individual conversations about the topics being offered.

Gr. 8 parent Night – Thursday De. 5<sup>th</sup>.

Carousel style – the night will start with a brief introduction/gathering in the Great Hall and then parents can disperse to explore tables related to the questions they have. I.e: Sports table, academics, supports, clubs, etc. School tours will be conducted by student leaders. C. Smith-Dewey will conduct a meeting for parents from non-feeder schools in the Learning Commons.

Suggestion to have radio spots and social media posts to advertise. Carey to explore this idea at next Director's meeting.

C. Smith-Dewey

School Improvement Plan (SIPSA)

A very successful first meeting of school community members (faculty, students, staff, parents, etc.) to discuss opportunities for long term improvements. The planning meeting was structured around the 3 pillars Stewardship, Scholarship and Discipleship. Stewardship discussion revolved around the concept of nurturing. Scholarship discussion revolved around relationships and the discipleship conversation related to formation.

Feedback from parent council members is that it was a very valuable experience. Next SIPSAs meeting is scheduled for next Monday, December 16th at 8:30 am to 9:35 am in the Learning Commons.

Grant received from Ministry of Education to support applied level math learners through the use of a Math Coach. The coach is appointed by the ministry.

Umbrella Project and Safe Zone are underway and will be reviewed at future meetings.

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### Next Meeting

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February 11th, 2020 – 5:30pm

Meeting adjourned – 7:20pm