

Attendees: Sammi Khachi, Grace Melo, Bernadette Madill, Ceyda Tocsoy, Karen Ditoro, Lily Gall, Tracy Taylor, Lenie D’Souza, Marcos Tinoco, Benny Lynette Tinoco, Angela McIntyre, Mireille Nantsa

Absent: Rodolfo Rivas, Joanne Jones

Principal - Gino Montanari

Holly Roberts – Teacher representative

Claire Peace – Social Worker – non teaching representative

**Agenda**

1. Opening Prayer – Sammi Khachi
2. Round table – introductions
3. Approval of Agenda – accepted
4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest – None
5. Appointment and Elections – School Council

Chair and Co-Chair – Lily Gall / Karen Ditoro

Secretary – Lee Weare

Parent representatives are the remaining members of COUNCIL – who can participate on various committees and at council meetings and permitted to vote on issues.

Parent representatives:

Parish representative appointed - Lenie D’Souza

Two Sub-Committees

Parent Engagement – Ceyda Tocsoy / Sammi Khachi

Faith development – Lenie D’Souza

6. Congratulations to all – Gino Montanari
7. Meeting dates for school calendar year

Monday Oct 5

Monday Nov 2

Monday Dec 7

Monday Feb 8

Monday April 4

Monday June 6

8. Principals Report – Gino Montanari

- 1100 students at this time and conservative estimate for next year is 1300.  
Grade 9 – 322 / 10 – 313 / 11-279 / 12 - 238
- 74 teachers
- Councils is here for student achievement and school improvement in general.
- Council goal should be - How do we improve **student and community engagement?**
- Principal belief - Every student has a right to learn, belong and be safe
- Staff have to have a growth mindset and that every child can succeed. In addition, promote staff being involved in ongoing professional development to keep abreast of current issues.
- Importance of collaboration amongst the staff
- Catholic School Community
- Updates – Parent Handbook for Care and Love and students must feel this.
- Two new VP's – will also be attending the council meetings
- Council here to work together to help student achieve their potential and sense of belonging
- Several school events – breast cancer fundraiser / grade nine dance / etc.
- Documentary of Jean Vanier being completed from school trip next year. (will be planning a viewing for parents)
- Social media concerns – ensure factual content

Contextual Items – briefing note disseminated (refer to note for details)

- Parent orientation / information night (possible Agenda items)
  - o Need for home support of students
  - o Social media
  - o Computer usage
  - o Information on pathways / course selections
- TTFM - Tell Them from Me – Survey to be sent out to students in the next week, and parent will / can be involved in the survey.

9. Parent handbook – update (Sammi Khachi)

- Angela Jordan took carriage of this project and we need update for November meeting. This has been an ongoing project which needs to be closed off one way or the other.

#### 10. Pro-Grant

- Secured the pro-grant of \$1000.00 for Council to decide how to utilize. Part of our grant application says we will have a guest speaker and have allocated \$500 for that purpose. Will need to decide at November meeting.

#### 11. Goals for this year

- Overall parent engagement
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- Possible events - parent orientation, fall fair, career day - format

#### 12. Council of Chairs Meeting

- Wednesday October 21<sup>st</sup> – 1830 hours at St. Catherine of Alexandria

#### 13. Next meeting – Monday November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1830 hours.

**Note:** Wednesday November 4<sup>th</sup> – Grade 9 – take your kid to work day.