

MILLER CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL (CSCC)

Regular Meeting

MINUTES

Tuesday, October 18th, 2022 - 7:00 pm – North Cafeteria

In attendance:

CSCC – Larry Baumgartner (Chair), Natalie Mollison (Vice-Chair), Dwayne Hibberts (Treasurer), Corrine Rybchuk (Secretary), Erin Raaf (Director), Sheralyn Norton (Director), Lana Orban (Director)

Staff – Liza Donnelly (Principal), Amy Sanville (Vice Principal), Joachim Smadu (Vice Principal), Heather Faris (Teacher Rep), Anica Metz (SRC President)

Parents – Jacelyn Case, Tracey Mitchell

Regrets – Leta Seiferling (Director), Susanna Andrei (Director)

1. Call to Order - 7:04 pm
2. Opening Prayer - read by Amy
3. Welcome, Introductions and Approval of Agenda
 - 3.1 Brief message from Chair.
 - 3.2 Meeting Attendance was taken.
 - 3.3 Approval of Agenda – a motion to approve the Agenda with no amendments was made by Erin. Seconded by Sheralyn. Motion carried.
4. Review Minutes from Previous Meeting (Annual General Meeting September 20, 2022)
 - 4.1 No changes or modifications were noted to the minutes.
 - 4.2 Approval of Minutes - a motion to approve the Minutes with no amendments was made by Sheralyn. Seconded by Erin. Motion carried.
5. School Reports
 - 5.1 SRC Report - Anica Metz
 - The SRC has approximately 20 student representatives and 4 teacher advisors. They are trying to return to pre-Covid activities.
 - Welcome Week occurred in September and included an activity fair showcasing the various clubs at Miller. New clubs this year - Dungeons and Dragons, and Mental Health Matters.
 - Halloween Week this week with lots of teacher involvement. There will be a Haunted House on Oct. 28th. Unwanted candy will be collected by the SRC after Halloween and redistributed.
 - Collecting Cans for Charity – students who volunteer to help leave their Period 5 class 20 minutes early and gather the cans and milk cartons for collection.
 - Miller Winter Formal planning is underway. The evening consists of supper, prepared by Miller's Red Seal Chef Mr. Turcotte, followed by a dance. Miller has not had a dance for the last 3 years.
 - In December the SRC will host the "12 days of Christmas" activities.
 - the SRC will have a Charity Collection to support the Santa stores in the elementary schools.
 - Miller used to have a Student Talent Show but with such a large enrollment it isn't possible to have everyone in the gym. Instead, they will have an Interactive Christmas video.
 - 5.2 Administration report - Liza Donnelly, Amy Sanville, Joachim Smadu
 - We are returning to pre-Covid operations as much as possible given our large enrollment.
 - Opening Mass was held on St. Padre Pio's feast day. Chef Turcotte and the Advanced Baking Class students made 1400 cookies for students and staff.
 - Terry Fox Walk raised \$3000. Miller has been participating in this event for 15 years.
 - First National Day for Truth and Reconciliation was held at Mosaic Stadium with students and staff participating.
 - Academic Awards were held 2 weeks ago and were in-person for the first time in 2 years. During the day there were Grade level meetings to hand out certificates. In the evening there were more Academic Marks awards.

- Catholic Studies held a Blanket Exercise for students.
- Miller has a very large enrollment this year but still has students coming in from the Multicultural Centre.
- Edsby launched in September – 92% of students are using the system, 89% have 1 parent using Edsby which is 40% higher than the previous system. Technology could also prove challenging for some families so we will continue to also use alternative means of communication.
- 2 Fire Drills have happened – one during the day and one after school (for maintenance staff). Will do 1 more Fire Drill before it gets cold.
- Miller had its first Lock Down drill for the year. No issues noted.
- Sept 29th was our first Academic Recovery Day. The next Recovery Day is Oct 27 for students to come work in the library and this work is due on Oct 28. There will be 6 academic recoveries per Semester compared to 3 previously. The increase in frequency is so that work doesn't build up and students get the feedback on the assignment in a timelier way. If there is a student with an issue, they get referred to the Student Support Team.
- Some Fall sports have finished but the rest continue
- The Musical will be held Nov 24 – 27. It will be a performance of Aladdin with over 70 kids involved (on-stage and behind the scenes).
- PTS Conferences will be held Oct 20 with both in-person and virtual meetings.
- Canadian Aptitude Testing (CAT) will occur Oct 25 for all grade 10s.
- Exam room every Thursday – no exam room this week, will do next Thursday
- This month is known as "Socktober" – Miller is encouraging students to donate new or gently used socks to shelters. Miller has drop off bins in Student Services and in Gym B. The goal is to have 1300 socks donated.
- The Crochet Club is considering making toques for those in need. Donated yarn is welcome.
- Liza walked the committee through the Miller CSCC Constitution for 2022-23. This comes from the Guidelines that are set out for CSCCs. This is to ensure that we have an understanding of our Purpose and Guidelines.
- Liza will have the chaplain put in a request for funding for Christmas Hampers

6. Treasurer's Report

- Dwayne noted that there were no changes from the report presented at the AGM.

7. Chair's Report

- Larry had nothing to report.

8. New/outstanding business

- Water Bottle Station – discussed if Miller could have stations placed around the school. Liza noted this issue has been considered, however, the challenge is plumbing. Above the water fountains are fire hoses so there is no room to add water bottle stations. Administration met with facilities, but now filling stations are back ordered.
- Classroom numbers – discussed that for new students it is challenging to find classrooms as they are not in logical order. Administration noted this item for consideration.

9. Remarks/Suggestions

- The CSCC tour of Miller was well received and the committee thanked Heather Faris for leading the tour.
- Possibility of Virtual Meetings – as in the past during Covid, members and parents can attend CSCC meetings virtually if they notify the office.

10. Adjournment

Next Meeting Date - November 22, 2022 (7:00-8:00pm)