

School Council - Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2017

IN ATTENDANCE:

School Council: Rob Sissons (Chair), Gavin Parker (Vice Chair) and Jeanette Davis (Secretary)

Attendees: Sarah Eugene, and Lori De La Fontaine-Clarke

Administration: Karen Schmidt (Vice Principal)

SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

ACTION: Karen to look for school handbook examples from other schools.

ACTION: Jeanette to write summary of “How do we grow?” brainstorming session.

1. REVIEW MINUTES – Rob Sissons

- Review minutes from AGM
- Review minutes from June 2017 minutes with revisions

2. ST. MICHAEL’S SCHOOL UPDATES – Karen Schmidt

- The Library (now called Learning Centre) is open
- Phase 1 of the furniture is finished
- The inside of the school is settling in
- There are some delays to renovations
- We currently don’t have access on the west side of the school
- Piles are in for the elementary exit
- Our one year warranty is over at the end of October
- The greening project is on hold until the modernization project has been completed

3. APPRECIATION FOR ST. MIKE’S TEACHERS & ADMINISTRATION – Jeanette Davis

- School Council presented the teachers with a Janfier Calvez painting as a token of our appreciation for their hard work and efforts during the renovations. During the Rededication Ceremony
- School Council presented a book called “The Story of Canada” to the administration to recognize their dedication to the modernization of the school.

4. ONE YEAR PLAN – Jeanette Davis

- Goals that may be carried over from last year’s One Year Plan:
 - Promoting St. Michaels to grow our school community
 - Increasing parent engagement and the diversity of representation among School Council attendees
 - Providing a toolbox to support their children’s learning goals
 - Developing suggestions for consistent communication between teachers and parents

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5. HOW DO WE GROW? – Brainstorming session led by Gavin Parker

What positive attributes do we have as a school and school community?

- Strong athletics, fine arts and French program
- Faith base values
- Positive school and learning environment
- different cut off times that promote late registrations

How do we promote St. Mikes to those outside the school?

- Advertising in the form of signage, brochures and updated website
- A name change would promote the French Emersion aspect of the school (E.g. Ecole...).
- Promoting the school to key touch points within the community (E.g. doctors, real estate agents etc.)
- Have an elevator speech readily available for those in a position to promote the school
- Enhance our school website to attract new families and teachers
- School brochure
- School handbook (look for examples from other schools).

ACTION: Karen to look for school handbook examples from other schools.

How do we recruit teachers to apply to work at school?

- Student teacher placements
- Actively advertise positions
- Recruitment program for teachers
- Word of mouth advertising
- Parent's network
- Provide out of town teachers with temporary accommodations (E.g. student-teachers).

ACTION: Jeanette to write a summary of "How do we grow?" brainstorming session.

8. NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

- Monday, November 20th @ 7:00 p.m.
- St. Michael's School.
- All are welcome to attend!

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Painting for St. Michael's Teachers

