St. Michael Catholic School Council Virtual Meeting
Monday October 3, 2022
6:30 – 8:00 pm

*“We would like to asknowledge that this is the sacred territory of the Mississaugas of Credit First Nation, and we thank them for being stewards of this land “*

**In Attendance:** Mr.Tantalo, Luca Marra, T.Altieri, T.Vincent, Maria Moran,

Natalia Agostino, Elaina Morrison, Mike Brunetto, Debbie Famele, Heather D’Abrosio, Gabriella, Diane, David Scott

**1) Student Council:** Elaina Morrison (student voice, 5 min) provided updated on student school council, she will be present for upcoming meetings with recent student agenda and school activities and student initiatives

**2) Teacher’s report:**

**Mr.Marra,** planning for independence teacher (10min): we have opportunity for all students, building community, inclusivity for all

* students participated in variety of sports, recently won a Bocce Tournament, getting banner for school; had a volleyball games, doing Special Olympics
* organizing kids for activities in weight room
* serving pizza, pastas, drinks at Sweet Thunder cafe since the first day
* variety of work to integrate students in a community will continue alone with meet-and-greet at school, cooking lunches, we constantly looking for ideas to share success and struggles
* support and help from co-op students who are on hand every single period in classroom and hallway
* Mr.Marra as coach for sports teams in a school has main stream students constantly coming in a room, big part of integration, this kids don’t build the walls but bridges.

**3) Teachers and Faith Report**: T.Vincent(10min), T.Altieri (5min)

- with school year starting we collecting donations for Exchange Caledon

- students will participate in Voting process during upcoming election

- travel to Ottawa, visiting landmarks, monuments, museums – any questions, please speak to Ms.Socoli Socials Science department

- Christmas Virtues

- Library tradition, text support for students, info, and research community related

- Library month, contests, promotions on social media

- Turkey dinner for exchange Caledon, Zehrs donated $40 and turkey, Basic Foods donated $75 in a form of gift-card, hospitality students will make a dinner

- Echo council initiative, clean-up and sort garbage, walk to school, eat your own lunch instead of buying

- Variety of sports: basketball, cross country, volleyball – nice to see so many students participating in sports

- Retreats: in November, goal is to bring students outside of Caledon

- We are able to celebrate Eucharist this year, Father Andrew comes to mass at school

- Student Leadership, Kids Inspire Kids, kids follow after kids

- Leadership Retreat, bring Christ into school room

**4) Principal Report** (10 min)

- Local Trusty Frank Di Cosola after October 24-th leaving for the next new position, the new Trusty coming up after Election

- this month news about strike 99% happening , result may in reduction of cleaning hallways, cafeterias, given notice would be in 5 days, we don’t know the ways, but we will communicate in a best possible ways

- St.Mikes TV – popular content program, prayers, announcements, info, events, performing by student body

- exam this year, weighted percentage – 20% for exam, 10% for CPT

- Dress down/Dress up days – last Tuesday of the month out of uniform

- this October school would have Halloween on last Monday in October – a lot of moments to celebrate this year, but students need to understand what’s appropriate and what is not, and if dressed inappropriate – student goes home to get changed

- November – different shoes, socks, December – actual dress down day in a month of Christmas

\*Question from parent: in term of finance, why not to use track pants for walk on Terry Fox day?

Mr.Tantalo explained: there are students who don’t belong to school, number one priority is security at school, what is why uniform pants for students in the event.

* Postsecondary – coming to classes, do it step by step, Guidance will give a PIN to apply for Universities/ Colleges
* Presentation will be on Google Classroom, parents could take a look as well
* Parent/teacher interview comes along with University/Colleges people, to ask questions
* Lots of scholarship opportunities left unclaimed, ask at the Guidance

\*Question about school initiatives, Maria passed magazine around

Mike – parents need to be involved in the community, to have funds and raise funds volunteers needed

Cathrine Scott suggested: gift baskets wrapped up, sell tickets for nominal to win, revenue split – 50% goes for council, 50% goes to community, she is willing to help on it.

**Election for 2022-2023 School Council**:

1) Chair/Co-Chair Mike/Maria

2) Treasurer - Diane Borelli

3) Parish rep – Mike

4) OAPCE rep – Maria

5) Secretary – Natalia

6)Student rep – Elaina

7) Teacher’s rep – Luca Marra, T.Altieri

8) Parents rep – Debbie, Heather

Dates for upcoming 2022-2023 school council meeting are coming up,

Forms of meeting – Hybrid, link to online meeting on GoogleClassroom are coming up

Question & unswers

Adjournments