

GEORGES VANIER SCHOOL
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY CULTURE AND CARING ACTION TEAM MEETING
[CCCCAT]

Tuesday, November 22nd, 2022 @ 3:45pm
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Attendees: Marta Baltazar (Teacher), Daniel Birkenbergs (Principal), Stef Iannizzi (Teacher), Andrew Laporte (Teacher), Nadia Pizzani (Teacher), Samanta Parsaud (Peel Public Health Nurse), Sandra Salvino (CSC Chair)

Regrets: Kelly-Ann Barrett (CYW), Robert Simunec (Teacher)

1. Welcome & Introductions

- Daniel Birkenbergs welcomed team and began with a prayer and land acknowledgement
- Daniel invited round table introductions and welcomed all participants to the team
- Daniel thanked individuals for their active participation throughout the meeting

2. Purpose of Committee and Committee Objectives

- Daniel Birkenbergs set context for committee; required under Safe Schools legislation
- Team to meet 3 times over the course of the school year
- Catholic values and faith at centre of committee; team to focus on safety, security, care and well-being of students
- Committee to determine areas of focus and discuss initiatives and action plans to address identified needs
- Committee to function as advisory to school administration; whole-school, solution-focused approach to identified needs

3. Safe Schools Review / CCCC Climate Survey / Bullying Prevention & Awareness Initiatives

- For context Daniel briefly reviewed the context for the school in terms of what initiatives are in place and how the school will enhance the school plan moving forward
- Briefly referenced CCCCCAT data and how that is used to inform next steps

4. Goal Setting

- Team asked to consider 3 areas of focus for 2022-2023 school year to improve the sense of community and belonging at Georges Vanier School
- Based on discussion and initiatives from previous years, 3 areas of focus emerged as priority for the team
 - i. Faith Focus: Plan an in-school half-day retreat during Lent for all grades across the school focused on our Faith, the theme of Catholic Education Week: We Are Many, We Are One and the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations (OCSGE)
 - Sub-committee to be formed within the school to plan for event in February 2023

- ii. Community & Belonging Focus: Explore opportunities to enhance students' feelings of a welcoming and caring community at Georges Vanier School
 - Many initiatives already occurring within the school in this regard (e.g., Anti-Bullying lesson from ROP, Anti-Bullying Week initiatives, Virtues/OCSGE assemblies, BRAVE workshops)
 - School will continue to capitalize on various opportunities to build community and prevent bullying through various activities throughout the school year
 - Review results from biannual Climate Survey pending spring 2022 results
 - Increased focus on equity across the school and working towards identifying dismantling barriers for students
 - Monthly focus to support anti-bullying practices school-wide and to engage students in ways to decrease bullying incidents within the school and the community
 - Seek ways to support restorative justice practices and to establish and promote positive relationships amongst students (e.g., "Tell Me Something Good" initiative)
- iii. Health & Wellness Focus: Student Mental & Physical Health
 - Involves continuation of programs such as PALS and school-wide "Play Day"
 - Seek opportunities to re-engage students about Healthy & Active Lifestyle (e.g., physical activity, healthy eating) possibly through a modified 5-2-1-0 initiative (www.5210.ca)
 - Seek ways to support personal resiliency amongst students to support strengthening student mental health
 - Further investigation into these initiatives needed with potential launch later in the school year

5. Open Discussion

- No items

Next Meeting

- *February 2023 (exact date/time TBA)*