

**Parent Council Meeting – EGSS**  
**Tuesday, January 17, 2022, 7pm - Zoom**

**Present**

*Executives:* Audra Brown, Maggie McKerracher, Mindy Pumphery, Hyunjoo Wagner, Deanna Whiting, Jenny Yemen Barrett

*Admin:* Jacealyn Hempel

*Trustees:* Andrew Gustafson

*Additional Guests:* Chris Sciberras and 14 parents/guardians attended

Meeting begins at 7:00pm

- Call to order – Deanna
  - Prayer
  - Treaty Acknowledgement
- Guest Speaker Chris Sciberras
  - Presentation on Walking through Anxiety and increasing the window of tolerance
  - Slides from the presentation will be sent to parents by Parent Council weekly email
  - Chris's email will be provided as well so parents can connect with him at any time
- Upcoming Events - Mindy
  - Movie night is on January 20<sup>th</sup> – volunteers are still needed
  - Papa John's Pizza night is January 19<sup>th</sup> this month and occurs on the third Thursday of each month
- Board Highlights – Andrew
  - The board is pleased to see staff proactive in participating in mental health programs offered
  - Board highlights from the January meeting can be found here:  
<https://www.smores.com/x7gh5-ctr-catholic-board-highlights>
- GRACE Update – Andrew
  - GRACE is meeting at the end of January so will have a better update in February
- 2023/2024 Calendar Feedback
  - The draft calendar for the year has been provided
  - Key highlights included:
    - No staggered entry
      - Mixed feelings among parents on this
      - Andrew stressed that these are decisions made among 17 schools within the board and at all different age levels
    - School will start after the September long weekend because Truth and Reconciliation Day as well as Remembrance Day fall on weekends this year

- The Tuesdays following Thanksgiving Monday will be a day off of school again
  - Questions about an additional week off at Easter
    - This is not currently on the draft, and it is possible if it's something parents wish to push for, however there would need to be adjustments such as longer school days to accommodate
- Administration Update – Jacealyn
  - Voyageur Day was this week and the kids loved it
  - Faith week is next week
  - Numeracy day with board members is coming up
  - Kindergarten info night is next week
  - Pre-K will be starting at the school next year
  - The grade 6's and K's will have mass this month
- Closing Prayer
- Meeting Concludes at 8:15pm

Next Parent Council Meeting will be at 7pm on Tuesday, February 28th, 2023 in the school library