



Minutes

Ascension of Our Lord Catholic School Council Meeting

February 28, 2019

7:00 pm

We would like to acknowledge that we are on sacred Indigenous territory and thank the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation for being stewards of this land.

Present	Irene Lockery, Thomas Thomas, , Michael Freitas, Sophia Maloney, Camar Cameron, Denise Vella	
Regrets	Angie Khan, Colleen Babcock	
Time	Item	
6:30 pm	Welcome, opening prayer and introductions	K. Richardson
	Old business and approval of meeting from last meeting	I. Lockrey C. Cameron
	Student council report Kylie met with the Student Council Prime Minister. The students would like to do a fundraiser during Semester Two. They are also advocating to have basketball nets (without poles) outside. The PM also shared that students report that the climate in the school is getting better each year. Students have also indicated that the teachers here really care and that our school has a good reputation among Peel students.	K. Richardson for PM
	Teaching rep report Drama Club sends their thanks to parents for their help after their play on Tuesday. Leadership Class decided to “pay it forward” on Valentine’s Day. Grade 10 & 11 English classes wrote about “Turning Points” for an Essay Competition. We have had success in the past with this. Library-request for students to complete Climate Survey and parents to complete the Climate survey for parents. GLE students attended a Career Fair on Wednesday. Prior to this, a barber came in to give the students a nice hair cut. Business students won the Junior Achievement Stock Market competition—first place in the country!	D. Vella
	Non-Teaching Rep Report Secretaries took their CUPE days. Cash Online is growing at Ascension with thanks to our secretaries.	K. Richardson for C. Babcock
	Principal's report Detailed review of the School Budget (Inflows & Outflows reviewed including the school-generated fund surplus. Review of Pro-Grant applications submitted: We Float, We Swim, We Live , \$12,000 requested for swimming lessons. Phys.Ed. Equipment Grant , \$15,000 requested for “Girls Only” Fitness Staffing Spreadsheet has been released. Some Ministry cutbacks on the Student Success Initiative sections. Current projected enrollment at 795 and therefore a reduction of 2 teachers. New teacher was hired after a teacher left as a Vice Principal. Another teacher hired in music. Parent-Teacher night	K. Richardson
	Reports from reps: 1) CCCSC –2) Family of schools 3) Coalition of secondary school councils 4) OAPCE 5) Community	

	Treasurer's report \$1327.93 Bank Balance (not including the PRO Grant) No spending to report at this time	I. Lockrey
	Chair's report Regrets sent for February; Attended in January (recognition of the retirement of S. Steer; Survey Results were presented on diversity in Peel—still a disconnect between students and curriculum; trips out of the country must be approved by the Board)	C. Cameron
	PRO Grant application for 2018-2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved for \$1000.00 to be used before May 30th, 2019 The PRO Grant will be used for a Parent Engagement evening on Human Trafficking. Refreshments will be prepared and Ascension students will provide childcare during the presentation to parents. In lieu of paying the students, they can earn funding toward Grad/Prom/Science trip Kylie & Melissa to coordinate childcare since teachers will be conducting Parent-Teacher interviews. Presentation will be from 7:00-8:00 p.m. following Parent-Teacher Interviews 5:30-7:00 p.m. Community Partners will also be invited to share information with parents.	K. Richardson
	AOB This year we are celebrating 50 years of Dufferin-Peel Conference April 13 th at St. Joseph's (Marketplace) French Immersion beginning – September 2019 @ Pocock Survey will be coming out to request interest in French Immersion programming in Malton	T. Thomas
	Adjournment and closing prayer	
	Future meeting dates: Thursday, April 11 @ 6:30 p.m. & Thursday, June 6 @ 6:30 p.m.	

A Welcoming Prayer

Our schools need the support of all parents. Each has his or her unique contribution to make; some special quality that can help build a community that really cares for children. Let us pray that all parents will experience a sense of warmth and welcome, and that there will be a rich sharing of ideas, talents and enthusiasm as together we go about our work of helping our children to grow and learn. Jesus, you are with us now. Help us recognize Your presence in each other. May friendship flourish here. Fill us with a deep sense of peace. Inspire us to listen with attention and patience to each other, to share with courage and generosity, and to welcome the ideas of all. May this meeting of ours strengthen our friendships, build our communities and increase our confidence in ourselves and our schools. Amen

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father, As we come to the end of meeting we thank you for what has been accomplished today. May the matters discussed serve as a catalyst to move us forward and cause us to advance and see growth in all areas of our lives. May we leave here recognizing You are the God of all wisdom and You are willing to lead us forward. This we pray in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen