

St. Teresa of Avila Catholic School Parent Council Meeting

**Meeting date:** November 22, 2023

**Location:** St. Teresa of Avila Catholic School Library

**Start time:** 6:00 pm

**Attendees-** Cristina Roda- Principal, Stacey McLeod- Treasurer and Fundraising rep, Linda Marcuzzi- Vice-Principal, Jennifer Ballard-Teacher rep, Bobbi Wilson-Secretary, Gillian Elango- Parish Rep, Lisa Pimentel-Fagundes-Teacher rep, Claudia Coniglio- Non-teaching rep, I. Lotesto- teaching rep, Ola Salvador- parent rep, Michelle Thompson-Chair

**Absent-** Brea Corbett- Trustee, Ken Jim- parent at large, Brenda Morales-OAPCE rep, Tara Chapel- parent rep, Nina Graham- Fundraising rep

**Introductions**—Welcome

**Opening Prayer-Faith**

Let us pray for the grace and strength to be people of faith. People who can truly believe that God’s plan for our children includes the right to be safe at school.

**Land Acknowledgement**

We would like to acknowledge we are on the sacred ground of the indigenous territory and thank the Mississauga’s of the First Credit Nation for being stewards of this land.

**Review of the previous minutes-** Unanimously approved.

**Chair report** –No report

- Kindergartens would like extra puzzles and games- \$250 x 3 classrooms.

**Parish Report-** No report

**Treasurer report-** The balance is sitting at approximately \$14,000.

St. Teresa of Avila  
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School Council

Trial Balance (Category Date Range)  
Sort by Category Name

Report #9

9/1/2023..... 11/22/2023  
Date ... Range  
2023-2024

Categories		Balance Forward	Expenses	Revenues	Balance
Bank Service Charges	7030		\$15.15	\$3.90	(11.25)
Grant - Parent Involvement	7317			\$500.00	500.00
Pizza Days	7205		\$5,955.30	\$13,698.70	7,743.40
School Council General	7000	\$12,787.59	\$6,546.55		6,241.04
	Total	\$12,787.59	\$12,517.00	\$14,202.60	\$14,473.19

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The 5-day lunch options are doing well, and the fact that there is pizza available for purchase in the moment is proving to be very helpful.

There is a request for council funds to support:

- \$500 for mental health resources
- \$750 for kindergarten resources
- \$350 for cookie decorating supplies planned for December 19th

Requested items were discussed and voted to support these requests.

**Voluntary fundraising-** Ongoing paid lunch options contribute to the council funds available to support school enhancement.

### **Principal's report-**

#### ***Catholic Faith Life***

- St. John of the Cross-Sacraments – All information with regards to sacraments will be communicated through the church, school newsletter, and school email.
- Daily morning prayers are held at 8:35am each morning.
- Staff liturgies held monthly through Adult Faith Ambassadors
- Monthly Virtue assemblies- each grade/division asked to sign-up.
- Monthly in-person visits from the Rosary Apostolate (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month)
- ShareLife donations underway- staff luncheons serve to support, as well as school initiatives.
- The Pastoral Plan has been completed and posted to the school website.

#### ***Assessment For, As and of Learning***

- Friday, November 24- PD Day- Provincial Priorities (agenda has been shared)
- Increased focus in literacy and math
- Purchase of Literacy supplementary materials- UFLI program to support early literacy

#### ***General Updates***

- Grade 7 & 8 Immunization Clinic will take place on Wednesday, November 29, 2023- grade 7 & 8's
- Intermediate Boys Volleyball POD Tournament- held here on Monday, November 20, 2023
- Flag football- came in second. Very close game against St. Bernard of Clairvaux
- Tech Club- up and running- grades 4-6 & Hackergirl

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- Wellness Warriors- Grades 7 & 8- taking Sara Westbrooke's message to support the club's initiatives.
- Bullying Awareness Week- Theme week is a success!
- DPA Committee- through the Peel Health Nurse
- PALS- up and running with the CYW and teacher support.
- Board game club for primary students
- Lunch options are popular- students have been taking advantage of all food options- pizza remains the most successful.
- Sara Westbrook came to the school On November 16, 2023- very positive and inspirational presentation centering around emotional regulation and wellness. Thank you for your support in purchasing supplementary materials.
- Social Justice Club- November's focus was around Nigerian Excellence- books purchased, music played, materials provided to teachers. December will be Christmas around the World
- Eco is a shared effort- all classes are participating.
- Breakfast club is alive and well! Staff and community volunteers support daily with cooking, cleaning and entertainment.

### ***Instructional:***

- Math and Literacy remain a focus in all we do here at school.
- The Special Education team remains consistent support for the school in areas of literacy and mathematics.
- CSILC being developed in conjunction with the Catholic School Learning Team. Once finalized, it will be posted on the website.

### ***Upcoming:***

- Advent Mass- Monday, December 4
- Santa Pictures- Tuesday, December 5
- Cookie Decoration- Tuesday, December 19
- Kindergarten Christmas Concert-Wednesday, December 20
- Christmas Concert- Thursday December 21
- Last day of Classes before Christmas- Friday, December 22

### **Teacher report-**

Back to the basics focus on literacy strategies such as decoding. Resources have been provided to support the new curriculum. Primary grades resources purchased by the school. Science of reading. Empowers reading through singing songs and is also used by Sick Kids hospital.

- Chess and basketball starting in January
- Jr boys and girls soccer starts next week
- Girls volleyball starts next week

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- Choir started in September and will be part of the Advent mass

**Meeting ended:** 6:45 pm

**Next meeting dates:** 6 pm at the library- Next meeting January 24, 2025, March 27, 2025, May 22, 2025.