

St. Teresa of Avila Catholic School Parent Council Meeting

Meeting date: October 25, 2023

Location: St. Teresa of Avila Catholic School Library

Start time: 6:00 pm

Attendees- Cristina Roda- Principal, Stacey McLeod- Treasurer and Fundraising rep, Jennifer Ballard-Teacher rep, Bobbi Wilson-Secretary, Ken Jim- parent at large, Nina Graham- Fundraising rep, Gillian Elango- Parish Rep, Brenda Morales-OAPCE rep, Tara Chapel- parent rep, Claudia Coniglio-Non-teaching rep, Lisa Pimentel-Fagundes-Teacher rep, Ola Salvador- parent rep

Absent- Brea Corbett- Trustee, Linda Marcuzzi- Vice-Principal, Michelle Thompson- Chair

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

Parish Report

Gillian attended the Parish meeting this month, and reported the following updates:

- Catholic league spoke about a speech competition to be held by the Church in early February 2024. Grade 7/8 are eligible.
- Dec 02- Christmas Bazaar is planned at St. John of the Cross Church
- Mrs. Ballard is leading the school artwork to be displayed at the Parish for the month of November.
- The annual pastoral plan was sent to the Parish and outlines the efforts to infuse faith in the daily teachings. It gets approved by Father Joyson.
- Youth group is held every second Sunday from 6-8 pm for grades 5-12 at the St. John on the Cross Church. Recently, youth group members volunteered to support a games night held on a Saturday evening and in the past they have also supported a karaoke night, food festival and other events.
- Youth group leaders have volunteered to come into the school for a presentation, or perhaps lead a retreat for the Grade 7 confirmation candidates. Kristen and

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Clifford are the Youth group leaders and can be contacted at:
kristen_lobo@hotmail.ca

Treasurer report- The balance is sitting at approximately \$12,000

Voluntary fundraising

This years' request for an activity fee was requested to be rephrased and change to reflect a 'voluntary donation' fundraiser which is a more accurate and inclusive way to manage fundraising.

Funds raised thus far this school year have supported:

- Jungle experience
- Sport tournament fees
- Motivational speaker-Sarah Westbrook
- Sound system upgrade
- Additional bike racks (to be installed in the spring 2024)

Pizza sales are generating approximately \$5000 per month.

Osmos and Hamburger sales begun October and are just beginning to be popular.

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 (3rd Wednesday of each month)
- ShareLife donations underway- staff luncheons serve to support, as well as school initiatives.
- Pastoral Plan has been completed- awaiting final signatures from the SO before it can be posted and shared.

Assessment For, As and of Learning

- Progress Reports go home on Tuesday, November 14, 2023
- Interview opportunity- Thursday, November 16, 2023
- Friday, November 24- PD Day- Provincial Priorities (agenda will be shared)
- EQAO 2022-2023 Results....

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| | Primary Reading | Change from 2021-2022 | Primary Writing | Change from 2021-2022 | Primary Mathematics | Change from 2021-2022 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Dufferin-Peel | 77% | -2% | 70% | -2% | 60% | 1% |
| Mississauga North | | | | | | |
| St Teresa of Avila | 72% | -13% | 62% | -8% | 59% | 14% |

| | Junior Reading | Change from 2021-2022 | Junior Writing | Change from 2021-2022 | Junior Mathematics | Change from 2021-2022 |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Dufferin-Peel | 87% | 0% | 88% | 1% | 48% | 4% |
| Mississauga North | | | | | | |
| St Teresa of Avila | 90% | 4% | 98% | 9% | 50% | 5% |

General Updates

- Grade 7 & 8 Immunization Clinic will take place on Wednesday, November 29, 2023- grade 7 & 8's
- Junior Boys Volleyball- made it to families!
- Junior Girls' volleyball- amazing effort!
- Cross Country- 15 students qualifies for board tournament.
- Flag football underway
- Tech Club- up and running- grades 4-6
- Opportunity for girls from grades 5-8 to participate in a coding club across the family of schools- Avila is interested- more information to come.
- Wellness Warriors- Grades 7 & 8
- DPA Committee- through the Peel Health Nurse
- PALS- starting up with the CYW and teacher support.
- Board game club for primary students
- Additional line painting outside in the yard- Kelso's Choice- Fitness Circuit
- Lunch options are popular- students have been taking advantage of all food options- pizza remains the most successful.
- Social Justice Club- efforts in establishing monthly themes highlighting excellence of the cultures in the school.
- 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.
- Cookie decorating date chosen for December 19th, 2023, hosted by the Parent Council. More information to come.

Instructional

- Math and Literacy remain a focus in all we do here at school.

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- The Special Education team remains consistent support for the school in areas of literacy and mathematics.
- Administrative team to attend the learning symposium, where the focus of the school board will be discussed. From this meeting, the school goals will be established.

Wish List (Mme. Ballard & Ms. Pimentel)

- Thank you for your support with the sound system and the additional bike racks!
- Teachers are asking for carpets for their classrooms- approximate cost is \$1000.00 per classroom- Ako-Adjei and Viscardi inquiring.

Teacher report

- Grad sweaters for Grade 8, 40\$ cash online, popcorn sales on Friday
- Moving away from the Mississauga convention centre,
- Coptic centre will be utilized for grad this year for families and children. Kids to have luncheon there after parents leave. Return to school for dance at the school before the end of the day.
- In the past was ceremony at school and then convention
- Grade 8s run the popcorn sales on Fridays.

Wish List

Parent council requested to consider providing funds for:

- 2000K to fund 50 grade 8 children, the school as council to pay for Grade 8 graduation expenses
- \$500 for Eco initiatives like planters, plants
- \$2000-Carpets for two classrooms at \$900 each
- \$5000 request Gym equipment (tried for a grant also)

Members voted and approved this request.

Other:

- Recommendation made to try: Canada post Community Foundation for potential grants
- There may be a future request for technology supports \$5000 for the school

Meeting ended: 7:28 pm

Next meeting dates: 6 pm at the library- Next meeting -November 22, 2023, January 24, 2025, March 27, 2025, May 22, 2025.