

St. Teresa of Avila Catholic School Parent Council Meeting

Meeting date: October 30, 2024

Location: St. Teresa of Avila Catholic School Library

Start time: 6:05 pm

Attendees: Cristina Roda- Principal, Ms. Lotesto-Teacher Rep, Ms. Pimental-Teacher Rep, Ms. Piscitelli-Teacher Rep Claudia Coniglio-Non-Teaching Rep, Ms. Sequeira-Non-Teaching Rep, Nina Graham-Council Chair, Stacey McLeod- Treasurer and Fundraising Representative, Brenda Morales- Secretary, Catherine Kirkpatrick-OAPCE Rep, Ken Jim- parent at large, Abby Egonu-Parent at large

Virtual Attendees: Andrew Egonu-Parent at large

Absent: Laura Di Muzio-Vice-Principal, Brea Corbett- Trustee

Introductions: This is the first official meeting of the school year 2024/2025

Opening Prayer: Hail Mary

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.

Current Agenda: Approved by Ken Jim, seconded by Nina Graham

Review of previous meeting minutes: Approved by Katherine Kirkpatrick, seconded by Nina Graham

Chair report: No chair report, see Principal's report

Parish Report: Bulletins to begin at St. John of the Cross

Treasurer report: Financial reports are now required as part of the School Council Agenda, items below were discussed:

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School Generated Funds

Trial Balance (Category Date Range)
Sort by Category Name

Report #9
9/1/2024..... 10/28/2024
Date ... Range
2024-2025

Categories		Balance Forward	Expenses	Revenues	Balance
Administrative General	1000		\$8,639.64	\$8,639.64	0.00
Bank Service Charges	1050		\$14.00		(14.00)
Book Fairs	20729		\$2,268.55	\$2,268.55	0.00
Field Trips	3000			\$2,464.60	2,464.60
Fundraising - Sub	21760		\$873.49	\$1,478.10	604.61
Grad Ceremony	2145		\$731.83	\$645.00	(86.83)
Grants - Peel Eco	21938	\$775.00			775.00
Library	22461	\$943.88			943.88
Social Committee	8000	\$13.92	\$30.98	\$955.50	938.44
Student Events	24080			\$29.40	29.40
Surplus Funds	1528	\$4,039.05	\$1,559.64		2,479.41
YMCA-Std. Nutrition Prog.	24726	\$2,519.96	\$1,494.58	\$12,096.00	13,121.38
YrEnd Outstanding	14999				0.00
Total		\$8,291.81	\$15,612.71	\$28,576.79	\$21,255.89

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Categories		Balance Forward	Expenses	Revenues	Balance
Bank Service Charges	7030		\$1.95	\$1.95	0.00
Grant - Parent Involvement	7317	\$500.00	\$500.00		0.00
Pizza Days	7205		\$4,730.75	\$9,761.35	5,030.60
School Council General	7000	\$14,141.88	\$8,824.24		5,317.64
Total		\$14,641.88	\$14,056.94	\$9,763.30	\$10,348.24

Wish List (Ms. Pimentel, Ms. Piscitelli, Ms. Coniglio)

Item	Impact	Amount
Classroom Door Window blockers	Whole school	\$1198.50
Angel Tree Support	Student community	\$800.00
Recorders	Junior-Intermediate	\$800.00
Classroom Materials	All classrooms	\$200 x 17 = \$3400.00
Classroom Carpets	Ventura- Roma & Hajdinjak	\$1000 x 2 = \$2000.00
Gym Equipment	Whole School	\$5000
Graduation	Grade 8	\$2000
Technology (Robotics, Coding)	Whole School	\$5000
Special Education	Diverse Learners	\$1000
Gym Mural	Whole School	\$5000
Scientist in the School	Whole School	\$250 x 17= \$4250.00 (minus Experiential Learning Grant- \$1000.00) = \$3250.00
TOTAL		\$29 448.50
TOTAL REVENUE 2023-24		\$46,046.50

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- Teachers have put together a wish list for items needed in their classrooms
- School Council to allot \$200 to each teacher to use towards this wish list
- Classroom door window blockers – to be used during lockdown (all classrooms)
- Angel Tree
- Recorders
- Classroom carpets
- Gym equipment
- Scientist in the School
 - There was a question regarding a Math in the School (nothing like this is available)
- Graduation
- Technology
- Gym mural, previous school year
- Wish list voted on- motion put forward by Stacey McLeod, seconded by Nina Graham, approved.

OAPCE- No updates

Principal's report-

Catholic Faith Life

- First monthly Liturgy, November 1st
- Virtue for the month of November is Conscience
- There will be a Full Day Retreat for each grade as a Faith Formation exercise and a way to set up the children for the school year
- 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
- HopeStone Retreats scheduled for November: Grades 5 & 6- November 15, Grades 7 & 8- November 29

Instructional

- Progress Reports go home on Tuesday, November 12, 2024
- Interview opportunity- Thursday, November 14, 2024, new process for sign up via QR code
- Progress Report interviews are by request, using new process
- Friday, November 22- PD Day- Provincial Priorities (agenda will be shared)
- EQAO 2023-2024 Results were reviewed

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	Grade 3 Reading	Change from 2022- 2023	Grade 3 Writing	Change from 2022- 2023	Grade 3 Math	Change from 2022-2023
Dufferin Peel	75.6 %	- 1.4 %	68 %	- 2 %	61.7 %	1.7 %
St. Teresa of Avila	78.8 %	6.8 %	81.8 %	19.8 %	57.6 %	- 1.4 %

	Grade 6 Reading	Change from 2022- 2023	Grade 6 Writing	Change from 2022- 2023	Grade 6 Math	Change from 2022-2023
Dufferin Peel	84. 8 %	- 2.2 %	85.1 %	- 2.9 %	46.9 %	- 1.1 %
St. Teresa of Avila	90.7 %	0.7 %	88.4 %	- 9.6 %	55.8 %	5.8 %

- Grade 3 saw an increase in Reading and Writing and a decrease in Math
- Grade 6 saw an increase in Reading and Math and a decrease in Reading
- Math and Literacy remain the focus for the school
 - Hagerty – geared towards Kindergarten – phonological awareness which is a precursor to reading
 - UFLI – resource being used by teachers – grades 1-3
 - Morpheme Magic – 30 min of intensive reading instruction required – 10 kits were purchased for grades 4-8
- 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
- Investment of Morpheme Magic for grades 4-8 to support PPM 168- 30 minutes of direct reading instruction
- FDK- Heggerty
- Grades 1-3- UFLY
- Acadience Screener (early reading screener) - Screening date November 8, 2024

Extracurricular

- CCAT Grade 4 testing complete
- Junior Boys and Girls Volleyball- amazing effort - spectators are now allowed to attend sporting events
- Cross Country- 8 students qualified for board tournament
- Flag football underway
- Tech Club- up and running- grades 4-6 and is well attended
- “Girls that Game” – 10 laptops have been provided by the Board to promote this club
- Hackergirl: grades 5-8 to participate in a coding club across the family of schools

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- Avila Avengers- Grades 7 & 8- Monthly Wellness initiatives
 - Connect Seven – 7 initiatives to maintain Mental Health, examples are Gratitude Journaling – this was showcased on a wall at the school
 - Peel Health gave the school a grant which was used towards the purchase of a Cricket – being widely used by teachers to promote various things most importantly the Wellness Groups and Initiatives
 - Goal is to complete all 7 initiatives by end of school year
- Daily Physical Activity (DPA) Committee- through the Peel Health Nurse, Mlle Nemi's class learns weekly and brings/spreads information throughout the rest of the school/classroom
- Playground Activity Leaders (PALS) - running with the CYW and teacher support, lead by grades 4-8
- Study Hall is up and running - Grades 4-8, well received and well attended
- Lunch options are popular- students have been taking advantage of all food options- pizza remains the most successful
 - A request has been made for gluten-free pizza, school to order extra pizzas (gluten-free) for purchase day of
- 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
 - Platinum rating was received last school year
 - This school year, all initiatives have been spread across all teachers – Mme Ballard consolidating all results
- Breakfast club is alive and well! Staff and community volunteers support daily with cooking, cleaning and entertainment
- Graduation Preparation- hoodies are available for order, deadline Nov 17, 2024
 - Tentative date June 20th, 2025

General Updates

- Traffic Enforcement: Kiss N Ride & parking continues to be a success
- Newsletter / communication / Twitter
- Picture re-take was held Nov 4, 2024
- Santa Pics Nov 21, 2024, prints for Sharelife- Individual (\$15), Family (\$20)
- Ride to school week was successful

Catholic School Council Elections

1. **Catholic School Council Chair** – Nina Graham
2. **Treasurer** – Stacey McLeod
3. **Secretary** – Brenda Morales
4. **Parish Rep** - Catherine Kirkpatrick, Ms. Pimentel to assist with Bulletin Board at SJOTC
5. **OAPCE Rep** - Catherine Kirkpatrick
6. **Parent Rep** – Ken Jim

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7. **Parent Rep** – Abby Egonu
8. **Parent Rep** – Andrew Egonu
9. **Teacher Rep** – Ms. Pimentel, Ms. Lotesto,
10. **Non-Teaching Rep** – Ms. Coniglio, Ms. Elango

Upcoming Events:

- Catholic School Council Meeting dates have been finalized:
 - Wednesday, November 27, 2024
 - Wednesday, January 22, 2025
 - Wednesday March 26, 2025
 - Wednesday, May 21, 2025
- Advent Retreat – Thursday December 19, 2024 – cookie decorating
- Lent Retreat in the Spring, griddles needed
- Grade 8/Grad Trip, discussions underway

Meeting ended: 7:34 pm

Next meeting dates: Wednesday November 27, 2024, in school library