

St. Teresa of Avila Catholic School Parent Council Meeting

Meeting date: September 18, 2024

Location: St. Teresa of Avila Catholic School Library

Start time: 6:08 pm

Attendees: Cristina Roda- Principal, Laura Di Muzio-Vice-Principal, Ms. Lotesto-Teacher Rep, Ms. Pimental-Teacher Rep, Ms. Piscitelli-Teacher Rep Claudia Coniglio-Non-Teaching Rep, Ms. Sequeira-Non-Teaching Rep, Stacey McLeod- Treasurer and Fundraising Representative, Brenda Morales- OAPCE Rep/Secretary Nina Graham- Fundraising Representative, Catherine Kirkpatrick-parent at large, Ken Jim- parent at large

Virtual Attendees: Abby Egonu-Parent at large, Andrew Egonu-Parent at large

Absent: Brea Corbett- Trustee

Introductions: Welcome everyone to our last official meeting for the 2023/2024 school year!

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 Stacy McLeod, seconded by Nina Graham

Review of previous meeting minutes: Approved by Ken Jim, seconded by Stacey McLeod

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

Parish Report: No update

Treasurer report: As of July, there is \$14,800 but still need to reconcile August. Council is to pay overage expense (~\$6,000) of mural that was painted in the library over the summer (great success!). Bike racks still need to be installed – Custodian is looking into what is missing to move forward with installation.

OAPCE- No updates

Principal's report-

Catholic Faith Life

- Daily morning prayers begin at 8:35 am
- Monthly Virtue assemblies- each grade/division has already signed up
- SJOTC is working on finalizing the dates for Sacraments this year
- Rosary Apostolate (dates to be finalized)
- ShareLife Spirit Weeks – will happen during Halloween, Christmas, Easter, Spring
- Truth and Reconciliation Week- September 23-27, 2024, teachers taking part in various events and opportunities curated by the board – Orange shirt day acknowledgement is Monday September 30
- Terry Fox Walk: Friday October 4, 2024

Instructional

- Progress Reports to be sent home: November 12th, 2024
- EMPOWER & Lexia Reading program will take place this year. Intensive reading support program targeted for struggling readers.
- Emphasis on the High-Impact strategies in Mathematics, as articulated through our school goals in coordination with the board goals
- UFLY- K-2 classrooms to support literacy – teachers find this resource helpful
- Heggerty- FDK Classrooms
- Morphology- intended for Junior/ Intermediate students- will be investing

Extracurricular

- Intermediate girls' and boys' soccer is underway- tournament date is May 24, 2024.
- PALS continues to occur over lunch recess
- DPA club is happening in classrooms- intermediate students are representatives.
- Coding club and Hacker Girl is still happening, Event happening May 28, 2024
- Grade 7 & 8 Skills Ontario Career Awareness Workshops- May 6th. Free opportunity for students
- Track and Field Day took place on May 14, 2024 (students grades 5-8)
- Walking Wednesday Wellness Club happening each week supported by CYW, P. Brathwaite, and SW G. Grant. All invited to attend!

General Updates

- Current enrolment 396 students, 90 students were affected during re-organization
- PD Day was held on September 16th, 2024, to support reorganization
- Re-organization Process-provincial primary class cap sizes, new registrations, family moves into school boundary, all have affected enrollment
- All grade 7 & 8 students have received their EDWIN device

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- Traffic Enforcement: reminder message has been sent to the community with regards to Kiss N Ride & parking
- Newsletter / communication / Twitter
- School Generated Budget - \$8291.81
- School Council Budget- \$14 641.88
- Individual Picture Day-September 24, 2024, Bright Pics is now offering a panoramic photo of all school members
- Santa Pics in November 2024, prints for \$5 for St. Vincent de Paul
- Open House BBQ- offset cost to families- September 25, 2024
- Tentative October ride to school week
- Lunch Options – Sub, Pizza and Lunchbox which includes Osmow’s and Hero Burgers), all beginning in October 2024
- Breakfast Club will begin in October 2024, volunteer time from 7:45am to 8:30am
- Halloween, volunteer needed to solicit grocery stores for pumpkin donations or gift cards to purchase pumpkins, target 20 pumpkins
- Halloween Dance this year, Intermediates (grades 7 and 8) will be taking a trip to the Hockey Hall of Fame
- Criminal Check required for all volunteers entering the school – ensure it is for the Vulnerable Sector, annual attestations required for those who completed one in the previous school year

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 -** TBD
- 6. Parent Rep –** Ken Jim
- 7. Parent Rep –** Abby Egonu
- 8. Parent Rep –** Andrew Egonu
- 9. Teacher Rep –** Ms. Pimentel, Ms. Lotesto,
- 10. Non-Teaching Rep –** Ms. Goniglio, Ms. Elango

Upcoming Events:

- Catholic School Council Meeting dates have been finalized:
 - Wednesday, October 23, 2024
 - Wednesday, November 27, 2024
 - Wednesday, January 22, 2025
 - Wednesday March 26, 2025
 - Wednesday, May 21, 2025
- Open House/ BBQ - Wednesday September 25, 2024
- Advent Retreat – Thursday December 19, 2024 – cookie decorating

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- Lent Retreat in the Spring, griddles needed
- Grade 8/Grad Trip, discussions underway

Meeting ended: 7:01 pm

Next meeting dates: Wednesday October 23, 2024, in school library and online via Zoom.