



Divine Mercy School Council Meeting – Minutes

Feb 27, 2023, 5:30 pm, virtual meeting.

Present:

Staff/School Representatives:

Nuno Tome (Principal)
Tanya Brancalion (Vice-Principal)
Daniela Letterio (Teacher Rep)

Parent Representatives:

Mary Andrews (Co-chair)	Adriana Paniconi	Mera Guindy*
Elaine Dantas (Co-chair)	Duru Tosin	Paula Mendonca
Angela Trewartha (Treasurer)	Jonathan Walker*	Sandra Shehadeh*
Pearl Mofunanya (OAPPCE)	Karen Chan*	Tosin Duru
Johnson Lai (Co-secretary)	Laura Gotte	Vivian Correa-Pinto*
Tashani Parker (Co-secretary)	Lisa Bitonit-Bengert	

* Voting member

Regrets:

Pamela Leermakers (Community Rep)

1. Welcome, Land Acknowledgement, Opening Prayer (Mary Andrews)
2. Approval of the last meeting's minutes
 - Daniela, Vivian
3. Chair's Report
 - Lunch Lady was picked: higher profit (\$0.35 per order placed), lower price, available on Thursday which is the day of the week we could accommodate
 - We can start ~March 6, 2023; possibly start after the March break
4. Principal's Report
 - Faith, Equity, Well-Being, Learning



Faith & Well-Being:

- Jan 25: Gr 8 retreat (Revive)
- Feb 8: Gr 7 retreat (Mercy)
- Feb 13: Gr 5/6 retreat (Mercy)
- Pancake Tuesday was held, thank you to parent volunteers, >800 pancakes were served; raised money for Gr 8
- Feb 22: Ash Wednesday was held

Equity:

- SAIDAT show: One person can change the world
- 20 days of Canadian Black History: morning music (Black artists); Equity Team presented to each classroom
- Thank you to Council for supporting
- Grotto – Rock Climbing (Gr 1 to 8) great team building and lots of fun
- Student Led Clubs: Sports, board games, Karaoke club, Mr. W's group
- Earth Rangers
- Trips: Gr 1: safety village

Looking Ahead:

Faith:

- Mar 1: 1st confession (Gr 2)
- Mar 8: confirmation confession & crosses
- Apr 3: confirmation retreat
- Weekly Father Iguinz visits
- Apr 6: Lent – Holy Thursday – interactive stations of the cross
- Apr 11: Easter egg hunt (FDK to Gr 3)

Equity & Wellbeing

- Mar 2: lunch & learn staff – Mental Health
- Clubs: Gr 1-2: colouring, Gr 3: picture book & craft, Gr 4-6: Dance, Gr 5-6, 7-8: dodgeball, 6-8: fashion



Upcoming Student Learning Experiences

- Scientist in the School
- Mar 27-29: 31 Gr 8 Camp Brebeauf
- 50 Newcommer Students visit to Ripley's Aquarium (grant)
- Silvercreek – outdoor
- Blackcreek Pioneer Village
- Mar 22: French African Dance

Early Literacy

- Literacy Coach (Sandra Pires) working with students & staff on Science of reading
- Early Learning Consultant (Rebecca Pimentel) working with FDK & Early primary on literacy
- French PD – early literacy partnership visits continue
- Mar 6, 7: Vision & hearing screening

Divine Mercy – Teaching & Learning School 2nd Cycle of Teaching Candidates

- 18 candidates in total

End of Year Celebration:

- Jun 15, 2023: BBQ, band, games

5. Treasurer's Report (Angela T.)

- Pizza: on budget
- Balance as of Dec 31, 2022 = \$ 24,196.79



Monthly School Council Report		
Date Prepared - February 26, 2023		
BANK STATEMENT -January 1, 2023	Opening Balance	\$ 15,144.64
Deposits		
Pizza Session 2 deposits	01/13/2023	\$ 889.35
Pizza Session 2 deposits	01/16/2023	\$ 3,611.30
Pizza Session 2 deposits	01/17/2023	\$ 1,913.45
Pizza Session 2 deposits	01/18/2023	\$ 862.40
Pizza Session 2 deposits	01/19/2023	\$ 539.00
Pizza Session 2 deposits	01/20/2023	\$ 2,371.60
Pizza Session 2 deposits	01/20/2023	\$ 53.90
Pizza Session 2 deposits	01/23/2023	\$ 1,293.60
Pizza Session 2 deposits	01/23/2023	\$ 53.90
Pizza Session 2 deposits	01/24/2023	\$ 619.85
Total Income		\$ 12,208.35
Expenses		
Saidat Assembly	01/17/2023	\$ 1,356.00
Pizza	01/24/2023	\$ 663.03
Grade 8 Grad Fundraiser expenses	01/30/2023	\$ 1,137.17
Total Expenses		\$ 3,156.20
Uncleared items		
Advent retreat supplies	12/15/2023	\$ 350.87
Board games	01/17/2023	\$ 475.14
Pizza	01/30/2024	\$ 663.03
Boys and Girls Retreat pizza	01/30/2023	\$ 203.94
Hopestone - Catholic retreat team	01/30/2023	\$ 1,299.50
Board equity supplies - skintone markers	01/30/2023	\$ 548.71
French books for library	01/30/2023	\$ 943.03
Balance as as of December 31, 2022		\$ 24,196.79

6. Teacher/Non-Teacher (Daniela)
- No additional items to add



7. OAPCE (Pearl)

- Apr 22: 2023 OAPCE parent conference, everyone is invited (www.oapce.org)
- Family breakfast book listening (literacy)
- Reaching out to neighbours
- Practical smartphone strategies
- How to boost child confidence

8. Parish Report (Elaine)

- Lent: every Friday at 7pm, Stations of the Cross
- 1st communion confessions: 4 to 7:30pm
- St. Vincent D collection at the church lobby
- Knights of Columbus: collecting non-perishable items, at the church lobby
- We are asking for everyone's feedback on how to grow the faith, email Elaine

9. New Business:

- Communication from the school (Vivian): parents are receiving many emails from both Divine Mercy and School Board. Mr. Tome recognizes potential "email fatigue". Any emails signed by Ms. Brancalion is from Divine Mercy. Suggests teacher to help students add events to their agendas. Feel free to discuss more.
- Food Drive (Easter): yes, may start after March break
- Annual Volunteer Declaration form: Ms. Brancalion will check who needs it and email out to the volunteers
- BBQ: suggest to have a table for School Council, to get more volunteers for in school activities (e.g. pizza days)
- Clarification requested on which students would be participating in the Easter Egg hunt – only for FDK to grade 3; older students will be helping to organize the hunt

10. Closing/Adjournment- Mary Andrews

- Adjourned at 6:24pm

11. Next meeting:

- Apr 24, 2023 at 5:30pm (online, last meeting)