



## Divine Mercy School Council Meeting – Minutes

*May 8, 2023, 5:30 pm, in person meeting.*

### *Staff/School Representatives:*

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

### *Parent Representatives:*

Mary Andrews (Co-chair)	Adriana P	Sandra Shehadeh*
Elaine Dantas (Co-chair)	Elaine Dantas	Tanya B
Angela Trewartha (Treasurer)	Laura Gotte	Vivian Correa-Pinto
Pearl Mofunanya (OAPPCE)	Lisa Bitonit-Bengert	
Johnson Lai (Co-secretary)	Karen Chan*	
Tashani Parker (Co-secretary)	Paula M	

\* Voting member

### *Regrets:*

Jonathan Walker\*  
Mera Guindy\*  
Pamela Leermakers (Community Rep)

1. **Welcome, Land Acknowledgement, Opening Prayer**  
Read by Mary Andrews
2. **Approval of the last meeting's minutes from Feb 27, 2023:**
  - Approved: Daniela L, Angela T
3. **DPCDSB Trustee (Herman Viloría)**
  - Gave remarks, answered questions
4. **Council Chair's report (Mary Andrews)**
  - Pizza day : very well, 3rd session in progress, Gr 8 is helping with distribution. Thanks to all the volunteers



- At school's BBQ, we shall have a table for council to show people what it is about
- Lunch lady: getting 25 orders per week; it is a small money maker

#### 5. Principals Report (Nuno Tome)

- Thank you to Mary Andrews for her years of support and service to council
- Faith: Father Iguenze visits every Thursdays, Morning star monthly, Catholic education week mass (Apr 3) was a big success; Lent (Apr 6) interactive stations of the Cross
- Lenten food drive was a success, 1000 Acts of Kindness, Easter Egg hunt (Apr 11)
- First confession (Mar 1); Gr 8 overnight trip to Camp Brebeuf was fun, G7 confirmation retreat at Merciful Redeemer, Crowning of Mary (May 19), Gr 2 first communion retreat (May 10)

#### Equity:

- World of Colours; continued celebration of influential Black Canadians, Equity symposium – Costanzo, celebration of African Art / Alpha Rhythms Dance (All French immersion)
- Asian Heritage month; Collaborative PDF for Staff/Equity Team – Lunch & Learn (May 11)
- Mental health PD (all staff); Dental screening; Whole school curling; Talent Show & Movie Night; Wellness Corner in the Library
- Wellness Wednesday – Stem & Mass
- Sports: basketball, soccer, softball, track & field tryouts
- Clubs: confidence, Girls chill, soccer, basketball, origami, sketching, drama, cooking
- Graduation Mass & Graduation
- June 15: BBQ
- New cooling units have been installed for gym and classrooms
- 75% of classrooms have blackboard replaced with whiteboards
- Applied for re-pavement of school yard (possible summer)
- Council budgets
- Application for new FDK yard (possible summer)

Learning: Science of reading, literacy coach, Journey into learning, Learning Symposium, EQAO (Gr 3, May 24-26; Gr 6 May 29-31)

Trips: Visit Gonzaga, Silver Creek, Black Creek, Swim to Survive, Scientist in the School, ESL trip to Ripleys, Dance classes



6. Treasurer's Report (Angela Trewartha)

- Current Bank balance: \$ 17,951
- Budget for 2022/2023 school year was discussed

7. OAPCE Report (Pearl Mofunanya)

- Attended the conference
- Showed a solution that can be used for cleaning, cuts, etc.
- Speakers: Miguel Martinez was excellent on mental wellness

8. Parish Report (E. Dantas)

- Camp Merciful is in July 2023, please sign up via website
- In May 2023; encourage families to pray/speak the rosary
- Reminder: At Saturday 7pm mass: for young kids with live band, encourage family to come with their children

9. New Business

- Divine Mercy, kiss & ride cannot accommodate additional grades of French classes
- Speakers: internet safety; wellness
- May 16: Gr 4 French classes visiting Lady of Mercy for transition
- May 26: Gr 8 soccer
- Jun 2: full Wellness day for all grades
- Jun 8: Gifted students visiting St. Barbara for their transition
- Jun 12: P.A. Day
- Jun 27: Report cards
- Jun 30: last day of school

10. Closing/Adjournment

- Adjourned at 8:09pm