

# MINUTES

## St. Marguerite d'Youville Catholic Secondary School Catholic School Council Meeting

*Monday, November 28, 2022 6:30 p.m |*

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### In Attendance

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Council Chair – Sunny Kanabe  
Principal: Jim Horvath  
Vice Principal: Peter Petrucelli  
Chaplain/Teaching Rep: Tony Whelan  
Student Representatives: Rooprai ( Student Prime Minister)  
Treasurer: Rasheed Akhigbe  
Parish Rep: Nicole Bailey  
Voting Member: Lorenzo Coward  
Voting Member: Hardeep Kaur Sandhu  
Secretary: Tamara Miller-Lee

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### Opening Exercises

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Meeting was called to Order by the Chair, Sunny Kanabe at 6:30 p.m.  
Welcome - Jim Horvath  
Introductions – All present at the meeting were identified and introduced.  
Land Acknowledgement and Opening Prayer led by Tony Whelan

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### Approval of Minutes

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Minutes of October 5, 2022 meeting approved.

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### Teaching Rep/Chaplain's Report

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Retreat presently in progress with the students

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### Student Representative Report

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Avneet Rooprai provided a report on work of the Student Council

- 70 members were currently in the student council
- Students were showing more interest in the activities of the council

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### Principal's Report

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The following updates were presented by the Principal, Jim Horvath and the Vice Principal, Peter Petrucelli:

- Youth Edge Ministry has been opened

- The school will be providing support to families within the school through funds raised from dress down day as well as contributions from staff.
- Training is available for all new executive members of the council
- The Chair, Sunny Kanabe emerged as the Alternate Rep of the Brampton East/ Caledon/Dufferin/ Malton family of schools at the CCCSC.
- The school has been busy and the staff continue to be highly involved with students' activities.
- Teachers working with Student and CPTs. Exams will be held this Semester.
- The school admin is making efforts to address the heating problem which has been observed in the school building. The school is on deck for full replacement of heat pump units which will be done in phases.
- There are monthly health and safety inspections to ensure the safety of students and staff.
- Discussions are ongoing on the proposal to modify the school uniforms to include another sweater. The school council will be engaged.
- The Girls Basketball team will be Playing for the championship on November 30, 2022 @ 3:00 p.m.
- Grade 8 Open Night is scheduled for Wednesday, November 30, 2022.
- A New sound system has been installed in the gym. There are new monitors all over the building used to announce events and showcase different feeds.
- Different activities will be hosted for the Christmas season for the students during lunch leading up to the holidays.
- The Media studio has been refurbished with Mac Computers.
- Catholic School Improvement Learning Cycle will focus on : Health & Wellbeing of students; Faith Development; Descriptive Feedback ( as there are significant gaps in math and learning) The school has engaged teachers to meet and develop skills around providing this type of feedback.

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## CCCSC Report

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The Chair reported on the activities of the Central Committee for Catholic School Councils (CCCSC) as follows:

- The CCCSC Family of Schools meeting was held on October 20, 2022.
- The last CCCSC meeting was held on November 10, 2022.
- Training for CSC executive members is scheduled for December 1 and all CSC officers should endeavor to attend.
- The next CCCSC meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2022
- The Volunteer of the Year Award is scheduled for June 15, 2023.

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## Appointment of OAPCE Rep

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- The Chair explained the need to appoint a representative for the Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE).
- OAPCE is an information sharing council which brings parents together and provide a voice for parents.
- It was agreed that the issue should be put forward to the next meeting to give time to members to review and put forward their name for the position.

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## Meeting Schedule

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The following dates were approved as the meeting dates for the rest of the school year:

- January 18
- March 22
- May 17
- June 12

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## Other Business

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1. In response to an enquiry from the floor, the school admin provided details of all the steps being taken by the school to support students with identified gaps in learning, particularly in Math.
2. Nicole Bailey – reported on the Black Student Alliance (BSA) and their activities as follows:
  - Meeting 2 times per month with 40 to 50 students engaged
  - Focus on mental health & wellbeing as well as black excellence
  - BSA Chill Session Wednesday Nov 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 2:30 – 3:30 pm
  - Planning for Black History Month and beyond currently underway

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## Next Meeting

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Wednesday, January 18, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m at the School Library.

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## Adjournment

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Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.