

# MINUTES

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

*Wednesday, January 17, 2023 6:30 p.m |*

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### In Attendance

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Principal - Rob Weatherbee  
Vice Principal – Nancy Tsiobanos  
Vice Principal – Matthias Ramirez  
Chaplain/Teaching Rep – Andrew Selvam  
Non-Teaching Rep - Terri Caroleo  
Sunny Kanabe – Chair  
Tamara Miller-Lee - Secretary  
Lorenzo Coward – OAPCE Rep  
Nicole Bailey – Parish Rep  
Jia Sharma – Student Voice Rep  
Victoria Uyere – BSA President  
Jayde Bernard – Prime Minister

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### Opening Exercises

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Meeting was called to order by Principal Rob Weatherbee

Opening Prayer & Land Acknowledgement by Chaplain Andrew Selvam

Welcome and Introductions

Previous minutes approved with Corrections Pg 3 - word 'home' in 3 bullet from top, Typo to be corrected

Approval of Agenda

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### Student representatives

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#### **Student Voice – Jia Sharma**

- Focus has been on encouraging students to make a change by using their voice.
- Google form has been used to obtain information from students on how they would rate various aspects of the school programming For e.g , School experience, School safety, Extra curricular activities and Post Secondary options.
- 63 students responded to the survey.
- Concerns have been raised about the maintenance of washrooms. This has been discussed with admin and been addressed with Custodial staff. Monitoring for improvement will continue.
- There are plans to release another google form survey in Semester 2. Options discussed on how to increase engagement and response to survey.

- There are many Panther Pack Leadership opportunities such as Mentee/Mentor Program and Intra Murals
- There will not be a January Meeting due to exams, next meeting February.

### **BSA – Victoria Uyere**

Plans for Black History Month are well underway.

- Celebrating Black Music and musician
- Door Decorating contests
- Spirit Week Feb 19 – 23
- Black Hair accessory Day Feb 20<sup>th</sup>
- Black Out Wednesday – Feb 21<sup>st</sup>
- Throw Back Thursday – Civvies Day – Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Celebrating Afro Caribbean Food 7 Culture – Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Heritage Night February 29<sup>th</sup> 5:00 – 6:30 p.m

### **Jayde Bernard – Prime Minister**

- January 17<sup>th</sup> – Civvies Day
- Candygrams will be sold for Valentine’s Day.
- Spring dance being proposed for April.

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## **Staff Representative Reports**

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### **Chaplaincy Updates**

#### **Christmas Drive**

- \$5200 in Food and Gift Cards Collected
- 70 gifts
- Non perishable food items

Retreats are completed for Semester 1

#### **Upcoming**

- Ash Wednesday Assembly - February 14 Period 1 – Grade 9 & 10 Period 2 Grade 11 & 12
- Salesian Retreat at Teen ranch This year. Grade 11 & 12 only and 4 students only
- Monthly morning Mass and prayers on Fridays
- Valentines’ Day cards for Seniors will be prepared and taken to Seniors Home nearby.
- Retreats beginning at end of February.
- Parish held a Christmas Pageant
- Teen Life Program – 21 Kids – Every other Friday evening 7:00 – 9:00 p.m

## Non-Teacher Representative Updates

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- Grade 11 Semi formal is being planned for March 1<sup>st</sup>, Venues are currently being scouted.
- Update provided on the breakfast program. Approx. 100 – 150 students use the program daily.
- Grants have been received which have assisted with maintaining the program.
- Items offered are mostly grab & go options. Some days there may be smoothies or waffles being offered.
- Planning for Independence students also assist with preparation of bins for the breakfast program.

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## Principal Report

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- Commended the Student Leadership in the school
- First staff meeting for the year held January 8<sup>th</sup> and goals for the 2024 year were shared

Goals focused on 3 priority areas:

1. To have Regional Program being offered at d'Y. There appears to be a clear path to put forward a proposal for a regional STEM program. There are also plans to apply for a Specialist High School Program in ICT
2. Increase the feeder school retention rate.
3. Work with the Principals of the elementary school to increase the applications and enrollment for the school.
  - Plans are being explored for a STEM day in the Spring for Grade 7 students
  - April 25<sup>th</sup> Parent Teacher Interviews – the electronic booking system will be used again to book parent slots.
  - Yearbook costs will be removed from Activity Fees. Students will purchase if needed.
  - Communication was sent about bussing during exam period.
  - School Sweater design was changed however the item should become available for purchase in May in time for the new School year in September.

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## Parish Report

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### Youth Ministry (Leading teens closer to Christ)

- Edge program (grades 6-8) 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays of the month, at 7:00- 8:30pm.
- Life Teen night (grades 9-12) 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of the month, at 7:00-9:00pm

### That Man is You

- Saturday January 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00am St. Marguerite d'Youville Parish will host the 16<sup>th</sup> session of **That Man is You**. Dr, Scott Hahn will be sharing insights about our understanding of the role of St. Joseph in the life of Jesus.

### Stitches from the Heart

- The stiches from the heart group will resume on Monday January 8<sup>th</sup> , 2024. Everyone is welcome to join whether you knit or would like to learn.

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## Chairperson Report

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Last meeting of CCSC was December 7<sup>th</sup> next meeting February 5, 2024

Everyone is encouraged to attend Presentation on Human Trafficking being put on by the Board

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### Any Other Business

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### Next Meeting

Wednesday March 20<sup>th</sup> , 2024

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### Adjournment

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- Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m