

MINUTES

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

Wednesday March 22, 2023 6:30 p.m |

In Attendance

Council Chair – Sunny Kanabe
Principal - Rob Weatherbee
Vice Principal - Peter Petrucci
Chaplain/Teaching Rep - Tony Whelan
Non-Teaching Rep - Terri Caroleo
Secretary - Tamara Miller-Lee
Treasurer – Rasheed Akhigbe
OAPCE Rep – Lorenzo Coward
Student Rep – DPCDSB - Adrea Rajshankar
Student Co-Prime Minister – Rhea Roberts
Student Co-Prime Minister - Kingslea Yale
Meeting Moderator President - Nevon Golding
Observers/Parents – Jatil Patel, Shilpa Patel

Apologies

Parish Rep - Nicole Bailey

Opening Exercises

Meeting was called to Order by Council Chair, Sunny Kanabe at 6:43 p.m.

Conflict of Interest: None declared by members present

Opening Prayer and Land Acknowledgement led by Tony Whelan

Approval of Agenda

Agenda for the meeting was approved as proposed

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of January 18, 2023 meeting approved as presented

Staff Representative Reports

Chaplain/Teacher Representative, Tony Whelan

- School organized the Ash Wednesday Liturgy in the Cafeteria.
- All looking forward to the Holy Thursday Liturgy
- Students went on Retreat on March 22.
- A motivational speaker was recently invited to the school to speak to students on issues such as “What Makes us Happy”, “What is Success”.

Non-Teacher Representative – Terri Coroleo

- Prom plans moving forward and the committee/school is looking at fundraising ideas for the Prom.
- School Council may provide some fund and/or may support other activities in the school such as the breakfast program.

CCCSC Report

The Chair reported on March 9th meeting of the Central Committee for Catholic School Councils (CCCSC) as follows:

- School is being asked to promote the Volunteer of the Year Award which will hold on June 15. Nominations will close on May 2 and members can contact the Chair for more details.
- The next CCCSC meeting will be on April 13.
- Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) meeting will hold on April 29th.

Student Representatives Report

Adrea

- Students are encouraged by all the activities happening in the school and student morale is high.
- Students were very happy with the recent dress down day.
- Students were happy and fully supporting the Basketball team.
- Students were excited and looking forward to the upcoming athletic banquet and Honour Roll Ceremony.
- Lots of ideas being explored to keep the students engaged.

Nevon

- Black History Month had lots of exciting activities.
- \$900 was raised for the Food Bank
- Plans to have a Cultural Day in May with Black Student Alliance & Sikh Student Alliance

Principal's Report

Principal, Rob Weatherbee provided the following updates:

- Has requested a combined list of activities that are happening in the school.
- Lots of Spring Sports events coming up
- Many clubs are active in the school, Clipper Club, Board Games, Track & Field, Ultimate Frisbee
- Social Worker – Ms. Chambers in on certain days of the week

- Ms. Russell, Mental Health Support Worker is starting in April.
- Circle of care exists with various professionals in the school.
- A second student monitor was hired and the school will soon have 4 monitors as 2 are returning.
- Dog Therapy comes monthly.
- There will be a trip to Silver Treat – Alternative Program
- Room 104 – Lounge has games during lunch on Fridays.
- Parent Teacher Interview night is on March 29
- Think Fast – Educational Activities – 100 students have signed up for March 31
- Academic Awards will be held on Thursday, April 13.

Vice Principal, Peter Petrucci presented on the following:

- There has been a positive change and impact by having a substantive Principal.
- The school is continuously seeking the support of parents in managing attendance.
- Trying to do a technology refresh as the school computers are outdated.
- The newly installed Monitors in school are up and running and are also being used for advertisement and information dissemination.

Finance/Fundraising

- Balance brought forward from the previous year was \$1005.60.
- Amount received for the current year was \$500.
- The school breakfast program is currently in deficit of \$2000.
- Discussion on having Domino's Pizza fundraiser and Sunny to explore the option and revert to council.
- Discussion on having donations through School Cash Online and school admin to explore and revert to council.

Any Other Business

None

Next Meeting

Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at the School Library.

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.
- Tony Whelan led the closing prayer.