

MINUTES

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

Wednesday, November 15, 2023 6:30 p.m |

In Attendance

Principal - Rob Weatherbee
Vice Principal - Sophia Maloney
Chaplain/Teaching Rep – Andrew Selvam
Non-Teaching Rep - Terri Caroleo
Sunny Kanabe - Parent
Tamara Miller-Lee - Parent
Lorenzo Coward - Parent

Opening Exercises

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.
Approval of Agenda

Student representatives

- Several ideas regarding fundraising and student activities were presented. For e.g (Jam Night, valentines' Dance, Candy grams, grade 11 Semi-formal
- Engaging discussion amongst council members on ideas presented for fundraising.
- Senior Sunrise held October 12th with buy out proceeds going to DY families.
- November 22nd St Isaac Sec School will be coming to DY.

Student Voice – Jia Sharma

- Monthly meeting part of wellness group and focusing on how to improve mental health & well-being.
- Leadership work being done by Panther Pack grade 11 on post graduate pathways.

BSA – Victoria Uyere

- Black History Month Activities being planned: Paint night, Speakers, Posters will be displayed and there will be features and reflections of figures.
- Performances – dance & step
- Showcase of school artists
- BSA Dinner

Chaplaincy Updates

- 2 More retreats to be held prior to end of year.
- School will be having Purple Shirt Day in effort to support Vulnerable Children
- October food drive – collection of approx. 2100 items
- Salesian Leadership Retreat October 18 – 20 was a great success, 8 schools participated – 5 new Salesians.
- Will be taking more Salesians next Semester at a new location.

DY Does Mission

- 3 portables have been set up 1 for food, 1 for clothing and 1 for household items.

Christmas Drive

- Christmas Drive will be there to support families in our local community and the parish community.
- 2-3 homerooms assigned to each family.
- Optional food collection – each homeroom will get a list of items that will be useful for the season.
- School Cash Online will be an option for donation to parents.
- Thursday December 14th is deadline.

Monthly Morning Mass – Will continue once every month at 7:30 a.m. in the Chapel.

Chaplaincy students to decorate the school for Advent and Christmas on November 30th.

South Asian Students Association - First meeting Tuesday November 21, 2023.

South East Asian Students Association

- Will be selling South East Asian Snack
- Proceeds to go to UNICEF relief efforts in South East Asia and the Pacific

Non-Teacher Representative Updates

- PIP Class is involved with in schoolwork placements and 1 community placement – In school includes recycling and various other tasks. Community placement at Chalo Freshco
- Drama Showcase will happen in December (Dec 4- 7)
- Spring Drama Production will happen in May. Drama week May 6 – 10.
- Empowerment Against Exploitation Workshop being held to provide education and awareness around human sex trafficking.
- Girls group currently being facilitated to provide a safe and accepting space for female students.
- Mental Health Committee has been established in collaboration with the 4 trained Mental Health Champions, admin and teachers.
- Panther pack has been assigned peer mentoring roles.

Principal Report

- The Director of education visited the school November 15th.
- Goal is to make school be a part of Regional Programming for Stem and Healthcare fields

- Grade 8 night was very successful.
- 40-50 new applicants
- Reports cards will go home November 20th.
- Parent Teacher Interviews will be held November 23rd.
- Activity Fee will be reduced to \$45.
- New booking system being used to reserve time slots with teachers for parent teacher conferences.

Parish Report

- 2 masses recently held at the Parish.
- Christmas schedule will be shared when published.

Chairperson Report

- There was an October 19 meeting of Chairs – Sunny Kanabe has been elected as Chair for the Family of Schools.
- Virtual training for officers available November 30, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. for positions on School Council.
- \$500 Grant has been received by School.
- Schedule for future meetings to be set. Meetings to be held in Jan, March and May 2024 with social meeting to be held in June 2024

Any Other Business

- Dominoes Pizza Fundraiser dates: November 29, 2023, January 31, 2024, February 28, 2024, March 27, 2023
- Krispy Kreme Fundraiser – TBD (Spring 2024)

Next Meeting

Wednesday January 17, 2024

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m