

MINUTES

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

Wednesday October 5, 2022 6:30 p.m |

In Attendance

Principal: Jim Horvath

Vice Principal: Sophia Maloney

Chaplaincy Leader: Tony Whelan

Staff Representatives: Tony Whelan (Teaching Rep) & Terri Caroleo (Non Teaching Rep)

Student Representatives :Adrea Rajshankar (Student Voice Rep) & Avneet Rooprai (Student Prime Minister)

Opening Exercises

Meeting was called to Order by Jim Horvath at 6:30 p.m.

Welcome - Jim Horvath

Introductions – All present for meeting identified and introduced themselves

Land Acknowledgement & Opening Prayer exercise in Chapel Led by Tony Whelan

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for meeting May 19, 2022 provided as approved.

Council Roles & Nominations

Nominated candidates were selected or volunteered for Council positions.

- Chair/Co-chair – Sunny Kanabe
- Secretary – Tamara Miller-Lee
- Treasurer - Rasheed Akhigbe
- Parish Rep - Nicole Bailey

Other Voting Members identified through completed nomination forms to be:

- Lorenzo Coward
- Hardeep Kaur Sandhu
- Marsha Laylor
- Marcia Cameron
- Awurakua Gyrfua
- Agyemang Bleman

Non Voting Members identified to be:

- May Matti

Student Representative Reports

Avneet Rooprai provided a report on work of Student Council

- Cabinet meetings have been taking place. First meeting open to the whole school was held October 5th.
- 30 to 35 students attended. There is increased Teacher Representation up to 3 teachers.
- Council has committed to increased engagement and involvement of the student voice.
- Proposal going to Admin regarding several activities to build school spirit to include Christmas activities, Spring Carnival, Dress down days, Valentines.
- Student Council IG account is now active

Adrea Rajshankar attended a Student Senate Meeting which involved reps from each school in DPCDSB where ideas and best practices were shared

Questions from Students:

- Will School Ceremonies begin to happen in person?
- Can honour and other ceremonies be conducted in person?

Staff Representatives

Terri Caroleo went with grade 10 history class to Event put on by National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation at Paramount Fine Foods – Friday September 30th. It was a very emotional and enlightening ceremony. Well received by all who attended.

Principal's Report

Jim Horvath provided update on a number of areas:

- Destreaming in Grade 9 continues and there is lots of support being provided to teachers and students. Areas identified: Math, Science, English & Geography
- OSSLT will go ahead this year
- School continues to work with students to improve leadership skills
- School funds, sources and use will be reported on in future meetings
- Parent Council Meeting should be minimum 4 meetings per year – Voted to be in person meetings at 6:30 p.m. on a Wednesday

Sophia Maloney Presented on several Items:

- School will be making significant investment on a computer refresh
- Investigating a uniform option for students to have a sweater with zipper. This to help mitigate issues with uniform breaches (wearing of hoodies) due to cold in areas of the building.
- Civics Day planned in September was cancelled due to too many uniform infractions. Day replanned for October
- Nutrition breakfast program is up and running. Looking at fundraising to help supplement program
- Parent Teacher Interview night – October 19th
- Mid term Reports will be sent on November 30th
- My School Day App is a great source to provide information on what is going on in the school.

Other Business

Question from Floor:

- What are the expectations from Parents and how do we support the school?
- Any Fundraiser Ideas for Christmas?
- Tony Whelan suggested petitioning for the City of Brampton to install Traffic lights at Country Side and Heart Lake Intersection.

Next Meeting

Wednesday November 16, 2022, School Library – St Marguerite d’Youville Catholic Secondary School

Future Meeting dates to be decided at that time. – Chair will propose a meeting schedule.

Meeting adjourned approximately 8:00 p.m.