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Minutes of Iona Catholic Secondary School Council Meeting
Thursday, November 17, 2022, at 7:00 pm
Iona Learning Commons

In Attendance: Candita Visentin (Chair), Oswaldo Emmanuel (Treasurer), Nelen Visconti-Avila, Nelly Morgado, Veronica Peck, Joanne Becke, Marianne Carvalho, Effie Raposo, Joseph Farias, Andrew Selvam (Chaplaincy Leader), Emidio Santroni (Teacher Rep), Maria Pallotta (VP), Carl Cini (P).

1. Opening Prayer
2. Land Acknowledgement
3. Welcome and Introductions
4. Review and Approval of Meeting Agenda
 - Approved – C. Visentin, N. Morgado
5. Review and Approval of Minutes from September 28, 2022 Meeting
 - Approved – C. Visentin, N. Viconti-Avila
6. Trustee Report
 - No Report
7. Elections/Assignments of Positions – Please consider and follow up via email if interested.
 - a. Vice Chair
 - b. OAPCE Rep
 - c. Secretary
 - d. Parish Representative – St. Christopher
 - e. Parish Representative – St. Francis of Assisi
8. Chaplaincy Report
 - October Food Drive - we raised 2750 food items, approx. 2000 kg - Compass Food Bank

- Outreach Trips until the end of the calendar year - Vita Centre, Erinview Retirement Community, Street Patrol
- Faith Formation
 - We are going to start rosary every Friday at 7:30 am
 - First Friday at 7:30 am mass
 - Last Sunday of the month attending alternative parishes
 - Youth ministers have been intensely involved with the school community
- Retreats
 - Only Grade 12 Retreats left - Street Patrol feeding the homeless in Downtown Toronto
- November
 - We did the All Souls Day Activity - students filled in paper cut-outs of candles with the name of a loved one and a message
 - Candles will get burnt in the jar
 - Chaplaincy will be decorating the school for Advent and Christmas on November 23
- December
 - December 1 - Grade 9 Night In (Just Beachy) - Approx. 120
 - December 13 - Confessions
 - There is also a Christmas Drive and Collection going until December 15
 - Donations can be made through School Cash Online.
 - Salesians come back to Iona - December 15 and 16 will be the Young Team training for students who will be the leaders of the retreat.
- Iona Chaplaincy can be found on Instagram (@ionachaplaincy), Twitter (@ionachap), TikTok (@ionachaplaincy)

9. Teacher Report

- Remembrance Day Assembly saw students from all art disciplines come together for our Remembrance Day Ceremony
- Interactive Remembrance Day Mural - Students learned about changing the narrative of who is remembered during Canada's times of war
- Valentines for Vets School Wide Remembrance Day Activity - students wrote appreciation cards to veterans which will be given to them on Valentine's Day in 2023
- Sports - Junior Boys Cross Country Team represented Iona at OFSAA - Provincial Championship - Everyone ran a personal best
- Full complement of sports still running during the winter - Boys Basketball, Girls Volleyball, and Hockey
- Semi Formal happening November 24, 2022
- Black Student Alliance went to Silvercreek for a leadership retreat, also went to go see Black Panther 2

10. Principal's Report

- Mid Term Report Cards will be distributed on Wednesday, November 23.
- Course Evaluations - 70% Term work and 30% Final Evaluations. 30% is divided between a Culminating Performance Task and Final Evaluation during the Exam Period. This is different depending on the course, grade and destination pathway. Students have already been made aware of this breakdown on their course outlines provided on the first day of their classes.
- Student achievement has varied for students as we return to full time in person learning. During virtual learning and quadesters, students developed work habits and study skills that are not consistent with our current model. Students are having difficulties completing homework, preparing for tests, working on timed activities and focusing on their academic work. They also have not consolidated their learning to be as successful as they could be in senior academic courses particularly in Math and Science.
- To help students prepare for January Exams, Iona will be working on notetaking skills, test taking skills, study environments and time management. There will be grade level assemblies, Snack and Study sessions, tips on social media and morning announcements, distribution of preparation resources and in class focusses on subject specific studying and practicing timed activities.
- Iona Wellness will also focus on Mental Health and test/exam taking/studying in the month of December.
- Final Exams for Semester 1 will be from January 25 – January 31. One exam per day from Periods 1 – 4 respectively. Parents and students are reminded that students must be present for exams.
- Course selection for next year will begin in the coming months.
- November 19 – Peel Public Health Vaccination Clinic at Iona
- November 24 – Semi Formal – Semi Formal will go forward even if there is job action.
- November 25 – PD Day – No classes for students
- November 28 – December 2 – Grad Photos. Sessions can be booked at Edge.ca using the school code IONAS.
- December 8 – Iona Dance presents *There is a Time*. Grade 12 Dancers perform their choreography with the help of the entire program.
- December 13-16 – Iona Drama presents *Elf Jr.* Musical performance runs for 5 shows. Each feeder school will have a performance and a night performance for family and friends.
- December 12 – Iona Music presents *Snowflake Symphony* Christmas Concert.
- December 22 – January 8 – Christmas Break
- Winter weather has an impact on schools. The Boards Community Information Bulletin titled Weather Related Bus Cancellation System Closures Protocol is an important resource.
 - For bus cancellations, Iona is in Zone 1. If busses are cancelled, school is open with teachers supporting students who do come to school. If students are unable to attend there will be no remote access to the classroom.
 - For school closure, consolidation and review work will be available and teachers accessible for students.

- School Generated Funds plan was presented to council. Fees collected from students and parents go to fund student activities and school renewal. SGF funds have been set aside to paint our gym, update our Learning Commons, supplement our Media Arts program, purchase technology, for an OFSAA contingency fund for teams that qualify for provincial championships, performances, productions and Eco Schools. These go along with our usual events such as Graduation, Prom, Semi Formal, Athletic Banquet and Nutrition Programs.
- Requests have been made to the Board to renovate our old Photography classroom with a traditional dark room to a Media Arts classroom with a green room, retiling the student bathrooms, getting a school sign that lights up and can be seen from Southdown Road and an outdoor athletic facility to be put on the parking lot.
- Students are asked to pay a \$65 student activity fee. The fee goes to retreats, yearbook and student activities. We have noticed that many students have not paid their fees. This limits what we can sustainably provide students in terms of co-curricular activities, events, speakers and student initiatives.
- Please follow us on Twitter @IonaCatholic, on Instagram @ionacatholicmississauga and on YouTube at Iona CSS

8. Treasurer's Report

- Current balance – 935.73

Meeting Dates

Thursday, February 16, 2023

Adjournment

The meeting of the Iona Catholic Secondary Council was adjourned.