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Minutes of Iona Catholic Secondary School Council Meeting
Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 7:00 pm
Iona Learning Commons

In Attendance: Justyna Czerepak (Chair), Joseph Farias, Oswald Emmanuel, Kirsten Madsen, Lois Keating, Regina Majkut, Connie Kim, Herman Viloría (Trustee), Laura Di Gennaro (VP), Carl Cini (P).
Regrets: Nelen Visconti-Avila, Vita Emmanuel, Nelía Toste (Teacher Rep)

1. Opening Prayer
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Review and Approval of Meeting Agenda
 - Approved – K. Madsen, J. Czerepak
4. Review and Approval of Minutes from November 17, 2023 Meeting
 - Approved – O. Emmanuel, J. Czerepak
5. Trustee Report - Herman Viloría, Catholic School Trustee
 - Referred to Trustee Newsletter
 - Board financial situation discussed. Debt and deficit in the Board due to a historical, structural issue that the Board has no ability to rectify.
 - New curriculum updates for secondary
 - Motion to the Board to allow Orthodox Catholic students to elementary
6. Chairs Report
 - Central Committee for Catholic School Council Chairs provided training via Zoom for all Catholic School Council members. The training provided good information on their role.
 - Central Committee for Catholic School Council Chairs Executive meeting minutes provide information to local School councils. Minutes can be found at <https://www3.dpcdsb.org/parents/getting-involved/ccsc/ccsc-meetings>

7. Treasurer's Report

- Current balance – 935.73

8. Teacher Report

- Academic Awards breakfast; Dec 5
- Frozen play, 9 performances, 5 elementary schools; performed at a Retirement home and performed at the Planning for Independence dance; Dec 11 – 15
- Christmas drive raised over \$3100 for our school community
- Therapy dogs visited our school before the Christmas break
- Exams will be written starting Jan 24 – Jan 29
- Jan 18 and 22; Study and Snack sessions in the cafeteria
- Snowflake Dance – Planning for Independence Staff with our Leadership students planned dance for Special Needs students from 6 secondary schools in our Board. There were crafts, dancing, pictures with Santa, a visit from the cast of Frozen and a lot of Christmas Spirit. It was a great event.

9. Principal's Report

- In case of Inclement Weather Iona is in Zone 1. If buses are cancelled, school will be open. Students can find work available on their class LMS for consolidation and review. Teachers will not be available as they will be supervising the students that did make it to school.
- If there is a school closure due to weather. Students will be able to access work available on LMS for consolidation and review. Teachers will make themselves available as much as possible.
- Exam Period – Jan 24 to Jan 29 – 8:10 – 10:30
- Exam Contingency Day. If buses are cancelled during the exam period, the exams are cancelled for all students for that day and moved to the Exam Contingency Day.
- Bussing during exams – Busses will run on regular hours – students may leave after exams – bus students who remain will be in study hall in cafeteria
- Exam preparation is taking place in classes, students can access our presentations on website and there will be 2 Study & Snack sessions.
- Exam Moratorium – Jan 17 – no homework, evaluations requiring study at home, only co curriculars are to help with mental health and exam prep.
- Exam Review Day – Jan 31
- PD Day – February 1
- Semester 2 begins on February 2 – new classes, new teachers.
- University Apps due by January 15, 2024
- College Apps due by February 1, 2024
- February is Black History Month – activities, assemblies, announcements, social media all month long – focus on sickle cell anemia and the Black community – focus on celebrating black culture and accomplishments.
- Ash Wednesday – Feb 14 – Liturgy in cafeteria

- March Break – March 11 – 15
- Parent Interviews for Semester 2 – Tentatively April 4
- Currently registering Grade 8 students for Grade 9 – school visits, feeders in for Frozen – keep talking us up in community
- Please follow us on Twitter @IonaCatholic, on Instagram @ionacatholicmississauga and on YouTube at Iona CSS

Meeting Dates

April 18, 2024, May 23, 2024

Adjournment

The meeting of the Iona Catholic Secondary Council was adjourned.

*Our Mission: Disciples of Christ, nurturing mind, body and soul to the fullness of life.
Our Vision: Changing the world through Catholic Education*

January 2024

Happy New Year and welcome back to our DPCDSB students, families, staff, as well as our Catholic school communities. A new year brings fresh opportunities to reflect, learn and to live more like Christ. May we open wide the doors of a New Year to Christ, to *nurture a future of hope*.

World Day of Peace January 1 – The World Day of Peace was established by Pope Paul VI in 1968. He asked that *“every year, this commemoration be repeated as a hope and promise at the beginning of the calendar which measures and outlines the path of human life in time, that Peace with its just and beneficent equilibrium may dominate the development of events to come.”*

2022-2023 DPCDSB Director’s Annual Report – Our Director of Education is required by the Ministry of Education to produce an annual report to the community that outlines how DPCDSB has met the goals of our Board of Trustees’ Multi-Year Strategic Plan. As well, it provides an account of how DPCDSB has met the Ministry’s goals on Equity and Inclusivity, over the past year.

The report is included in the December 12, 2023 Board of Trustees meeting agenda. DPCDSB is committed to a Catholic learning environment that is informed by the principles of acceptance, support, and inclusion of all learners. Rooted in the Catholic understanding of the inherent human dignity of all persons, equity and inclusion are reflected in our system approach and supporting policies. This document is available on the board website.

2023 - 2024 Revised Operating Budget – School boards are required to file revised estimates with the Ministry of Education by mid-December in order to provide updated financial information for the fiscal year.

DPCDSB has been required to operate under a Multi-Year Financial Recovery Plan (MYFRP) since 2020-2021. DPCDSB continues to work with the Ministry to find a resolution for the unsustainable Long-Term Disability (LTD) plan and growing accumulated deficit position. The budget challenges continue to be enrolment decline and the fully paid LTD plan. The revised, estimated compliance deficit is now \$36.5 million.



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“ *May He
grant you your
heart’s desire and
fulfill all your
plans.* ”
– Proverbs 16:19

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2023 - 2024 Revised Capital Budget –The revised capital budget for DPCDSB is \$75.5 million. School Renewal (SR) and School Condition Improvement (SCI) funding is utilized to help address high and urgent needs and keep schools in a state of good repair. The COVID19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream (CVRIS) funding has allowed DPCDSB to invest in several important measures including enhanced air ventilation systems in schools that had no air conditioning and the installation of new water bottle refill stations in all schools. DPCDSB received major capital funding approval from the Ministry of Education for the replacement of St. Anne Catholic Elementary School (CES) and the new Mount Pleasant CES in Brampton.

Ministry Curriculum Updates – The Ministry of Education is continuing to modernize Ontario’s curriculum to ensure students are learning the foundational and transferable skills that prepare them for the future. Revised curriculum and courses for September 2024 will be issued in spring 2024 and will be available for parents on the [Curriculum and Resources website](#). The ministry is currently finalizing a call for proposals to partners to develop resources that aim to support implementation for the upcoming school year.

- Exploring Canadian Geography, Grade 9, De-streamed (CGC1W)
- Business Studies, Grades 9 and 10
- Building the Entrepreneurial Mindset, Grade 9, Open (BEM1O)
- Launching and Leading a Business, Grade 10, Open (BEP2O)
- Technological Education, Grades 9 and 10
- Technology and the Skilled Trades, Grade 9, Open (TAS1O)
- Technology and the Skilled Trades, Grade 10, Open (TAS2O)
- Career Studies, Grade 10, Open (GLC2O)

Kindergarten Registration – DPCDSB offers the Kindergarten program in 125 Catholic elementary schools in Mississauga, Brampton, Caledon, Bolton, and Orangeville. Parents/guardians can register online at www.dpcdsb.org. Registration is open to Catholic children and children of Catholic parents. Kindergarten students must be at least four (4) years of age by December 31, 2024. All elementary schools are currently accepting new online registrations for 2024-2025 unless specified below.

- St. Sofia Catholic Elementary School: Similar to 2023-2024, in an effort to manage existing and future enrolment at St. Sofia, new registrations are currently paused for the 2024-2025 school year except for new Junior Kindergarten (JK) students. A cap of 60 students has been set for new JK students registering for September 2024. More information about registration for Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8 will be communicated in early January 2024.
- For information about Kindergarten Registration for the St. James Catholic Global Learning Centre, visit the [St. James website](#).
- To find out which Catholic school is in your area, use the [Peel Region](#) and [Dufferin County Find My School](#) tools or contact the DPCDSB Planning Department at 905-890-0708 ext. 24440
- If you are applying for admissions under 'Flexible Boundaries', please contact the school office directly.
- [Elementary Student Transfer Request Form](#) (for current DPCDSB students)

January 24 - DPCDSB Entry Planning and Transition Information Session for students with Differing Abilities

DPCDSB will host an information session to support the entry planning and transition of students with differing abilities who will be new to the DPCDSB for September 2024. During this session, parents/guardians will have the opportunity to meet with board staff and learn about the entry planning process for students with differing abilities. Differing abilities may include but are not limited to the following areas: blind low vision, hearing, speech, autism, physical/medical and/or developmental delays in the cognitive and/or motor areas.

The information session will be held at St. Marcellinus Catholic Secondary School (730 Courtneypark Dr. West, Mississauga) from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Parents/guardians can [register online](#) for this event. For more information, contact Fara Miranda Fernandes, Resource Secretary, Special Education & Learning Services at 905-890-0708 Ext. 24011 or Fara.MirandaFernandes@dpcdsb.org. [Event Flyer](#) / [Registration Link](#)

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