

St. John of the Cross School
School Council Meeting
January 30, 2020 Minutes

Present: Josie R, Enza DG-M, Anthony C, Sandra T, Beata T, Kelly D, Kelly H, Jane G, Kinga K, Valerie G

Absent: Tricia S

Opening Prayer: All

Welcome: All

Acknowledgement: “ *We would like to acknowledge and thank the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation for being the ongoing Stewards of this traditional territory.*”

Last Meeting’s Minutes Approval:

Tonight’s Meeting Agenda Approval:

Chair’s Report: Anthony C

Anthony discussed the organization of the ***Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast***. A letter written by Anthony and approved by the school principal was to be sent home informing parents of the pancake breakfast and to give families the opportunity to opt out or to ask for a replacement meal. A schedule of classes was to be passed on to the classroom teachers. There are 8 parent volunteers that have committed to helping with the event.

Principal’s Report: Enza DG-M

Thank you for your time and efforts with Pizza Days, Milk and Cookie Day and Harvey’s Day. ***Thank you to Mrs. Gillis for all of her time and contributions to our Catholic School Council over the years, we wish her so many good blessings as she embarks upon her retirement!***

1. Faith

- ***Rosary Apostolate*** in the schools continues
- ***YFAs lead us in an Advent Liturgy***, under the direction of Madame Colangelo, to distribute Advent Wreaths to classes
- Staff gathered to celebrate weekly for Advent Liturgies
- ***Our Angel on the Tree*** initiative in support of St. John of the Cross Church was a great success due to the generosity of our school community
- ***Advent/Feast Day Mass*** led by our Kindergartens and YFAs
- ***Grade 8’s volunteered at Dr. Simone’s warehouse***, Canadian Food for Children and they were joined by Trustee Corbet
- ***Wednesday, February 26, is Ash Wednesday*** and we will have a school liturgy to distribute ashes

2. Academics

- **Superintendent of Mississauga North, S. Gos** visited our school and classrooms on Thursday, January 23
- **Elementary Guidance and Experiential Learning Teacher** in to support grade 7 & 8s and other classes when time permits
- **Report cards** will be sent home Wednesday, February 5 instead of Tuesday, February 4, due to teacher job action
- **Reporting to parents/interviews** will be held as regularly scheduled, the evening of Thursday, February 6 and Friday, February 7 during the day (PA Day)
- **School level speech competition** Wednesday, February 12
- **Mississauga North Family level speech competition** Thursday, February 20

3. Extra-Curricular

- Ms. Tomazela (teacher report)

4. Other

- <https://www3.dpcdsb.org/JCROS/parents/school-generated-funds>
- April 15 Mississauga North family level **CSC meeting** cancelled
- **Graduation Photos** Wednesday, March 25, 2020
- **Drumming Sessions** Monday, March 30 and Tuesday, March 31 (students), evening of March 30 for parents and students

Action Items/Updates:

- **Spirit Wear Promotion and Sales**
- Continue Tuesday, **pizza lunches to support grade 7 & 8 trip to Ottawa?**
- **Reschedule next CSC meeting**

Teacher's Report: Sandra T.

December was a great busy month. Many events this month: **Christmas concert, Angel on the Tree, Pizza and cookie / milk and cookie day, Christmas Dance, Our Advent Liturgy.**

We returned in January very much excited to get into our school routines. The **Primary division went to the Living Arts Centre.** It was great to have a **Harvey's day.** Nothing like a new treat for students to get excited about it. Even having pizzas days on Tuesday now seemed to get them in a good mood. Our extra curriculum activities continue with the **Junior boys basketball team season until mid February follow by the intermediate division.** The **junior division** will have the opportunity during lunch hour to play **floor hockey** in the gym (organized and supervised by Mr. Hogan and Mr. Woltran). A **Chess club** is also available to students who are interested in the game.

February events: speeches, Valentines dance, spirit week, lent, Pancake Day,

The French classes we will be talking about the world's largest winter Carnival that takes place in Quebec! Depending on the weather, Mrs. Colangelo is hoping to get the classes outdoors to create snow sculptures and for some winter fun.

OAPCE Report: Anthony C

Due to the provincial cut to **Parent Engagement**, DPCDSB will be holding Family of School parent nights.

The first scheduled **parent event is for Saturday April 4 at Fr. Michael Goetz**. The topic of discussion will be Human Trafficking. A similar event will be held in Brampton at a future date. Flyers advertising this event will be sent to each school.

Parish Report: Josie R

- **St. John of the Cross School was in charge of the Parish Bulletin Board for January. Special thanks to Mrs. Polom** for the wonderful job on the Bulletin Board with the theme Jesus is the Light of the World
- **Next Parish Rep meeting** is scheduled for February 11, 2020, 7pm, St. John of the Cross Parish
- **Sacramental Gifts** were voted on and vote passed (Bracelets/Rosaries) Ordering to be confirmed at April 2020 Council Meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Anthony C for Tricia S

- Updated **Budget Tracker** provided, attached to paper copy of these minutes
- There was concern raised that Council was over budget, not able to afford Pancake expense. (At the typing of these minutes, Pancake Breakfast had occurred, successfully)

Fundraising Report: Kelly D

- New food/lunch item suggested - Freshii has a school program

Motion to Adjourn: All

Closing Prayer: All

Next Council meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2020 @6:30pm in SJOC School Library