

St. John of the Cross School  
Council Meeting  
November 28, 2019 Minutes

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

**Absent:**

**Welcome:** All

**Opening Prayer:** 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:** Tricia S, Valerie G

**Tonight’s Agenda Approval:** Kelly D, Tricia S

**Chair’s Report:** Anthony C.

- **Friday Nov.22**, SJOTC presented a movie night featuring the **movie Pokeman Detective Pikachu** for students in FDK to grade 5. It was a successful evening with a great number of students and families attending the evening. Due to a number of scheduled events in the latter part of the school year, a second movie night will not be scheduled.
- The **school spirit wear** from School Tee will be **delivered sometime during the week of Dec. 2nd**. **The feedback to the spirit wear is that the sale period was too long, (6 weeks), and this resulted in the waiting time much longer. A recommendation for the next time spirit wear would be offered is to have the sale period a two week period resulting in the orders being processed in a quicker fashion.** The company would only deliver a one time, when all orders were in to reduce their own shipping costs. A second order of spirit wear will begin in December or early January. **Toques will be the featured item.** Price was not established at the time of the council meeting.
- **Parent Engagement has gone through some changes due to the new provincial government.** The structure and amount of money available for each school in Dufferin-Peel has been reduced from \$1000 to \$500. The school board was given \$45 000 for Parent Engagement. The board has decided that each family of schools will have a parent engagement night and the feeder schools will all be invited to attend. It was also proposed that schools can team up, bringing their resources together in organizing a parent engagement evening. The parent engagement evening for the Mississauga North Family of schools has been scheduled for some time in April.

**Principal’s Report:** Enza DG-M

**Thank you** for your time and efforts with our Halloween Dance-A-Thon. Thank you to Mrs. Gillis for all of her time with setting up and running reports for School Cash On-Line to support this event also. Thank you as well for volunteering your time with Pizza

Days, Movie Night and our upcoming Milk and Cookie Day!

## 1. Faith

- **Rosary Apostolate** in the schools is underway
- **Father Joyson** came to visit our Gr. 7s
- **Remembrance Day Liturgy** organized by our Gr. 6s & 8s
- **Remembrance Day Presentation** and sharing by Mrs. Jarvis
- **YFAs** shared prayers and positive messages every morning during Bullying Aware
- Week
- **YFAs will lead us in an Advent Liturgy tomorrow** and Advent Wreaths will be distributed to classes
- Staff will also gather to celebrate weekly for Advent Liturgies throughout Advent
- **Our Angel on the Tree** initiative in support of St. John of the Cross Church will continue until Dec. 9
- **Advent/Feast Day Mass Dec. 13 at 10:45am**

## 2. Academics

- **Progress Reports** were sent home November 12
- **Junior Achievement/Financial Literacy** Gr. 4., 4/5 and 7
- Junior and Intermediate Teams participated in the **Mississauga North Math Mania Competition**
- **Catholic School Improvement Learning Cycle (CSILC)** reflective of our Catholic Board
- Improvement Learning Cycle (CBILC) has been developed and is available on our school website

## 3. Extra-Curricular

- Ms. Tomazela (teacher report) **Nov. 12 & 14-Education Officer**
- **Nov. 18-22 Bullying Awareness Week-Guest speaker-"Testament"** Dreams for Peace
- We were joined by Trustee Corbet, YFAs Anti-bullying pledge signed by all, Pink Spirit Day, posters and reflections
- Volleyball
- **Excursions-Silver Creek and Crawford Lake**

## 4. Other

- **P.A. Day Nov. 15-DPCDSB 50th Anniversary Mississauga North Retreat**
- **DPCDSB 50th Anniversary Gala** attended by Mrs. Tomazela, Mrs. Ricci and myself
- **Christmas Concert Wed. Dec. 4**
- **Action Items/Updates:**

- ***The Mission of the DPCDSB has been revised***, and a new Vision accompanies the Mission.
- Developed in collaboration by our Trustees and staff. Mission (who we are and what we do)
- Disciples of Christ, nurturing mind, body, and soul to the fullness of life.
- Vision (what we want for our learners)
- Changing the world through Catholic education.
- ***Revision of Catholic School Council Minutes*** from October of 2018 to support our Catholic School Council By-Law 17: Code of Ethics
- Date for fundraiser prize assembly
- ***Detailed summary to school community of amount raised for fundraiser and prizes received***

**Teacher's Report:** Sandra T

- ***Volleyball season began on November 1st. The Boys' and Girls' Teams had a great season.*** The boys won all four games within our family group. Girls won two out of the four games. Boys qualified for the family tournament, which took place this morning at Gonzaga. The team played amazing. Their sportsmanship and teamwork are to be commended. They made it to the semi-finals and were very proud of their accomplishment this year.
- ***Advent/Feast Day Mass on December 13, 2019 at 10:45am in our school gym, all are welcome! The Kindergartens are leading the choir.***
- ***Upcoming Events include*** Christmas Concert, extra pizza and cookie day, milk and cookie day and our Spirit Week which includes Christmas Dance.
- ***Staff Liturgies for the month of December*** are on the 2nd, 11th and 18th at 8:30am in the front foyer.

**Non-Teaching Report:** Jane G

***All items to be covered here were discussed in Principal's and Treasurer's Reports***

**OAPCE Report:** Anthony C

- The ***October meeting*** was a closing meeting and a ***review of the differences between a lockdown and a hold and secure were discussed.***
- The ***November meeting*** was ***a review of positions and procedures with a new OAPCE council being voted in.***

**Parish Report:** Josie R

***The next Parish Representatives meeting is Tuesday February 11, 2020 - Time and Location to be confirmed. At the typing of these minutes location and time confirmed as St. John of the Cross Parish, 7pm.***

**Treasurer's Report:** Tricia S

- ***\$4,400 spent so far from this year's budget***
- the ***Fundraising Goal of \$8,000 from Dance-a-thon was met***
- the ***remaining cookies purchased from the BBQ*** went towards the extra Pizza and Milk & Cookie Day on December 10, 2019
- Updated copy of Budget Tracker attached to paper copy of these minutes.

**Fundraising Report:** Kelly D

- ***Our Fund-raising Dance-a-thon was a success... we raised \$8,281 surpassing our \$8,000 goal - Congratulations!*** The number of families that chose NOT to participate was 89 - this number up from last year. ***All draws for the top prizes have been made and will be announced in upcoming assembly.*** Suggestion put forward that a Dance-a-thon/fundraiser be organized again for the next school year.
- ***Harvey's Day*** moved from Tuesday January 14, 2020 to Wednesday January 15, 2020 to accomodate extra pizza day already scheduled on that Tuesday. Another Harvey's Day scheduled for April 22, 2020.
- ***Two pizza days per week to start in the year suggested - motion voted on and carried.***

**Miscellaneous Items:** All

- ***Council Newsletter*** going out

**Motion to Adjourn:** All

**Closing Prayer:** All

***The Next Council meeting in the SJOC School Library on January 30, 2020***