

# St. Joachim Elementary School - 2023-2024 School Council

## Meeting Minutes, November 16, 2023, 6:30-8:10pm

**Attendees:** S. Salameh, G. Russo, A. Baez, A. Valente, P. Brade, A. Picanco, D. Pagulayan, N. Gluhushkin, T. Johnson-White, S. Luckie, L. Dower, V. Schuler, A. Thomas (Trustee)

**Absent:** J. Lise, C. Penner, A. Szekely, W. Mac

AGENDA ITEM & NOTES	ACTION ITEMS/PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE/APPROVALS
<b>Opening Prayer &amp; Land Acknowledgement</b>	Amanda
<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	<i>Shenna – Approved Diane – 2<sup>nd</sup></i>
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	<i>Angela – Approved Diane – 2<sup>nd</sup></i>
<b>Discussion with Trustee Anisha Thomas</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Following up re: unauthorized parking in our Kiss &amp; Ride lot               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Still waiting for new signage (we have a new Superintendent, Ms. Thomas to follow-up with him)</li> <li>○ Would also like to see enforcement</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Disappointment voiced re: denying of flex-boundary requests for kindergarten</li> <li>• Christine provided updates from the board re: schoolyard improvements               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Baseball diamond is slotted to be remediated this spring</li> <li>○ Board has moved away from playground equipment due to liability issues</li> <li>○ Board is open to hearing our ideas for schoolyard enhancements</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Parents would like to see the pavement improved/extended</li> <li>• Asked about possibility of fencing schoolyard               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Concerns over recent incidents</li> <li>○ Would make area available for recess much smaller</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Amanda to email summary of our concerns to Anisha Thomas for her reference and follow-up.
<b>Chair Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Donation appeal to families only brought in about \$800               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ will need to do additional fundraising</li> </ul> </li> <li>• About 115 pasta orders were received               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Anticipate profits of ~\$400/month (Mr. Lise said council can keep all profits)</li> <li>○ Will count as CSC fundraiser (#2)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Online training for CSC Executive members on Nov 30 at 7pm<sup>1</sup></li> <li>• Big box cards               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 46 boxes of kids birthday cards and 27 all occasion boxes</li> <li>○ Will not count as fundraiser for this year (grandfathered in)</li> <li>○ <b>VOTE: New price of \$15/box</b> for Big Box Cards<sup>2</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Will sell at Christmas Family Night and put back up on Cash Online</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Christmas Family Night December 20               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Council requested to contribute Coffee (and maybe Tea)</li> <li>○ <b>VOTE: Up to \$250 to cover the cost of Coffee/Tea</b><sup>3</sup></li> <li>○ Will need volunteers to run Coffee/Tea station and sell Big Box Cards</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>VOTE: 10 x \$50 Walmart gift cards for St. Joachim families in need at Christmas (\$500 Total)</b><sup>4</sup></li> <li>• Question: Can cash be donated for the school fundraiser (not use Cash Online)?               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Yes. Just drop off in the office. If tax receipt is requested, must provide name/address information.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<sup>1</sup> Will send out links once received.  <sup>2</sup> Angela, Allen, Amanda, Shenna, Trisha, Diane, Natasha  <sup>3</sup> Amanda, Natasha, Diane, Shenna, Trisha, Angela, Ms. Russo  <sup>4</sup> Unanimous
<b>Treasurer Report</b> (see full report below) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most of the deposit for pasta lunch orders will be used to pay Tonino's for the pasta</li> <li>• Have funds raised from our donation module have not been transferred into our account yet</li> </ul>	

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<p><b>Parish Rep Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During month of November, deceased remembered at all masses</li> <li>• New pastor coming to St. Anne's soon</li> <li>• Children's Liturgy held during 10am mass, looking for volunteers for noon mass</li> <li>• Families invited to participate in 1<sup>st</sup> annual Nativity Scene in a Box Contest</li> <li>• Missionary Families of Christ, Brampton Chapter hosting church life seminar Nov18/19</li> <li>• Tickets on sale for Christ the King Rally on Nov 25 in Toronto</li> <li>• Revitalization of our Faith speaker Dr. Josephine Lombardi – Tues, Nov 22 at 7pm</li> <li>• Knights of Columbus will rake your leaves – you provide the bags and a donation</li> <li>• Mom's Group upcoming meetings – Nov 23 and Dec 7 at 7pm in the Fraser Room</li> <li>• Mom's Group &amp; Youth Ministry Christmas bake sale after all masses Dec 15-17</li> <li>• Overflow parking at St. Anne's School was closed last Saturday for the 5pm mass</li> </ul>	
<p><b>OAPCE Rep Report</b> (see full report below)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Question: How are opinions/feedback canvassed? Would feedback be requested from CSC if there are issues concerning elementary students?<sup>5</sup></li> </ul>	<p><sup>5</sup> Diane to check with OAPCE to see if there is a way for all parents to give their feedback.</p>
<p><b>Community Rep Report</b> (see full report below)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full report can be found in St. Joachim's November Newsletter on Smore</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Teachers Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dance team competition in February</li> <li>• Beach volleyball intramural (grades 4-6) happening now</li> <li>• Math for Mohawk going well – many students have logged over 1000 minutes</li> <li>• Indoor soccer tryouts and badminton club (grades 5-8) to begin in a couple weeks</li> <li>• Intermediate volleyball tournament begins in 10 days</li> <li>• Basketball tournament coming to St. Joachim in February</li> <li>• Nov 30 Chess Club Tournament</li> <li>• Environmental club cleaned up gardens, school yard and park</li> <li>• Currently hosting CBC Sounds of the Season Food Drive</li> <li>• Dec 20 – 6-8pm, Christmas Family Night <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Crafts in Gym B, Kinder concert in Gym A</li> <li>○ Journey to Bethlehem Stations with Youth Faith Ambassadors (YFAs)</li> <li>○ Choir caroling</li> <li>○ Library: Coffee/rest station for parents<sup>6</sup>, YFAs reading stories for kids</li> <li>○ Family pictures in Room 3</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Question: Can cash donations be given for CBC food drive? Food will be weighed to determine winner. <sup>7</sup></li> <li>• Concern: Complaint regarding quality of the bread from sub day (very dry).<sup>8</sup></li> <li>• Suggestion to have pasta delivered at noon on pasta day.</li> </ul>	<p><sup>6</sup> Need CSC volunteers to run coffee station.</p> <p><sup>7</sup> Ms. Russo has offered to purchase food if any cash/gift card donations come in.</p> <p><sup>8</sup> Ms. Russo will ask if other students had same issue. Give feedback to Subway.</p>
<p><b>Principal/Vice Principal Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Lise sends his regrets</li> <li>• Matthew Jones, AKA Testament, coming next week as part of our equity, inclusion, diversity initiative</li> <li>• Nov 19-25 National Bullying Awareness Week – spirit activities planned</li> <li>• Choir – representing St. Joachim at Catholic Education Centre on Dec 6</li> <li>• Dec 11 – school mass at 10:30am (info can be found in Smore newsletter)</li> <li>• Purchased 2 free-standing badminton nets</li> <li>• Order for 30 more Chromebooks</li> </ul>	

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<p><b>New Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion re: possible fundraising ideas for our final fundraiser of the year               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Krispy Kreme (not taking any more school orders this school year)</li> <li>○ Little Caesar’s Pizza Kits</li> <li>○ Helenda’s pepperoni sticks</li> <li>○ Flowers for Easter/spring</li> <li>○ Read-a-thon (will run even if not a fundraiser)</li> <li>○ Macmillans (various food items)</li> <li>○ Suggestion of hosting auction – prize: Reserved Parking Spot in Kiss &amp; Ride</li> <li>○ Raffle for gift baskets</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Discussion re: parent engagement event(s)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sara Westbrook (strategies to enhance resilience and emotional and mental well-being for students and parents)                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Total cost for student/parent presentations = \$2412.55</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ X-Movement                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Event already booked for students in June</li> <li>▪ Can add parent/community engagement night for only \$495+HST</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Other suggestions:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ BBQ with community partners</li> <li>▪ CultureFest</li> <li>▪ Drummer – Barbarinde</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Support for XMovement option and possible movie/games night in Feb</li> </ul> </li> <li>• What would we like to raise money for? Is there anything the teachers need for their classrooms?<sup>9</sup></li> </ul>	<p><sup>9</sup> Ms. Russo to poll teachers.</p>
<b>MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:10 PM</b>	<i>Trisha - Approved, Natasha - 2<sup>nd</sup></i>
<b>Next Meeting is on January 17, 2024 at 6:30pm (virtual)</b>	

St. Joachim Catholic Elementary School  
Monthly School council Treasurer's Report

Date: October 1, 2023

Opening Balance	as of October 1 2023		\$	3,202.90
			\$	-
			<b>\$</b>	<b>3,202.90</b>

**\$ 3,202.90**

Less Expenses				
	01-Oct-23	Cheque for Gr. 8 Graduation 2022-2024	\$	600.00
	01-Oct-23	Freezies 2023-2024 last day of school celebration	\$	100.00
	01-Oct-23	Uncleared Cheque Confirmation Crosses Cheque #468	\$	254.25
			<b>\$</b>	<b>954.25</b>
			<b>\$</b>	<b>(954.25)</b>

Parent Involment Grant				
	01-Oct-23	Deposit (Pasta Lunch Order)	\$	3,075.94
	01-Oct-23	Online Donation	\$	25.00
			<b>\$</b>	<b>3,100.94</b>

Less Expenses				
			\$	
			\$	-
			<b>\$</b>	<b>3,100.94</b>

St. Joachim School Initiatives				
			\$	
			\$	-
			<b>\$</b>	<b>-</b>
Classroom Resources				

**Bank Balance Remaining (as at October 31 - including cheques issued but not yet cleared)      \$ 5,349.59**

Commitments for 2023/2024				
			\$	
			\$	-

**FUNDS after commitments      \$ 5,349.59**

Quick Glance				
			\$	
			\$	-

# OAPCE Meetings 2022/23 - Representative Report

St. Joachim/Cardinal Leger SS - Diane Pagulayan

*OAPCE - Ontario Association of Parents for Catholic Education*

## Oct 30th, 2023 OAPCE Meeting - DPCDSB Board office, 7pm

We had a very informative first meeting! It was great to reconnect with existing and meet new members. An excellent source of information sharing.

Our first meeting was centred around three themes:

- **Brief history of OAPCE**
- **“What Are We Here for Anyways?”**
- **Home, School and Beyond** - a short presentation by OAPCE director Joe Perri

### **Brief History of OAPCE:**

- **OAPCE is a mandated role by the Ministry of Education**
- OAPCE was founded in 1939 and has been an integral part of the Catholic school community ever since. *OAPCE is the voice of parents* and is entirely volunteer based.
- Funding for OAPCE is through the school board, MOE and donations
- As per **Section 612/00 of the Education Act**, every local parent school council is required to have an OAPCE representative. This position must be held by a Roman Catholic parent or guardian of a child currently in a Catholic District School Board. This position is an additional voting parent member position to the usual School Council membership and the purpose is to provide contact between the school council, the regional council and the provincial Association. These OAPCE Liaison Representatives will sit as part of a Regional Council and become the conduit to share parents views and concerns with the OAPCE.
- OAPCE is a PROVINCIAL organization and is autonomous
- OAPCE primary goals are to **ENGAGE, ADVOCATE and ENHANCE**

### **“What Are We Here for Anyways?”**

- Primarily to support and advocating for parent rights
- To share information BOTH TO our local school councils and FROM our schools to the OAPCE group
- To connect and share information with other catholic education groups, such as:
  - ICE - Institute for Catholic Education
  - SEAC - Special Education Activity council
  - CCCB - Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops
  - OCSTA - Ontario Catholic School Trustee Association
- To participate in Ministry of Education consultations and provide feedback on behalf of OAPCE/parents (**most recent feedback on new Accelerated Apprenticeship Pathway**)
- 5 tips for every OAPCE rep.
  1. Review what OAPCE does

## OAPCE Meetings 2022/23 - Representative Report

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2. Join the OAPCE distribution list
3. like/follow OAPCE on social media
4. Participate in events
5. Share Parent4Parent newsletter with your council and parent community

**Home, School and Beyond** - a short presentation by OAPCE director Joe Perri

**Catholic Education is going through a challenging time with the many different issues that our children are facing each day. We are at a crucial junction where we have to join as Parents working with our educational partners, to put the pieces together to ensure the success of our children's future.**

- **Home** - "happiness is not something we find... it's something we make". Finding time to be with and rooted in our family is key to our happiness
- **School** - "peace of mind" - nothing comes easy, don't give up!
- **Beyond** - "inspiring". Investigate other like minded groups, support individual strengths, remember our faith is our foundation

We watched a very inspiring video (link below):

[Clint Pulver - Be a Mr.Jensen!](#)

- We then broke into groups to work on a puzzle (Home, School & Beyond)

The meeting closed with the Executive Members sharing that in 2024 OAPCE will be celebrating 85 years in Catholic education!! More will be shared about this celebration and the conference in April (likely in GTA).

**PARENT4PARENT NEWSLETTER** - please share with the school community  
[Oct 2023 Newsletter](#)

**\*\*Finally, ALL are welcome to attend the OAPCE meetings (virtual or in person)!!**

## November Community Events Bulletin

PLEASE NOTE: These materials are available for informational purposes only, with no intention to recommend, endorse or provide determinations of suitability in respect to any product or service listed on this bulletin.

### **DPCDSB Community Events Bulletin**

1. <https://www.dpcdsb.org/parents/community-bulletin-board>

### **National Youth Remembrance Contest - Poster, Literary or Video**

<https://www.remembrancecontests.ca/>

2. Through the annual National Youth Remembrance Contests, the Legion National Foundation, with the assistance of The Royal Canadian Legion and schools across the country, invite Canadian youth and children to honour Canada's Veterans and foster the tradition of Remembrance through visual art, writing, and video.  
Entry deadline: Varies by location. Please contact the Legion Branch nearest you for their submission deadline.

### **City of Brampton Events**

3. <https://www.brampton.ca/EN/Online-Services/Events/Pages/Welcome.asp>

### **November 11 Parade and Service of Remembrance , City of Brampton**

4. <https://www.brampton.ca/EN/City-Hall/Protocol-Office/Brampton-Remembers/Pages/Remembrance-Day-.aspx>

### **City of Mississauga Events**

5. <https://www.mississauga.ca/arts-and-culture/events>

### **November 11 Parade and Service of Remembrance , City of Mississauga**

6. <https://campaign.mississauga.ca/remembrance-day/>

### **FOLD Kids Book Fest 2023**

<https://thefoldcanada.org/kids/>

7. FOLD Kids Book Fest presents incredible authors, enjoy book signings, and take part in reading, writing and performance-based activities at Gore Meadows Community Centre & Library. Events are free but registration is encouraged for workshops and special events with limited seating. November 1- November 5, 2023.

### **City of Brampton Recreation**

8. <https://www.brampton.ca/EN/residents/Recreation/Programs-Activities/Pages/Welcome.aspx>

#### **Upcoming Registration**

Winter 2024 Registered Programs, Holiday Camps & March Break Camps

View: November 20 2023

Registration opens: Monday, December 4, 2023 at 6 am(residents)

Begins: The week of January 8, 2024

Winter 2024 Learn to Swim and Learn to Skate Programs

View: November 20, 2023

Registration opens: Mondays December 18, 2023 at 6am

Begins: The week of January 8, 2024

City of Mississauga Recreation

9. <https://www.mississauga.ca/recreation-and-sports/sports-and-activities/>

Brampton Library Events

10. <https://bramlib.libnet.info/events>

### **City of Brampton Santa Claus Parade**

<https://www.bramptonsantaclausparade.com/>

11. Saturday, November 18, 2023 starts at 5pm  
Brampton Ontario,  
Starting: Bramalea & Central Park  
Ending: North Park & Jordan Blvd

### **City of Mississauga Santa Claus Parade**

<https://mississaugasantaclausparade.com/parade/>

12. Saturday , December 3, 2023 starts at 12pm  
Mississauga , Ontario  
The parade route will officially start at the intersection of Dunwin Drive and Glen Erin Drive proceeding southbound on Glen Erin turning westbound on to Motorway Blvd and final turn onto northbound Woodchester Drive.

### **The CityNews 680 Junior Traffic Reporter Contest with 407 ETR!**

<https://toronto.citynews.ca/2023/10/16/junior-reporter-contest-407/>

13. The CityNews 680 Junior Traffic Reporter Contest with 407 ETR  
It's back! The CityNews 680 Junior Traffic Reporter Contest with 407 ETR!  
If you or someone you know is a student between grades 1-12 who loves news, entertainment, and showcasing your personality, this contest is for you! All you have to do is record yourself reading the traffic report on the website and hit submit! Don't forget to stand out by being as creative as possible!  
One winner will be crowned in each of the following grade categories: 1-4, 5-8, and 9-12.  
Each winner will receive prizes!  
Deadline: November 12, 2023  
See Contest rules for details