

Sts. Martha and Mary Catholic School
Unapproved School Council Minutes
February 28, 2024 @ 6:30pm

Attendance:

School Council Members:

- S. von Sengbusch (Co-Chair)
- A. J. Hilario (Principal)
- C. Judzinski (Secretary)
- N. Lanzara (OAPCE Rep)
- M. Zervas (Parent Rep)
- C. Marcello Branco (Parent Rep)
- N. Confalone (Teacher Rep)
- A. Crayden (Treasurer)

Non Voting Members:

- S. Garafalo
- T. Carreiro
- L. Tedesco-Cumillevi
- E. McDougall Green
- T. Ocetr
- J. Zammit
- M. Zammit
- R. Folk

Regrets:

- A. Waugh-Sunico (Co-Chair)
- J. Rizk (Parent Rep)
- J. Zammit (Parish Liaison)
- M. Roberts (Parent Rep)

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1. Opening Prayer: A. J. Hilario
 2. Land Acknowledgement: S. von Sengbusch
 3. Trustee visit: Mario Pascucci
 - a. Board updates
 - b. Discussion to allow other Catholic branches into DPDSB because number of students is declining in our board
 - c. Discussion of Pride flag placement – up to individual schools/local level, however the Canadian flag on front post should just be the one flag

- d. Mr. Pascucci to update if there are any zoning changes with house behind the school
- 4. Approval of February 28, 2024 Agenda – S. von Sengbusch: approved by N. Lanzara and M. Zervas
- 5. Approval of January 17, 2024 minutes - S. von Sengbusch: approved by N. Lanzara and M. Zervas
- 6. 2023/2024 Budget: A. Crayden
 - a. Updated budget
 - b. Math focused board games purchased
- 7. Chair's Report: S. von Sengbusch
 - a) Lego drive is ongoing. More lego is needed
 - b) Shrove Tuesday
 - a. Successful
 - b. 20 boxes of mix. Next year, 1 more would be good
 - c. Poster made by the younger students
 - d. Any suggestions for next year: tablecloths needed (tables and kids got very sticky); possibly use a Kraft paper roll (donations?); wipes for kids sticky hands and faces; better forks; possibility of milk for kids; have a variety of music
 - c) Presenter follow up: Has to be a vetted vendor; committee to get together with Ms. Hilario to determine who is on this vetted list
 - d) Vote/amendment to change the number of people on Parent Council – vote to change to up to 15 members – passed C. Branco and M. Zervas
- 8. Social Committee updates: C. Branco
 - a) Play Day
 - b) Celebrate Communion and Confirmation kids
 - a. Cake or ice cream day?
 - b. Memento or gift?

c) Spring Fling Dance?

9. Teacher's Report: N. Confalone

a) Outdoor kinder activities

b) Language consultant coming in that week

c) Chess club started

d) Intermediate basketball started

e) Book fair money raised will buy more books for the school library

f) Clothing drive – for St. Vincent de Paul

g) Food donations

h) Pretzel fundraiser upcoming

i) Student teacher in the class

j) Mindful movement program for grades 6, 7, 8 on Fridays

k) Virtue assembly for Respect and Black History Month – focus on Black Canadians

10. Principal's Report: A. J. Hilario

a) Respect is the virtue of the month

b) Ash Wednesday and Lenten Mass

c) March 19 is confirmation registration

d) May 11 Communion has changed to a 2pm mass

e) 346 kids in the school

f) Outdoor sign update – city did not approve the grading the first 2 times. Now pending 3rd approval. Power has now be routed to unit

g) Council standardization changes to agenda and minutes – format change

h) Winter weather updates sent

i) April 8 and June 10 are upcoming PA Days

j) Grades 7 and 8 mandatory scripted mental health lessons

k) Math confidence support

- l) Grade 8 EGLT career planning/course planning
- m) X movement April 9-12 every day
- n) Eco Water workshops
- o) PALs program – junior leaders
- p) Health and Safety – parking – concerns about people parking in the wrong spots; kiss and ride flow issues

11. New Business – Questions from Parents

- a. Grad ceremony – can it be changed from 10am to 6pm?
 - Hall is booked for 12pm and cannot be changed at this point
 - Concern to change to 6pm so parents do not have to take the day off work and so that siblings can attend
 - Can it be done the day before in the evening?
 - Ms. Hilario wil look into whether o not it's feasible to move to PM
- b. Grad Trip
 - Last few years trip had good feedback from Teen Ranch
- c. Dispersals – happens when jobs go unfulfilled. No requirement for parents to be notified when this happens
 - job goes out to certified educators
 - If no one is available, uncertified emergency instructors
 - If no one picks it up – 6, 7 , 8s get disbursed to other classes

12. Adjournment - Move to adjourn - approved by M. Zervas and C. Judzinski

Next meetings:

Apr 17 @ 6.30pm

May 15 @ 6.30pm

Jun 12 @ 6.30pm