

**Sts. Martha and Mary Catholic School
Unapproved School Council Minutes
November 7, 2023 @ 6:30pm**

Attendance:

School Council Members:

- A. Waugh-Sunico (Co-Chair)
- S. von Sengbusch (Co-Chair)
- A. J. Hilario (Principal)
- S. Richer (Teacher Representative)
- C. Judzinski (Secretary)
- J. Zammit (Parish Liaison)
- A. Crayden (Treasurer)
- N. Lanzara (OAPCE Rep)
- M. Zervas (Parent Rep)
- C. Marcello Branco (Parent Rep)

Non Voting Members:

- J. Peart
- K. Dedels
- E. DiLiso

Regrets:

- J. Rizk (Parent Rep)
- M. Roberts (Parent Rep)

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1. Opening Prayer: A. Waugh Sunico
 2. Land Acknowledgement: S. von Sengbusch
 3. Approval of November 7, 2023 Agenda - approved by N. Lanzara and M. Zervas
 4. Approval of October 4 2023 minutes - approved by J. Zammit and A. Crayden
 5. 2022.2023 budget: A. Crayden
 - a. explanation of how budget is used/determined
 - b. 3 top goals - education/enhancements; yard/equipment; health and welfare
 - c. for last minute BBQ - direct people to parent cancel table to buy a ticket
 - d. suggest to add an option to cover Cash Online service fee (add item to cash online)
 - e. Anti-Bullying - N. Lanzara and Ms. Hilario

- f. Health and Wellness - C. M Branco (yoga or self defense)
 - g. Black History Month - N. Lanzara
 - h. speakers have to be on approved list of vendors for DPCDSB
 - i. Make a committee in May to start organizing and planning the Sept BBQ
 - j. PTA funds used to possibly subsidize some of the cost for the Grad lunch
 - k. Suggested a Lego drive - ask parents/family to donate Lego
 - l. Board games donation (have to have all the pieces)
 - m. suggested to use funds for field trip subsidy
 - n. Suggested to add a technology reserve fund to plan budget for future replacement
 - o. Clarification needed for how many fundraisers we can actually run
 - p. Call to vote - move to approve budget: J. Zammit and A. Crayden - Budget Approved
6. Chair's Report: A. Waugh-Sunico and S. von Sengbusch
- a) raised approx \$9,100.00 from the Halloween Fundraiser
 - b) Food fundraisers update: Subway going well, Pizza: pizza is arriving late, not as organized as Pizza Pizza, Pizza Pizza is more expensive
7. Social Committee updates: C. Branco
- a) Santa in the School
 - b) suggested Christmas market - too late for this year, send out a letter to families to collect items - Alternate - extra funding for student crafts
8. Teacher's Report: S. Richer
- a) team updates - no parents allowed
 - b) Volleyball Nov 27 2023
9. Principal's Report: A. J. Hilario
- a) Remembrance Day - celebrated Nov 10 in the school, liturgy at 10:30am

b) Advent Mass - craft table, cake, coffee, tea, brownies, cookies, water. Event is open to the whole school. RSVPs to be sent

c) Advent confessions in school Dec 5 - grade 3 and up. Sacraments: Reconciliation Dec 14 6pm at church, communion May 11 2pm

d) Candy Drive - 7 boxes sent to Dr. Simone's warehouse

e) Giving Tree at Christmas

f) Toiletry Drive

g) school items - 342 students, plus 3 more to come

h) no update on school sign yet

i) winter weather memo has been sent out - if there is a system closure, there will be "online enriched learning" but no online classes

j) EQAO results - went down in all but one. 84% at level 3 or above for primary; 78% for math, board at 60% (but a 9% drop from last year); junior reading 90% but dropped 4% from prior results; junior math 55%, drop of 5% - extra help is coming; many new Ukrainian students with English as a second language, so that will impact results as well

10. Adjournment - Move to adjourn - approved by J. Zammit and M. Zervas

Next meetings:

Jan 17 @ 6.30pm

Feb 28 @ 6.30pm

Apr 17 @ 6.30pm

May 15 @ 6.30pm

Jun 12 @ 6.30pm