



**ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL
APPROVED MINUTES
OCTOBER 2, 2024**

Full Name	SEPT. 19	OCTOBER 2	NOV. 7	JANUARY 16	FEBRUARY 20	APRIL 3	MAY 8	JUNE 12
Mrs. Maddison (Principal)	X	X						
Teacher Rep(s) (S. Iassogna, M. Casciaro, V. Corapi)	X	X						
Claudia Filipe (Co-Chair)	X	X						
Chris Garofalo (Co-Chair)	X	X						
Nelly Xavier (Treasurer)	X	X						
Julia Van de Kraats (Secretary)	X	X						
Andrea Gavrilovic (Parish Rep)	X							
Janet Kus (OAPCE Rep.)	X	X						
Monika Serpa	X	X						
Heather Dawson		X						
Kelly Amaral								
Melissa Agius	X	X						
Margarata Gombita		X						
Kamila Siemieniuk		X						
Candy Skawski		X						
Mario Pascucci								

Rotating Teacher Representatives:

September 19, 2024 Meeting: Colleen Beach & Marc Felice



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1st Order of Business	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Opening Prayer/Land Acknowledgement</p> <p>Agenda Approval: 1st Claudia 2nd Nelly Minutes Approval: 1st Julia 2nd Janete</p>	
2024/25 Nominations	<p>The 2024/25 Catholic Parent Council is elected as follows:</p> <p>Claudia Filipe (Co-Chair) Chris Garofalo (Co-Chair) Nelly Xavier (Treasurer) Julia Van de Kraats (Secretary) Andrea Gavrilovic (Parish Rep.) Janete Kus (OAPCE Rep.) Melissa Agius (Voting Member) Monika Serpa (Voting Member) Kelly Amaral (Voting Member) Heather Dawson (Voting Member)</p>	
Principal's Report	<p>295 students at our school .6 Permanent Planning Time - Mr. Pyczek Wed/Thurs/Fri Grade 7/8 Long Term Occasional Teacher until Ms. Guzik returns November 11</p> <p><u>Faith</u> Virtue of Faith Assembly: September 19 Virtue of Empathy: October 21 Opening Mass: October 23</p> <p><u>Achievement</u> Literacy Lead K-3: September 30-October 4 PA Day: October 11</p> <p><u>Equity</u> Terry Fox Marathon of Hope: Friday, October 4 Catholic School Council Chairs Meeting: October 24 Change in Pizza Vendors and food options at STOC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In response to a noticeable decline in pizza orders this year & families bringing in pizza from Dominos a 	



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	<p>decision was made to change vendors as of October 8th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This may not have been a unanimous decision or even a whole council decision • Some questions have been raised that we will discuss during the council business portion of the agenda • Moving forward discussions about council fundraising will be made and voted on at council meetings – included on the agenda. This can be as part of a) fundraising committee feedback if we choose to go that route or b) designated time included on the agenda for fundraising discussion. This will ensure that community voice is heard and represented <p>Lunch options will be offered at STOC throughout the week. Seek council feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday - Domino's pizza (Council) • Wednesday - Terra Cotta cookies (School) • Thursday - Gino's pizza or other (School - the wraps samples feedback/additional lunch more options and give us an opportunity to ensure the diverse needs of our community are met) • Friday - Subs (School) - Popcorn (Council) <p><u>Council Notation:</u> **Council was asked to vote on a motion to offer Gino's Pizza as a lunch option (school fundraiser) on Thursdays. While there is overwhelming support from Council for the school to offer families a lunch option for purchase on Thursdays (&/or all other weekdays), council votes unanimously <u>AGAINST</u> offering pizza on any weekday other than Domino's Tuesdays.</p> <p><u>Pizza Lead:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julia advised that she is no longer able to serve as Pizza Lead for Council & requests another Council Member to take over responsibilities for the year • Janet is elected & accepts role effective immediately** <p>We will continue to communicate all school fundraising initiatives with council as appropriate and will only be required</p>	



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	<p>to vote on changes and updates for council fundraising initiatives.</p> <p>Community input can be shared through our council mailbox/address to be shared with every invitation to council meetings throughout the year mtrsacscinfo@dpcdsb.org</p> <p>Volunteers are needed for school and council initiatives – October Newsletter, we will put out a form for volunteers who will be asked to indicate whether they are interested in volunteering for Fundraising Initiatives, Special Events or Food Distribution</p>	
Treasurer's Report	<p>Balance update remains \$4,241.82. *note: balance as of August 2024, update not provided</p>	
New Business:	<p>Teacher(s) (S. Iassogna, M. Casciaro, V. Corapi) Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Iassogna indicates the prices for student excursions/trips has increased this year – admissions prices as well as bus fees – upcoming Primary trip to Downey's Farm is \$20/student after Parent Council subsidy • Request for funding as follows: • <u>Trip Subsidy</u> – this reduces the cost to families by said amount per trip as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>\$5 per student to be put towards the Christmas Movie Trip</i> ○ <i>\$10 per student to be put towards Class Trips (less \$500 approved towards the Downey's Farm trip at the Sept.19/24 Council meeting)</i> ○ TOTAL \$3925 • <u>Classroom Supplies</u> – this funding is put towards classroom supplies like art supplies, paper, etc... as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>\$10 per student = \$2950 TOTAL</i> • TOTAL FUNDING REQUESTED: \$6875 	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Council defers decisioning on this request understanding that our review regarding the Christmas Movie Trip funding will be established by our next meeting date (November 7/24)</i> 	<p>*Council to review teachers request for funding after financial review at completion of Halloween Fundraiser*</p>
<p>Council Business:</p>	<p>Before beginning fundraising discussion, confirmation is provided by Grainne that the <i>Fundraising Committee</i>, as previously suggested/discussed, will not be explored further</p> <p>Halloween Dance-A-Thon Plans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Julia provides update on status of planning – now that 2024/25 Council is formed, documentation will be submitted to Lorrise following day to begin review/approval process Upon completion (approx. early next week), communication to families to be finalized & sent home in conjunction with a formal Kick-Off to be held in the gym with all students - TBD dates: Wednesday 9th/Thursday 10th Summary of plans in place for Halloween Fundraiser include buying &/or receiving donated prizes for top winners – an electric scooter, experience gift cards, spot prizes for dance, etc... pizza lunch for top classes/division Council to continue planning discussions... Council approves up to \$1500 for Halloween Dance prizes & Halloween decorations for gym <p><u>Council Meeting Dates for the 2024/25 School Year:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> November 7, 2024 January 16, 2025 February 20, 2025 April 3, 2025 May 8, 2025 June 12, 2025 <p><i>*Note: meeting dates have changed from Wednesday to Thursday evenings</i></p>	<p>-Council to submit fundraiser details for approval</p> <p>-Once fundraiser is approved, Council to confirm Kick-Off date with Ms. Maddsion.</p>



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	<p>Agreement with Ms. Maddison regarding the commencement of Popcorn Fridays established - confirmation provided that we may proceed to prepare for launch. Council to begin putting plans together in the coming week – discussions on roll-out specifics forthcoming...</p>	
<p>Next Meeting Date:</p>	<p>November 7, 2024</p>	
<p>Approved Funds Summary</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to \$1500 for Halloween Dance-A-Thon 	