

ST.TERESA OF CALCUTTA CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

APPROVED MINUTES

June 7, 2023

Agenda Items	Details	Action Items
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Trustee Report

- Mario Pascucci-Thanked the committee for all their work this year and wished everyone a great summer.

1st Order

Of Business Opening Prayer/Land Acknowledgement

Agenda Approval:

1st: Julia 2nd: Monika

Meeting Minutes Approval for April 19, 2023

1st: Julia 2nd: Andrea

Principal's Report

- Mrs. Athaide explained clear disks will be put up on the new mural. Each month the names of students who get virtue awards will be listed on the disks.
- A thank you to Mrs. Casciaro for the wonderful job with the First Communion celebration.
- Sacred Heart of Jesus this Month
- A thank you to the YFA for helping out at the Dr. Simone's Canadian Food for Children warehouse.

- EQAO is complete
- Construction over the summer to put in an additional accessible washroom for the students.
- New LED lighting
- All library materials must be returned by June 9. Devices at a later date to ensure they are ready for next year's students.
- Outdoor Education grant covered the outdoor equipment,
- Riverwood outing, Playday activities and lunch (Apple and pizza) would be provided on June 26, X Movement event for the entire school (EX movement June 15)
- New Principal—Mrs. Maddison will be visiting the school at the end of June

- Proposal of next year's Open House for Sept. 21, 2023
 - PTA meeting on September 27, 2023
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Concerns

- There were some questions raised regarding Pride month. Some parents felt that young children should not be taught about sexual orientation and the pride flag should not be displayed. Parents were concerned that supporting children with different sexual preferences would affect the Catholic beliefs in a Catholic school. Also, would the rainbow flag be flown in the Month of June outside of the school.
- Mrs. Athaide – referred to the teachings of Pope Francis. Catholic teachings promote the acceptance of everyone and we as a school support all children. Information is posted within the school for all students and the school will provide support for students, regardless of their sexual orientation. The importance of Kids Help line was discussed. Mario told the group the Pride flag is flown at the Board Office as well as the Canadian flag. Mario said only one flag can be flown on each pole. Mario said it would cost \$1.6 million to have a third flagpole. A few parents wanted to know if we were going to be flying the pride flag. Mrs. Athaide said since we have one pole it will only be the Canadian flag.
- Parents asked about the use of the washroom. Mrs. Athaide said that students who identify as male or female had access to another washroom as it is important to support the student and preserve their choices.
- The door leading to the back parking lot stays open too long according to some parents thus posing a safety concern.
 - Mrs. Athaide - Teachers will be asked to watch and ensure the door closes properly. The door stays open for time to allow safe access for an individual with an assistive mobility device
- Renewal Grants were submitted a few years ago to have the school repainted and washroom renovations. One of the grants to repaint the common areas was approved and work would be started over the summer.

Play Day -Julia - June 26, 2026

-Pizza and an apple will be provided for all students.

Julia and Claudia will set up the freezie station

Treasurer's Report was presented and there were some funds in the account

Round Table

- Speakers have been purchased by the school
- The council agreed that a Score board would be a good addition to the school and Mrs. Athaide proposed that after Council does their next fundraiser, the council review the funds in their account and the score board could be purchased in the fall. Council agreed

- BBQ \$500 deposit is needed to secure Fire it Up for the Open House BBQ and council agreed to make the deposit
- \$500 Parent Reaching Out (PRO) grant can be rolled over, Council agreed to think about possible presenters or ways to use this money over the summer. When the council reconvenes they will discuss it again in the fall.
- Question was asked what the procedure for bullying is.
 - Mrs.Athaide would investigate the incident, use the reporting tool, look into the severity and then proceed with suspension and possible e
expulsion. Bullying is not tolerated.
- Fundraiser Suggestions:
 - cards, cookies, no chocolates
 - Ms. Medeiros will pass information about cards to Claudia.

Bid Farewell to Mrs. Athaide. She will be greatly missed, but she promised to come visit and keep in touch.

Next Meeting September 27,2023