

**Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School**  
**CSC Meeting Minutes – Virtual Meeting #4**  
**Feb 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 6:30pm to 7:45pm**

**In attendance:** Principal: Leslie Marchand

Teacher Representatives: Katie Box Hodgins

Parent Representatives: Atzire Perez, Sarah Kelemen, Tara Harkin, Nadia Shea, Alex Irving

Parents of Children (non voting): Suzanne Nunne, Keri Keast

**Council**

- Chair: Tara Harkin
- Chair: Kayla Stephenson
- Treasurer: Donovan Irving
- Secretary: Sarah Kelemen
- OAPCE Rep: Atzire Perez
- Parish Rep: Alex Irving
- Teacher Rep: Ms. Katie Box
- Volunteer & Fundraising: Nadia Shea

Require 4 for Quorum

Jan 19<sup>th</sup> meeting notes approved.

**Principal's Report**

- Introduction
- Return to in person learning Feb following the snow day after family day, everyone is returning to the schedule and it's going well.
- Announcements are given daily live via Google Classroom so that all of our students can pray together and hear the same message at the same time, whether they are home or at school.
- Feb 24 activities
  - Grade 7-8 – What do I want to become? Future planning seminar
  - Pink tee shirt day to end bullying
  - Grade 7 students have confession as part of their Confirmation preparation
- Focus to increase social media; twitter use
  - getting consent from parents for use of pictures & names
- Weekend Update – blast regarding the week ahead
- Youth Faith Ambassadors, opportunity to lead (Gr 7 & 8), spirit days
- Renewal of the school website, making the data more current
- There are committees being held for Grads within the board, Covid grad, uniform approach for for all the schools in 2021.

**Chair's Report**

- Yearbook – can it still happen this year?

- Not many pictures, but there are memories. Do we have enough content?
- There is currently no plan for School pictures this year
- Look at cohort pictures, explore if there is a way to make it happen
- Patch work, artwork cover

## Treasurers Report

<b>Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School Advisory Council</b>					
<b>Monthly School Council Treasurer's Report</b>					
Month End (Month/Year):	<b>January 2021</b>				
Opening Cash Balance per books:			=	<b>\$8,946.18</b>	(A)
Add: Sources	Code	Dep	Amount		\$0.00
Total Sources of Revenue =				\$0.00	(B)
Less: Expend	Code	Chq	Amount		
<b>Cleared Cheques / Payments</b>					
Bank Fee			\$ 15.95		
Computer purchase & Library Refresh			\$6,500.00		
Total				\$6,515.95	
<b>Uncleared Cheques/Payments</b>					
Kernels fundraiser			\$162.44	\$162.44	
<b>Total Expenditures =</b>				\$6,678.39	(C)
BANK RECORD: ( A + B - C )			= \$	\$2,430.23	(D)
<b>Closing Balance January 31, 2021</b>				<b>\$2,430.23</b>	

- \$2430.23 as of Jan 31, 2021
  - Fundraising efforts = \$840 (flip give and online donations not included in the above)
  - Holding \$1000 for Christmas Market Funds for 2021
  - Mississauga Banquet Hall still has deposit for grad celebration from 2019/2020. Deposit of \$750.00 pushed forward
  - Library & Seminar Room refresh is almost complete
    - Painted
    - 2 tall counter tables with bar stools
    - 4 couches, 2 comfortable seating areas
    - Benches in the primary area
    - Pictures coming

## Fundraising Ideas & Timing

- Flip Give \$155.95 new total end date June 1<sup>st</sup>. Keep it open so summer time use can take place.
  - Draw to incite parents to get them engaged with the app
  - Newsletter will touch on various fundraising efforts.
- Voluntary donation amount now \$685.00
  - Sits with board until we close the charity number. Once closed it will get transferred from the board to the school.

- Spirit wear is an opportunity for all students to order (Mercy Magic). School Tee Grad printing.
- Prayer Cube – as the gift (prayers on all sides), Images are at the end of the meeting notes.

#### **OAPCE Report – more details at the end of the meeting notes**

- Feb 24th Parent presentation- Dietitian from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- Feb 25th Parent Engagement Evening: Peel Public Health COVID -19 Update and Canadian Blood Services Presentation at 7:00 p.m. More information below.
- March 17th Family Fun Learning event (more info to come)
- March 31st Regional Council Meeting
- Paul Davis – Let's Talk about YOU! Smartphones and Online Privacy March 2<sup>nd</sup> 7pm – register ahead of time
- Watch. Talk. Create. A Family Movie Guide – March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm – register
- Stick to your vision – March 24<sup>th</sup> 7pm (Maestro Fresh Wes)

#### **Parish Report**

- Parish meetings, now 1 per month.
- Priest wants to become more involved
  - Monthly newsletter, they have asked to contribute and receive
- Sacrament Prep
  - Can communion and confirmation happen?
  - March and May are tentative dates
  - Suggest, in April hold meeting with parents who are having the upcoming sacraments to answer questions

#### **Teacher's Report**

Nothing to report

#### **Future Meetings:**

Apr 21<sup>st</sup>

June 2<sup>nd</sup>

The plan is currently for meetings to take place via Zoom, set up by the principal, at 6:30pm

**School Council:** Parent volunteers, which act as a liaison between the parents, students, principal, teachers, and board. The goal is to increase the experience for all students.

**Chair & Co Chair:** Main points of contact with the school. Host the school council meetings, set and send out the agenda. Ensure the school council is adhering to the guidelines set up for the council per the board directions.

**Treasurer:** Responsible for coming up with draft budget and final budget. Also responsible for generating monthly reports to indicate all money generated by council fundraising activities and the expenses.

**Secretary:** Capture the minutes of the council meeting. Ensure each committee has had an opportunity to provide input. Send meeting notes to the school council following the meeting and ensure that they get approved at the following meeting.

**OPACE Rep:** Members for the regional council are formed by the appointed OAPCE representatives on each of the local school councils in the DPCDSB. This provides a direct connection and opportunity to meet with the Dufferin-Peel Regional OAPCE directors on a monthly basis. This parent information sharing council is made up 100% of parent volunteers.

**Parish Representative:** Monthly meeting with the priest. Relay information that is happening in the parish to the parent council.

**Volunteer & Fundraising:** Act as the lead in fundraising and volunteer events.

### **Confirmation Prayer Cube - \$3.95 each**



<https://www.josephsinspirational.ca/collections/confirmation-gifts/products/confirmation-prayer-cube>

### **Cross Necklace - \$1.95 each**



<https://www.josephsinspirational.ca/collections/confirmation-gifts/products/necklace-wooden-crosses-burned-pine>

**Crucifix Wooden Bracelet - \$3.95 each**



<https://www.josephsinspirational.ca/products/crucifix-wooden-bracelet>

**First Communion Prayer Cube - \$2.95 each**



<https://www.josephsinspirational.ca/collections/1st-communion-gifts/products/first-communion-prayer-cube>

**Rosary Craft Kit - \$4.95 each**



<https://www.josephsinspirational.ca/collections/1st-communion-gifts/products/make-your-own-beaded-rosary-craft-kit>

**Confirmation Key Chain - \$4.95**



<https://www.josephsinspirational.ca/collections/confirmation-gifts/products/confirmation-key-chain>



## Updates from OAPCE

The OAPCE Parent 4 Parents Press, (*February 2021*) newsletter is available at [www.oapce.org](http://www.oapce.org)

In each newsletter, various *partners in Catholic Education* are highlighted. We have summarized some below and please feel free to share the information and event invitations for the March 2021 webinars with your local CSC and parents in your school communities.

- Roots of Empathy - [resources for parents](#) (check out the videos and much more on their website)
- [CARFLEO](#) is the Catholic Association of Religious and Family Life Educators of Ontario. Visit their [website](#) for various resources for Lent in 2021 and much more, <https://carfleo.com>.
- Resources from School Mental Health Ontario [Stress Management and Coping Virtual Field Trips – Breathing Strategies](#) (for teachers)

There are **several** parent webinars available for you and parent guests to attend in the upcoming weeks. [Read more here.](#) . Share the invites to the OAPCE webinars, they are open to all parents of children/guardians in publicly funded Catholic school boards.

OAPCE resource share;

Video created by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

“Journey Through Lent” with the Most Rev. Gerard Bergie, Bishop of St. Catharines.

<https://youtu.be/QhAQTyb7Ua0>



## Regional Council Updates

- The next [presentation for parents](#) is on February 24th, 2021. *IF you already registered the meeting code will be sent out at noon on Wednesday, Feb 24th.*
- Another Family Fun Learning event is scheduled for March 17th. (save the date)
- The next regional council meeting is planned for March 31, 2021.
- OAPCE representatives in Dufferin Peel, you are invited to join the [closed FB group](#), where parents share resources and updates in our local community *#ittakesavillage*

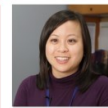
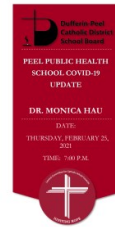
## Invite from CCCSC

### Parent Engagement Evening: Peel Public Health COVID-19 Update and Canadian Blood Services Presentation

Date: February 25, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

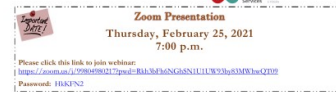
The Central Committee for Catholic School Councils (CCCSC), is proud to present a parent engagement event for all to attend.

[READ more about the event and get the webinar link here](#)

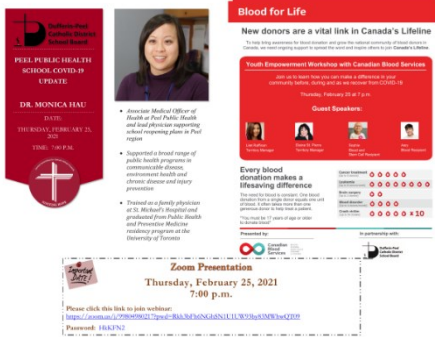


**DR. MONICA HAU**  
DATE: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2021  
TIME: 7:00 P.M.

- Associate Medical Officer of Health at Peel Public Health and Lead Physician supporting school reopening plans in Peel region
- Supported a broad range of public health programs in communicable disease, environmental health and chronic disease and injury prevention
- Trained as a family physician at St. Michael's Hospital and graduated from Public Health and Preventive Medicine residency program at the University of Toronto







**February 25th, 2021**

Invite to ALL parents  
from CCCSC.

CCCSC will welcome Dr. Monica Hau from Peel Public Health, who will provide parents/guardians with a Peel COVID-19 update, followed by a presentation by the Canadian Blood Services.

You do not have to register, visit their website in the link below for details and the access code.

[\*Click here for the printable flyer.\*](#)

**[Read more on their website](#)**



**Parent Engagement and Education  
Webinar Series hosted by OAPCE**



- Three-part series
- Register for one or all
- Register early
- Open to all parents of children in publicly funded Catholic schools in Ontario

**March 2nd, 2021**

**Parents - Let's Talk about YOU! Smartphones  
and Online Privacy**

Tuesday, March 2nd – 7:15 pm

@pauldavisEDTECH

**Register Now**

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**March 10, 2021**

**Watch. Talk. Create. A Family Movie Guide.**

Wednesday, March 10th – 7:00 pm

Media Specialist Anthony Perrotta will provide a guide for essential at-home watching for families with kids of all ages. With a media literacy and faith focus.

@aperrottatweets

**Register here**

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**March 24th, 2021**

**Wes Williams (aka Maestro Fresh Wes)**

**"Stick To Your Vision!"**

Wednesday, March 24th – 7:00 pm

@MaestroFreshWes

**Register Now**