

St. Paul Catholic Secondary School

Catholic Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 19th, 2023

Catholic School Trustees:

-Bruno Iannicca sends his regrets and acknowledgment

-Mario Pascucci shared that the Ministry of Education released a new direction. For more information visit www.ontario.ca

STP Student Representative Report:

-Cassandra Stevens shared the variety of sports, school clubs, and school-wide activities that the STP students are engaged in. In March students attended a semi-formal and participated in the Great Gulp. In preparation for Easter, students gathered and shared a Seder Meal.

-STP student body continues to support other students on mental health. A reminder that students can access the online reporting tool, reporting can be anonymous.

CSC Meeting Wednesday, November 30th, 2022 AND Wednesday, February 8th, 2023 minutes were approved; minutes are posted on the school website.

School and Community Updates:

-Chaplaincy Update: Grade 11 and 12 Retreats will be mid to end of May.

-From May 10th to the 11th, 6 students will participate in the March For Life in Ottawa.

-Senior Sunset for grade 12 students will be held on May 30th.

-STP students donated Soap and Feminine hygiene products. All items were sent to Dr. Simone (Canadian Food For Children-a registered charity with the Canadian government).

-Morning Breakfast provided for all students. Alternates from hot breakfast to grab-and-go breakfast.

-Students enrolled in the Health and Wellness-Specialist High Skills Major are completing certifications and attending a variety of school excursions.

-Eco club update: Annual Spring Flower Fundraiser was a success. Thank you to the families who contributed.

-Transition from winter to spring sports: badminton, archery, soccer, track and field etc...

-St. Paul's hosted the Board Wide Chess Tournament on April 14th.

-Mississauga East POWER ME UP will be held on April 25th. STP welcomes feeder schools to participate in many activities lead by STP students.

-Catholic Education Week will be held April 30-May 5. Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board will celebrate the significant contribution that Catholic Education has made to the community, the province and to Canada.

- June 1st Spring Coffee House Event. More information will follow.
- CCCSC Presents: Parent Engagement Event on Saturday, May 13th at St. Joseph CSS.
- Please follow OAPCE on Twitter @oapceontario and @oapcedp

Parish News:

- St. Dominic's parish community Spaghetti dinner on April 22nd was a success. Please refer to the church bulletin and website for upcoming events.
- St. Vincent de Paul is collecting gently used clothing. Clothing donations can be dropped off at St. Mary Star of the Sea.
- Choir: practices will be held on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm (information can be found on the church's website). High school students looking for community service hours are welcome and the hours will count toward their total number of hours.

Upcoming Events:

- OSSLT Grade 10 Ontario Literacy Spring Test will be in person on April 20th and for remote students it will be held on April 24th.
- IB exams will be held the first week of May. (IB fees: a payment schedule is available. Parents are asked to contact the school).
- Many more activities and events. **Follow St. Paul on INSTAGRAM @stpaulcss1 and TWITTER @STPaulCSS1**

Principal's Items:

- March 24th- R. Adjei inspired students and shared the message that we need to live with purpose.
- Keynote speaker Sam Demma spoke to STP students on April 13th. Reminding students to be kind to others and encouraging students to empty their backpacks.
- Awards Breakfast was on March 30th. Next year, awards to honour students will be held in the evening.
- Projected enrollment for September 2023 is over 730 students.
- Parent and Teacher interviews-April 13th. Teachers will focus on Learning Skills.
- April 21st students will participate in NETFLIX CIVVIES DAY.
- April 28th Report Cards go home.
- All students gathered at St. Dominic's parish to celebrate Easter Mass.
- April 19th is Autism Awareness Day. Students are asked to wear Blue shirt.
- April 12th is International Day of Pink. Students are encouraged to wear a pink shirt to celebrate diversity and inspire acceptance.

-Board Budget webcast is on April 26th.

-Graduation preparation has begun. On April 26th graduating students will be informed of timelines, dates, fees and events.

-Cultural Fest Day-May 5th.

-May 25th students will participate in a full day of Mental Health Wellness activities of their choice.

-Currently, the school is being painted (hallways and stairways)

-Annual Spring Fundraiser-more information to follow. Please note that all donations will receive a tax receipt.

-Mississauga East PRO Grant parent engagement event will be held on Wednesday, May 24th at 6:00 pm at Fr. Michael Goetz CSS. Keynote speaker is Miguel Martinez; a flyer will be sent to all St. Paul parents/guardians through school messenger.

-Next Catholic School Council Meeting will be on Wednesday, June 7th at 6:30 pm. ALL ARE WELCOME😊.