

St. Paul Catholic Secondary School

Catholic Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 5th, 2024

A. Routine Matters

1. Call to Order and Attendance
2. Land Acknowledgement
3. Opening Prayer
4. Approval of Agenda: Approved
5. Approval of Catholic School Council Minutes (Wed. Apr. 24th, 2024): Approved

B. Trustees Updates

- Bruno Iannicca shared how STP continues to see an increase in student population. Next year, during exams noon hour bussing transportation will be canceled.
- Mario Pascucci spoke about the importance of our Catholic Faith in Dufferin Peel schools. Student enrollment is an ongoing concern.

C. Standing Items

1. Students Report: Send their regrets.
2. Chairs Report:
 - Parent Engagement with Miguel Martinez was very successful and informative.
 - Possible allocation of funds to upgrade Pulse TV.
3. Treasurers Report: Sends her regrets.
4. Parish Report:
 - St. Dominic's Parish is seeking a youth group of musicians for Saturday's masses. All STP students are invited to participate in the youth group.
5. Chaplaincy Report: Sends his regrets but asked to share the following:
 - Grade 12 students took part in their Religious Retreat. Students were extremely respectful.
 - Closing school mass on June 12th.
6. Teachers Report:
 - On May 30th the Spring Coffee House performed 'The Clue' was a huge success. Funds will go towards purchasing gift cards for families in need.
 - STP students participated in Bike to School. Our goal is to win a bike rack.
 - Athletic Banquet is on June 11th
 - STP students participated in an African Drumming Presentation
 - All field trips have concluded
 - ESL and ELL students sent to Black Creek Pioneer Village.

- Grade 11 Biology students studied Biodiversity and contributed to the Credit Valley Conservation by tree planting.
- Visual Arts students were very creative with Soap Carving.
- Sports boys Varsity Baseball and Soccer continue to play at tournaments
- Students lead a Coding Club and participated in the Breaking Barriers Competition and won 1st place.

7. Principal and Vice Principal Report:

- Happy Retirement to Mr. Gillis and Best of Luck to Mr. Plesko who has taken a position as Math Department Head.
- IB exams are completed
- Grade 9 Math EQAO will take place this week and Grade 10 will be the week of June 10th.
- Grade 10 Ontario Literacy Test was very successful
- STP will kick off the month of June with Pride activities. Follow Instagram for updates.
- Next Year's timetable will be sent electronically
- Get Ready Program for incoming grade 9 students will be held on August 27th including a presentation from Miguel Martinez
- Grade 12 Graduation Mass, Lunch and Ceremony will be held on June 27th. Ceremony @ 4pm-Le Treport
- Senior Sunset was a lot of fun!
- Prom is on June 24th at 6:00 pm.
- School Census findings: sharing equity and increasing staff awareness. STP has ongoing training with all staff and continues to include members of equity/inclusion
- June Newsletter will be forthcoming
- Parents and students were asked to complete a Cafeteria Survey.

C. Information/Updates:

- CCCSC (Central Committee for Catholic School Councils) 2021-2022 Report indicated that there is a discrepancy in the representation of students and staff.
- Students can use the following to help with transitions: Various Pathways, All About Me and My Blueprint.
- Final Report Cards will be sent electronically. Please contact the school office if you would like a paper copy.
- Exams begin June 18th to June 24th. Review date is June 25th.
- Visit: **OAPCE.ORG** for more information.
- Parent Engagement Event on May 23rd. Topic Mental Health and Well-Being. Presenter Miguel Martinez www.mtclife.com and Community Partners was very well received. Key words: maintain a positive home life with an emphasis on gratitude. Video Link will be emailed to parents.
- Thank you to all parents who donated to the Cash Online Spring School Fundraiser. Donations will be allocated to Student Enrichment-Program Areas: Culinary Arts/Arts, Drama, Music,/Communication Technology

-2024-2025 Public Budget Information Session-April 24, 2024. Questions were reviewed and responses have been provided in a document posted to the Board Website:

<https://www3.dpcdsb.org/Documents/Budget%20Information%20session%200%20and%20A%202024.pdf>

-School Cafeteria Services Survey:

https://Dufferinpeelcatholic.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b74d4M17uo0Bed0

D. Action Items:

-September 2024 possible COBS Bread Fundraiser-Loaf Card Voucher

-Student Uniform Donations: please send gently used uniforms to the school office

E. Future Catholic School Council Meetings:

-Wednesday October 2nd, 2024

ALL ARE WELCOME 😊.

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F. Adjournment