



St. Philip Catholic School Council Minutes

April 25, 2024

Council Members							
<i>Name</i>		<i>Attend</i>	<i>Regrets</i>	<i>Name</i>		<i>Attend</i>	<i>Regrets</i>
Norman Ribeiro	Chair	X		Isabel Ribeiro	Parish Rep		X
Ash Mamkottil	Co-chair		X	Jane Pereira	Member at large	X	
John Da Silva	Treasurer		X	Dagmara Antolak	Member at large	X	
Anjali Rego	OACPE		X	Sandra Do Rego	Member at large		X
Priscilla Mancini	Member at large	X		Elsinore Blas	Member at large		X
Principal, Teacher Reps, Non Teaching Representative and Trustee							
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Steven Stesky, Principal		X		Ms. Sasso, Teaching Rep		x	
Bruno Iannicca, Trustee		X					
Parent Guests							
<i>Name</i>							
<i>Leah Rosolak</i>							

Agenda Items	Action Items/Updates
Opening Prayer and Land Acknowledgement by SS	
Call to Order meeting called to order at 6:07 pm M: SS S: LS	
Welcome and Introductions	
Review and Approval of minutes M: S:	Insufficient voting members for quorum, unable to approve minutes from the last meeting
Treasurer's Report: no report, John sends his regrets	
Trustee Report	
<p>Bruno provided info from Wednesday night's meeting: Continue to decline in enrollment, means GSNs also decline Last year 983 decline in elementary, small increase in secondary St. Philip increased by approx. 20 students Seeing a decline in JK students Most of our elementary students will attend Catholic secondary school Did match 6 of 7 PA days with Peel, in secondary matched 7 of 7 PA days with Peel (this saves money on transportation) no afternoon transportation during exams for secondary students LTD debt approx. 96 million, is negotiated at the provincial level, trustees will keep working on it Will sell 2 properties, should be a revenue of approx. \$40 million, will go directly to the M of Ed Working to get electronic signs at all schools Bruno chairs SEAC, book "See me for me", has requested the Board send 2 copies of the book to all elementary schools and 1 to each secondary school Special prom night for students with diverse learning needs New uniform policy in elementary-60 % of voting parents need to say yes to approve, down from the original 75% Changes to current homework policy Cell phones creating many problems for students-would like to have a speaker re: social media and its ramifications</p>	

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<p>Parent phone call re: topic of book, felt it to be inappropriate, (have created a policy on it) want a list of what the books are about/ a list of all the books in the school library</p> <p>Pre covid, government sent a lot of money for technology but it is outdated, want to start getting everything purchased at the Board level and then distributed by population to schools, would exclude technology purchased by Council</p>	
Principal's Report	
<p>-March 19 – group of grade 5 students competed in the board Skills competition at Fr. Daniel Zanon (Lego robotics and building competitions). The Lego team finished 3rd overall. Thank you to Mrs. Morgado for preparing the students.</p> <p>-March 22 – St. Philip hosted the M.E. Chess tournament – convened by Mrs. Pilotti and Mrs. Sasso. 19 schools and over 220 students competed in the event that ran on time and with great success. Thank you to Mrs. Pilotti, Mrs. Sasso and Mrs. Pipe for coaching our teams.</p> <p>-Intermediate basketball season – Boys and girls team competed in pod tournaments. The boys won their pod and qualified for the family tournament. At the family tournament, the boys lost in the semi-finals. The girls lost in the finals of the pod tournament. Thank you to Ms. Cox, Ms. Pilotti and Mr. Stajan for coaching the teams.</p> <p>-Mural in front foyer – Illusion Images collaborated with the school to complete the front foyer refresh.</p> <p>-Congratulations to all our students who celebrated their Confirmation and First Holy communion this past weekend.</p> <p>-Ripley's Aquarium trip – Thank you to all parent volunteers for attending and thanks to council for the idea and for sponsorship.</p> <p>-Many teacher candidates from York University have been working at our school over this past term. The last day of their practicums will be Friday, April 26.</p> <p>-projections for next year: status quo for classes and staff 11 classes, low EF registrations so we will have 3 combined EF classes, FFDK registration is good so far, have approx 14 new registrations, usually get more over the summer, believe we'll have 1.5 FDK classes</p> <p>-this year will alternate Mother's Day and Father's Day events, are all very close with dates and EQAO and school BBQ, are discussing an event for volunteers</p>	
Coming up:	
<p>-Catholic Education Week – Junglesport climbing, and Art Reach Mississauga will be visiting our school and working with gr.3 and up. Thank you to Council for sponsorship of Art Reach. We have used Outdoor Education and Experiential Learning grants to pay for Junglesport. We also have liturgies planned for each division that will be led by Student Parliament. Staff and students will also be tuning in the livestream of Catholic Ed Week mass</p> <p>-Welcome to Kindergarten evening on May 8 from 5 to 6pm in the front foyer</p> <p>-Intermediate Co-Ed soccer tournament will start soon</p> <p>-Intermediate Co-Ed beach volleyball will start soon</p> <p>-Primary play day for primary students in June</p> <p>-Track and Field for Junior and Intermediate students will start soon</p> <p>-EQAO assessment window from May 8 to June 12 – specific dates TBD</p> <p>-Grade 8 Graduation on Tuesday, June 25th – Grad mass at 10am in gym followed by Rec Room Luncheon and games. 6pm ceremony in school gym.</p>	
Staff changes:	
<p>-Welcome to Ms. Medyk has taken over from Ms. Moher who has moved on to a vice-principal role in TCDSB</p> <p>-Welcome back to Ms. Brown who has returned to work in the EF5 and EF6/7 class.</p> <p>-Farewell to Mr. Stajan who was hired as a permanent teacher at Canadian Martyrs school</p> <p>-Welcome back to Ms. Coronado who has returned to work in the kindergarten class</p> <p>-Welcome to Ms. Mammoliti who will be joining St. Philip in September as a planning time teacher (0.2 FTE)</p> <p>-Welcome to Ms. De Lemos who is currently a planning time teacher once per week at our school but will be joining full time in September</p>	
<p>OAPCE Report: From A. Rego</p> <p>I want to give some updates on the OAPCE Conference. Karl Subban, father of NHL players PK, Jordan and Malcolm was the keynote speaker. He said that as parents we have to help our children to learn about themselves and their strengths and help them develop those strengths, so we set them up for success. As parents it is easy to get carried away and keep up with the Jones's and do what others are doing rather than what is good for your children. He also mentioned when immigrated to Canada from Jamaica, nobody looked like him, so it was harder for him and his family to integrate.</p>	

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<p>Education Minister Stephen Lecce was there. He spoke about going back to the basics in education. He brought cursive writing back to school and is spending more resources on encouraging reading and physical literacy. The event concluded with mass by archbishop Frank Leo. He spoke about making Jesus your friend and bringing Jesus to the centre of your lives and all the decisions you may make in life. There were awards and dinner in the evening, but I did not attend that.</p>	
School Priorities/Needs	
Board Information- no new info	
Fundraising <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion about a family movie night, may need to rent speakers or equipment• Thursday May 30, indoor or outdoor depending on weather• Would like to sell concessions to fundraise, possibly pizza as well• June 12 school BBQ, will have Norman and John BBQ, will have face painting and glitter tattoos, and bouncy castle, will not have the magician, possible carnival games or a second inflatable• Will need parent volunteers to assist during the BBQ, possible high school student volunteers• Would like all food orders posted on school cash online by next week, \$10 for dinner combo• Perhaps student parliament can help promote Puma Challenge for BBQ	
Parish Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• n/a	
New Business	
Next Meeting Date <ul style="list-style-type: none">• June 6, 2024	
Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm M: PM S: LS	