



**Philip Pocock Catholic Secondary School**  
**Catholic School Council Meeting**  
**Monday, January 15, 2024**  
**-MINUTES-**

Chairs – Catherine Rivera  
Parish Representative – Eileen Tesoro  
Teacher Representative – Laura Coulson  
Non-teaching Rep – Georgina Kuchan  
Student Representative – Makayla Serquina  
Vice Principal – Lina Iacobucci

Secretary – Rocio Smolen  
OAPCE Representative – Tanya Escoffery  
Chaplain – Andrea Bancheri  
Student Representative – Sharia Dayrit  
Vice Principal – Daryl Brady  
Principal – Frances Campese

**Trustees:** Mario Pascucci (Mississauga Ward 3, 1) and Stefano Pascucci (Mississauga Ward 4)

**ATTENDANCE:** All were present except for Chaplain Representative

**1. Prayer & Land Acknowledgement**

**2. Approval of Minutes**

- Amendment: Eileen to switch roles as the Secretary and Rocio Smolen as the Parish Representative
- Moved by Eileen (Secretary)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tanya Escoffery (OAPCE Representative)
- Approved all in favour

**3. School Council Chair Report**

- Discussion with parents – wish lists by other parents
- North entrance – traffic flow; Band aid solutions – paint the walkway
- Long term solutions:
  - 1. re-open the arena
  - 2. create an easement behind parkland church
  - 3. Redirecting the traffic (Mr. Brady)
  - 4. Create a kiss and ride along south side of the school (front real estate)
- Social platforms of other schools – create a Pirate of the Week?
  - Anyone or student – good way to build spirit?
  - Get to know a little bit more about them?
- Creating a once a month mass
  - School morning mass – planting the seed

- O Canada – highlight Pocock talent
  - Highlight our own students – it is already being done
- Bishop Ivan Camilleri – was an alumnus of Pocock
  - celebrate a mass our chaplain can do that
- Mental Health Champions
  - Raise more awareness
  - Mental health club
- Sprit days and Civies Days
- Tutoring
  - Count on me?
  - For Math still exists?
  - French tutoring?
  - Teacher volunteers
- Increasing visibility of social platforms
- What is there in school activities?
  - kids don't share info ; more visibility
- Save the date announcements - why not blast the dates
- Christmas concerts – confusion to when its happening
  - We can join Instagram
- Voluntary – Instagram is a big responsibility with many Instagram accounts
- Pocock web site?
  - Nothing was up to date – pastoral plan
  - Extra curricular – managed job by staff and admin
  - Principal and parents wants information going out(i.e., soccer etc.)
  - If you don't follow all social media platforms, you will not get all the information
  - We have to respect that all teachers volunteer their time
- Give us the info – put the responsibility to parents
  - Remind children to take active ownership
- Website in general is blank - how do you solve this?
- The board is trying to re-vamp our website –

#### **4. Principal Remarks**

- Multiyear Strategic Plan of the board is in place – Catholic School Improvement Learning Plan will post to all schools websites in the next few weeks.
- The school is in really good shape physically, for example: freshly painted and no major repairs required.

- Areas that will be refreshed over the next several years include:
  - Library refresh of carpet and new furniture
  - Paint the gymnasium
  - Replace the bleachers
- SGF: School Generated Funds will be presented at next council meeting to give time to review the allocation of funds, resources and needs of school
  - Reminder that when we collect funds from students it's "money in, money out" unless the school is raising money to pay for a longer term initiative like a tournament or new equipment for a club, team, etc.
- Areas we will consider for fundraising and renewal projects for the school include:
  - students with needs – dress down Fridays; collected funds to help support our own students who want to go to the prom and afford field trips 'no student should be left behind or without' – her priority student uniforms activity fees
- next year \$45.00 activity fee
- the yearbook will be a fee on its own, students will pay via CashOnline
- Student agenda book is no longer in existence
  - Painting hospitality classroom
- Athletics – pay as you go
- Civics days will be re-introduced beginning in February and teachers will review the modest dress school policy
  - Dress down is once a month
  - We will ensure safety of our school community comes first
  - increase in students of outside 'spirit week' activities
- Catholic Education Week theme is: "We are Called to love"
- Graduation events will include:
  - Grad mass & Special day for Grade 12 inclusive for all students, June 7
  - Prom, June 13
  - Graduation Ceremony, June 26
- Semi-formal is February 15, tickets still available and the venue is Candles Banquet Hall

## 5. Student Council Representative Report

- School executives Sherena (prime minister – represents student body – she brings proposals)
  - Senate – 2 Grade 12 reps, 1 Grade 11 rep, 1 Secretary from Grade 11
- Meetings once a week on Wednesday's
- Students reviewed the following athletics: Hockey season in effect, Senior girls' volleyball won the gold medal at the tournament and still in season, Junior girls' basketball in season currently, Senior boys' soccer tryouts have begun
- Christmas spirit week was a success with:
  - Face painting, candy canes, henna decorating, dance and drama
- Extra-curricular activities include:
  - Video game club, - Chaplaincy at Studio 209, Hierarchy Dance Team (announcements every morning)
  - Spring week and Spring days:
    - Catholic education week activity planning will begin

## 6. Parish Report

- Brochure from St. Patrick's church listing events at the church
- Website lists current and ongoing activities

## 7. OAPCE Report

- OAPCE Report – 85<sup>th</sup> year (being hosted in Toronto)
- Survey available online – great place to share your input
- Institute of Catholic Education
  - send the flyer to the Principal and they will push it out – CSAP info is also available

## 8. Chaplaincy Report – Nothing to Report

## 9. Teaching Staff Report

- Message from teachers:
  - We are a team, parents and your teachers
  - The student is the leader of the group
- Encourage parents to communicate with teachers for any questions or concerns and parents can do so through the office or directly via the school board main directory

## 10. Motion to Adjourn

- Next meeting: February 26, 2024 (Monday February 26<sup>th</sup> )
- Meet again in April with a finance meeting for the board meeting; by the February meeting hope to have a date for set for the April meeting
- May - TBD
  - Motion to adjourn: Eileen Tesoro (Secretary)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Catherine Fiel (Chair)

### **The Prayer of Philip Pocock**

*Let this be a school with Spirit.*

*Let this be a school in love – in love with each other, in love with its community  
and in love with God so much that it hurts a little.*

*Let this be a community of learning, living and service to others in which God,  
His truth and His life shine into every office, classroom and hallway.*

*For the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Love, is alive in us and at work in us.*

*Let this be a truly Catholic school.*

*Let this be a school with Spirit.*

*Amen*