



Philip Pocock School Council Meeting

February 15, 2023

6:30 pm

Minutes

Attendance: Caroline Hastings P, Daryl Brady VP, Mario Pascucci Trustee, Stefano Pascucci Trustee, Valerie Smolen, Vanessa Wosik, Ana Freitas, Rocio Smolen, Joanna Drozd-Pakulski, Agnes Kwaczek, Valerie Smolen (student president), Vivien Basnet (online), Graciela Arkell (online), Rev. Vishal Paul (online), Tanya Escoffery (online).

Regrets: Lina Iacobucci (VP)

November 17, 2022, minutes were approved (Rocio Smolen)

Student Council President Update:

December Highlights:

- Advent Mass
- Christmas Music Concert
- Christmas Dance/Drama Showcase
- Newcomers Lunch
- Student/Teacher hockey game for ShareLife
- Student council Christmas activities for homeroom classes and students during their lunch period.

January Highlights

- Guidance/Student Success filmed teachers from various departments giving exam study tips.
- Extra help/tutoring to support students during exams.

February Highlights

- Black History Month: Periodic Table of Black History framed.
- Chaplain's morning reflection highlighting Black History and Black saints.
- Black Student Voice:
 - Highlighting Black History through BSV Instagram
 - Input from students – they want highlighted Black role models from all facets of life and looking to see how this can be integrated all year long through different events.
 - Valentine's flower sales.

Chair Update:

- Choosing a speaker (Dr. Karyn Gordon, Rumeet Billan, Sara Westbrook, Aubrey Noronha, Miguel Martinez)
- Topics considered: motivation to reach success, stress reduction, addictions (i.e. social media), decision making, goal setting
- Survey to be sent to all Mississauga East high schools (St. Paul, Father Michael Goetz, John Cabot) to determine which speaker parents would like.

OAPCE Update:

- April 22: OEPCE provincial - all parents are welcome to attend
- Miguel Martinez - mental health talk, getting kids back to 'normal', loss of routine, security and safety

Staff Update:

Equity Lead updates:

- Black History Month celebrated.
- Weekly Trivia (4 trivia questions, every Friday)
- Book give away contest.
- Updated display case
- Randell Adjei, Ontario Poet Laureate, guest speaker for English classes
- Second training on Diversity
- \$4000 equity/inclusive education grant - to incorporate more diverse Canada's voices (poetry lessons)
- PD Staff workshop - culturally relevant pedagogy (Black History in Canadian history)

Vice Principal/Principal updates:

- Exams - transition went well.
- March 8th - Academic Awards Night
- March 23rd - Lent Mass and parent/teacher interview night
- April 13th - Sam Demma – whole school assembly (empowering students, positive thinking)
- Grade 9, 10 and 11 assembly for beginning of the semester - major message: be respectful and remember the rules to ensure student safety
- EQAO: English grade 10 students will write their test in April. Grade 9 math students will write their Math EQAO June 13 and 15
- Sports:
 - Bocce ball competition for COMM students
 - Spring sports (junior and varsity): soccer, rugby, track and field, baseball

Next meeting is April 26 (time to be determined). The meeting will be virtual.