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Vision: Changing the world through Catholic education.*

APPROVED MINUTES

Catholic School Council Meeting

Date: Monday December 2, 2024

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**Location: Philip Pocock Catholic Secondary School, 4555 Tomken Rd, Mississauga, ON L4W 1J9,
Library**

A. Routine Matters

1. Call to Order and Attendance
In Attendance: Brooke Marotta, Sophie Mwamula, Clarence Pitterson, Jennifer Tan, Diane Pinto, Andria Bancheri, Frances Campese, Kristen Priestner, Georgina Kuchan
Virtual: Tanya Veselinovic
Regrets: Andria Gavrilovic, Maria Spadafina-Parodi, Rocio Valenzuela-Smolen
2. Opening Prayer – Andria Bancheri
3. Land Acknowledgement
4. Approval of Agenda
All in favour of Agenda December 2, 2024. Moved
5. Approval of Catholic School Council Minutes, October 9, 2024
 - a. Business Arising from the Minutes - Include Diane Pinto in attendance and Jennifer Tan virtually
All in favour. Moved.

B. Trustee Update – regrets from Mario Pascucci and Stefano Pascucci

C. Standing Items

1. Chair's Report – Brooke updated on the Parent Council Chair's Engagement Night which was held on November 21st and was attended by over 80 representatives. It was a very informative meeting.
2. Student Report – Jennifer reported on all the exciting activities that have occurred in the school.
 - a. Pocock Idol – Engaging in friendly competition - increase in School Spirit.
 - b. Academic Awards Night – Instrumental and Vocal talents were showcased.
 - c. Grade 8 Information Night was a great success.
 - d. Senior Boys Volleyball Team placed 2nd overall in ROPSSAA
 - e. Both Girls Flag Football and Boys Football Teams had very successful seasons
 - f. Pocock Wellness Team put a Wellness Wednesday event in the library during the lunches. The purpose of the activity was to promote self-care and mindfulness strategies. Our wellness team offered free tea in an effort to promote "Positivi-tea"

3. Principal Report – Frances presented the School Generated Funds Annual Plan. The plan describes the current financial position of the school and the plans for the use of funds on hand, (the budget for the school year).
 - Optional Activity Fees are collected from the students every year along with their registrations and course selections. These funds are then divided into different categories to benefit the students such as Student Council, Awards, School Beautification etc.
 - Currently, we have ordered new bleachers for our school gym as the current bleachers are in need of replacement, they are over 30 years old. The cost of the new bleachers is \$86,000.00. Installation is planned for January 2025.
 - Library Refresh – we are looking at a three-year renewal plan for our library to update.
 - Donations – are received from various community partners such as the YMCA, PC Charities for our Student Nutrition Program “Grab’n Go”
 - We all also have a staff initiative for students/families in need with staff dress down Fridays.
 - All other funds are monies in monies out – funds collected from students for trips, sporting events etc... All funds collected are used for the expense of the activity. Brooke asked about SPC cards. Diane/Frances advised that it was not feasible as the income that would be earned is minimal and it requires a vast amount of logistical work.
 - Fundraising – any fundraiser more than \$50,000 needs approval from the board and trustees.

There has been a significant decrease SGF because the Activity Fee was reduced from \$65.00 to \$45.00 per student and the fee is OPTIONAL. The reason behind the decrease is the removal of the yearbook expense. In 2024-2025 students have a choice if they would like to purchase a yearbook. A survey will be done to see how many students would be interested in purchasing a yearbook and based upon the numbers a decision will be made if we proceed.

4. Chaplaincy Report – Andria shared the unapproved Pastoral Plan for 2024-2025. The theme for the year is Catholic Education: Pilgrims of Hope
 - a. The plan details the retreat activities for the students per grade level.
 - b. Grade 9 – retreats will be held at John Paul II Center with the theme of “New Beginnings”
 - c. Grade 10 – retreats will be held at Dr. Simone’s Canadian Food for Children warehouse and our school chapel.
 - d. Grade 11 – retreats will be held at Silvercreek outdoor education centre. The retreats will provide the students with an experience to exemplify Christian servant leadership and the virtues of tolerance and respect.
 - e. Grade 12 – the students will experience a mega-retreat as a graduating cohort. The retreat will be held at St. John Paul II Center and Maximillian Kolbe Church.
 - f. RAISE and ASPIRE Retreat – is planned to take place during the June exam period.
 - g. Chaplaincy Team Retreat – a team building and faith formation retreat for students who are on the Chaplaincy Team

- h. Pocock Spirit Retreat – for students who are interested in growing in their faith. This retreat has taken place and was a great success it was held at St. Patrick’s over a two-day period.

Andria also presented all of the religious activities that are included for all students to participate in from daily prayer to integration of religion in class activities.

Christmas Baskets collection has started and this year we are collecting for 25 families from the Pocock community, St. Patrick’s and Nativity of Our Lord Parishes. Gift cards are the donation of choice for families to be able to have the opportunity to purchase what they need. Diane will have the student council set up a visual aid in the form of chart in the atrium to show the level of donations received. This will hopefully provide a reminder to our students. We will be asking for donations at our Dance & Drama and Musical Christmas Showcases as well.

5. Teacher Report – Diane Pinto reported that the Semi Formal was a great success. Student Council decorated the Atrium for the Christmas Season. Spirit Week with several activities is planned.
6. Parish Report - No Report

D. Information/Updates (if applicable)

1. Central Committee for Catholic School Councils (CCCSC) – No Report
2. Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) – No Report
3. School / Academic Updates – Kristen provided us with school updates:
 - a. Midterm report cards went out in November
 - b. There are five weeks until exams
 - c. Inclement weather directions were provided to the teaching staff
 - d. Literacy tests for our ESL students were completed
 - e. EQAO Math preparation is ongoing after school for our grade 9 students. The tests for first semester math students will take place in January and second semester math students will have their test in June.
 - f. Grade 8 Information night was a great success
 - g. Academic Awards Night – had a great turnout and the Music performed by our band was amazing.
 - h. Grad Photos are taking place this week and next.
 - i. The Advent Mass and the Dance & Drama Showcase are scheduled for this week.
 - j. The Music Christmas Concert is next week.

E. Action Items

Parent Council has received \$500 towards parent engagement. A vote was held, and all were in favor of joining the other Parent Councils’ in our family of schools to spend the monies collectively to bring in a guest speaker. Brook will advise on topics at our next meeting.



F. Future Meetings

February 24th - 6:00 pm

April 24th - 6:00 pm followed by Public Information Session

G. Adjournment

7:30pm