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Vision: Changing the world through Catholic education.*

APPROVED MINUTES

Catholic School Council Meeting

Date: Wednesday, April 24, 2024

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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

Please click to join the meeting online: [ZOOM MEETING LINK](#)

A. Routine Matters

1. Call to Order and Attendance – Catherine
2. Opening Prayer - Catherine
3. Land Acknowledgement – Daryl Brady
4. Approval of Agenda
Motion to strike Treasurer from Agenda under Chair /Treasurer report. All in favour.
All in favour of the Agenda April 24, 2024. Moved.
5. Approval of Catholic School Council Minutes, February 26, 2024
All in favor. Moved.
 - a. Business Arising from the Minutes - NONE

B. Trustee Update

REGRETS by Mario Pascucci and Stefano Pascucci

C. Standing Items

1. Chair/~~Treasurer's~~ Report
Discussion at an offline meeting with council to have a sub-committee to discuss the traffic flow. To allow other parents in the community to have input.
Concern that the parking lot only have two points of entry unlike other schools that have more points of entry. Its unique. It puts pressure on French Immersion students who must be driving to school and parents have to drop off.
Thus, input from other parents in a sub-committee possibly next school year may be something to consider.
2. Student Report
Previous Events/Initiatives:
Cheer team competed at OFSAA and came in 4th place
Teachers vs Students dodgeball game
2v2 co-ed volleyball tournament
Senior and junior boys soccer
Waterloo math competition
Strive dance competition

Earth week activities
Beginning of rugby season

Upcoming Events/Initiatives:

April 25th - Street Patrol

May 2nd - Music Spring Concert

May 3rd - Madd Presentation for Gr. 11's

Spirit Week/ Catholic Education Week/ Mental Health Awareness Week : Monday, May 6 to Friday May 10 - (Mental health champions preparing initiatives for preceding week to avoid overlap in activities)

Tuesday May 7 - Dean Wardak - Motivational Speaker

Wednesday May 8 - Rep Your Culture

Thursday May 9 - Pep Rally

May 10th - Spirit of Service

May 15th - Dance and Drama Spring Concert

May 16th Relay For Life (\$5000 already raised)

May 23rd - School End of Year Mass w/ Bishop Camilleri

May 24th - Water Festival

May 29th - School Choir Singing at Board Office

June 4th - Athletic Banquet

June 6th - Music Vocal Recital for Grade 12s

June 7th - Grade 12 graduation assembly, mass, lunch and special activity

June 10th - Musical Instrument Recital for Grade 12s

June 13th - Grade 12 Prom

June 17th - Last Day of Classes

June 18 - 21 – Exams

June 26th - Graduation Ceremony

3. Principal Report

1. Traffic Flow: connected with Trustee Stefano Pascucci and he has reached out to the Councilor for Ward 3 to discuss the possibility of the road behind Tomken Twin Arenas as a thruway and she will reach out to the various departments in the City of Missisauga and conservation authorities to discuss if this could be possible.

The area behind the arena is a floodplain and that it may not be usable.

Ms. Campese has engaged the operations department of the board and they are aware across all schools the traffic concerns are growing at an alarming rate and that in their assessments human behaviour is at the root of the concerns brought forward. The department will come assess Pocock again but the layout of the drive thru is the best solution based on past assessment over the years.

Ms. Campese submitted a request to the City for a traffic assessment.

A request was put forward for parking enforcement and they have been deployed.

Tomken arena management have firmly stated they will not reopen the drive thru of their parking lot. They emphasized that their "decision is not motivated by a desire to create barriers between our groups, but in a commitment to the safety of our team and patrons."

The boards Plants Project Officer of Landscaping and Grounds will be doing a site visit to discuss best solutions for painted walkways and new signs have been ordered and will be installed in the next few weeks.

2. Catholic Education Week is also Mental Health Awareness Week.

Theme for CEW is We are Called to Love. So many amazing events planned – student and teacher led. Including guest speakers and a pep rally.

That week there will be a grade dedicated to each grade that will be a day for students to catch up in every class. Therefore no new learning will occur, no tests, just an opportunity to focus on their well-being and take a breath.

TUESDAY, MAY 7 – Grade 12 (assembly Period 2)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8 – Grade 11

THURSDAY, MAY 9 – Grade 10 (PEP Rally)

FRIDAY, MAY 10 – Grade 9

3. School uniform and BLACK PANTS. All schools will be moving to a dark coloured pant as it is more inclusive of all students and their needs. Effective 2025-2026 students entering grade 9 will only have the option of purchasing a black pant with the school logo from McCarthy's Uniform provider. All other students may switch to black pants but it's optional. The new pant will be grandfathered in. The school will look at a new option/colours of a sweater and is working with McCarthys for possible options and have a student survey.

4. Graduation events have been sent to all students, posted on the school website also. Dates for the Grad mass, Prom and Grad ceremony has all been posted. Cashonline is open for the collection of grad and prom fees should students wish to attend.

5. Afterschool math session will be open to all grade 9 and 10 students beginning in May until June. Information went to the community today.

6. Get Ready program for Grade 9 incoming students will be on Tuesday, August 27 and Wednesday, August 28. Information will go out to feeder schools non-DP students in the next few weeks. All DP students will automatically be registered.

7. Pocock will undergo a regular financial internal audit. This is a routine audit that cycles through all schools and it will be for the time frame prior to my arrival.

8. The request for new Bleachers has gone out to tender. Once bids go in a vendor will be selected and the board will proceed with the PO. The hope is that installation occurs late summer and start of the new school year.

4. Chaplaincy/Teacher Report
Earth Week April 22nd to Apr 26th
Meatless Monday
Indigenous Awareness (Enviro Mural)

Plastic Waste - Reuseable Water Bottle Awareness
Outdoor Clean Up
Upscaling Clothing/Eco-Friendly Cosmetics
Environmental Prayers
Environmental Reflections

Other Initiatives

Recycling
Waste Audit (May)
Bike to School (May)
Litterless Lunches, ongoing
17 UN Sustainable Development Goals (ongoing)

5. Parish Report

Share Life Campaign: Archbishop Pocock's Share Life campaign is currently underway in parishes, including ours. Donations can be made at any time through your parish of the Share Life website. St. Patrick's parish's second collection will be next Sunday, April 28, 2024.

March for Life: Next March for Life is scheduled for May 9, 2024. A bus will leave for Ottawa at 6:30 am from St. Peter and Paul Church. Cost is \$40 and reserve a seat by texting 416.857.3887 with your name and number.

Bundle Up Weekend: Bring gently used clothing, shoes, linens to St. Vincent de Paul's Church parking lot the weekend of May 18-19.

D. Information/Updates (if applicable)

1. Central Committee for Catholic School Councils (CCCSC) Report
Max Vecchiarino (SO) presented Census data findings. Findings present the need to work toward mirroring student population with teacher identity.
Student transitions helps support students including any student with special education needs on a seven-year plan. All About Me and MyBlueprint as well as OYAP and Dual Credit programming was presented.
May 1st will be the Boardwide Parent Engagement Evening on Cannabis.
2. Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) Reports
The annual conference took place with keynote speaker Carl Suban. He spoke of leading with potential. Students need to believe in themselves first.
The second speaker focused on parents having to take the lead in fostering their child. Home stressors make it difficult so parents should keep it simple and remember to pray for and with their child.

E. Action Items

F. Future Meetings

May 23, 2024: ME Parent Engagement Event
Philip Pocock Secondary School

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

G. Adjournment