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Vision: Changing the world through Catholic education.*

## MINUTES

### Catholic School Council Meeting – Philip Pocock CSC

**Date: Monday, February 24, 2025**

**Time: 6:00 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, Jennifer Tan, Andrea Gavrilovic, Diane Pinto, Daryl Brady, Clarence Pitterson, Maria Spadafina-Parodi, Sofie Mwamula, Mario Pascucci, Frances Campese*

*Regrets: Rocio Valenzuela-Smolen, Tanya Veselinovic, Stefano Pascucci*

2. Opening Prayer

3. Land Acknowledgement

4. Approval of Agenda

5. Approval of Catholic School Council Minutes, December 2, 2024

a. Business Arising from the Minutes - none

#### B. Trustee Update

- Here on behalf of Stefano also
- Board has a substantial deficit
- The OCSTA meets and creates motions
- As chair of larger urban boards (Toronto, York, Peel, Halton) recognize the costs are becoming difficult for large boards
- Catholic boards that are large we have asked for their problems to go to the ministry to discuss – the deficit is one item
- DPCDSB has declined by 10,000 students and when funding is attached to students because they are moving to cities because of costs it has an impact
- Asked the ministry to close schools to build schools in areas where students are
- Contact MPP to ask their position on education in your riding
- Trying to push are you “TIC’d” to encourage parents to check the box so the minister knows catholic schools are represented
- New by-law will pass that in elementary schools will be permitted to request a uniform once every three years only
- Question – Brook M. asked what is happening with the flag
  - Mario stated he originally agreed and then disagreed
  - Wants to keep the flag singular to Canada



- Suggested if anyone wants to bring it back to contact Marianne's office
  - The decision put forward by the Cardinal and the community supports that
- The board is encouraging catholic parents/young adults to go into teaching in catholic schools

### C. Standing Items

#### 1. Chair's Report

- i. Navigating mental health & well-being
  - ii. Entrepreneurship & career exploration
  - iii. Identity and purpose
  - iv. Positive social skills, toxic behaviours & boundaries
  - v. Conflict resolution and self-awareness \* (how parents can prepare)
- Human trafficking – hot topic to let council know

#### 2. Student Report

##### School Achievements

Senior Girls Volleyball team won against St. Martin's

Senior Boys Basketball tournament at David Suzuki ; after which they placed 1st in tier 1 ROPSSAA quarter-final against St. Francis Xavier (lost) ; still put a good end to the season

Junior Boys Basketball playoff game against Erindale → won

Pocock Cheerleading team went to Florida and won third place in Cheer World Championships

##### School Initiatives

- ✓ The commencement of Pocock's Ski and Snowboard Club who go to Mount St. Louis Moonstone for skiing and snowboarding → first time they went was last Wednesday
- ✓ Special Olympics Bocce Tournament ; students in the RAISE and ASPIRE program participated in this athletic event and sport leadership students helped to run the event
- ✓ Athletic Combine coming up (tomorrow - Feb 25th); testing athletic ability of students and opportunity to get noticed by school coaches
- ✓ Pocock EcoSchool team organized National Sweater Day to show support for limiting the global temperature rise ; the temperature in the school was turned down and students stayed warm by wearing their favourite sweaters
- ✓ Black History Month:
- ✓ Recognizing and telling the story of one African-American person everyday to conclude morning announcements
- ✓ Chaplaincy highlighting Black identifying students on their Instagram page
- ✓ Assemblies to help with choosing courses for the next school year for Grade 9s, 10s, and 11s
- ✓ Gr12 Events information assembly ; reminded students about their graduation requirements and informed them about upcoming events such as the graduation ceremony, grad retreat, prom, and exams
- ✓ Election for Pocock's Student Trustee Candidate/next school year's Student Senator
- ✓ → Bea Santos won

- ✓ The sale of 2024/2025 yearbooks → met our minimal sales, meaning we can go through with purchasing the yearbook ; this is available on Student Cash Online until the end of this month

3. Principal Report

- i. SGF update – January YTD \$275,391.53
- ii. Bleachers have been installed \$93,000
- iii. Chromebook deployment occurred today  
All students received one and they will be labeled with their power cords
- iv. DEI Presentation – Sandra Macaro-Turco presented on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and the many initiatives at the school  
The committee includes students from each club that represents student voice  
Focused on the theme of “Nurturing Hope Through Social Justice”  
Events that represent all student voice, BSV, Wellness, Indigenous

4. Chaplaincy/Teacher Report

- i. Student trustee elections, Bea Santos won and will be the rep running for student trustee of the board trustee and Jennifer and Bea will go to the board to vote Friday.
- ii. Ash Wednesday students will receive Ashes
- iii. OSSLT prep – every Tuesday and Thursday  
Test is April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>  
Intensive support for some students requiring additional practice

5. Parish Report

- i. St. Patrick Verso L’alto nights for all secondary students  
March 22, April 26, May 24, June 14  
Register on the Youth website

6. VP Report

- i. Interview night March 26, 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm

**D. Information/Updates (if applicable)**

- 1. Central Committee for Catholic School Councils (CCCSC) Report
- 2. Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) Reports

**E. Action Items**

- 1. Parent/Community Engagement Night – Pocock will be hosting, April
- 2. April Catholic School Council Change of Date

**F. Future Meetings – Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 pm (Light Dinner)**

**G. Adjournment – 7:55 pm**