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Vision: Changing the world through Catholic education.*

## **UNAPPROVED MINUTES**

### **Catholic School Council Meeting**

**Date: Monday, May 27, 2024**

**Time: 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 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**

#### **A. Routine Matters**

1. Call to order and Attendance – Catherine  
In Attendance: France Campese, Catherine Rivera, Lina Iacobucci, Stefano Pascucci, Mario Pascucci, Rocio Smolen, Eileen Tesoro, Sharina Dayrit and Georgina Kuchan
2. Opening Prayer – Catherine Rivera
3. Land Acknowledgement – Stefano Pascucci
4. Approval of Agenda  
All in favour of Agenda May 27, 2024. Moved
5. Approval of Catholic School Council Minutes, April 24, 2024  
All in favour. Moved
  - a. Business Arising from the Minutes - NONE

#### **B. Trustee Update – requested to present after student report**

#### **C. Standing Items**

1. Student Report  
Previous Events/Initiatives  
Pep Rally was held on May 9<sup>th</sup> and was a great event for all students and staff  
Peel Water Festival May 24<sup>th</sup>  
Dance and Drama Night Showcase May 15  
Relay For Life took place on May 16<sup>th</sup>. This event was spearheaded by Ms. Kristine Alvero and her leadership class. The students in the class organized and ran the events for the day. Our students raised over \$20,000 for Cancer research.  
Lulu lounge May 21<sup>st</sup> – Music SHSM students participated in field trip and experienced various rhythmic sounds and collaborations.  
Our Pocock Baseball team is doing well in that they have won both games so far this season. May 23<sup>rd</sup> and May 27<sup>th</sup>.  
End of the year school mass with the bishop, auxiliary bishop and alumnus was held on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.  
Track and Field are still on going and some students have attended ROPSSA events.  
  
Upcoming events:



3v3 basketball tournament tomorrow  
Civvies on May 29<sup>th</sup>  
Vocal Board Mass May 29<sup>th</sup>  
Athletic Banquet June 4<sup>th</sup>  
Wonderland Trip (for music kids) June 5<sup>th</sup>  
Vocal recital June 6<sup>th</sup>  
Graduation Mass June 7<sup>th</sup>  
Music Recital June 10<sup>th</sup>  
Exams From June 18<sup>th</sup> - June 21

The Grade 12 students are currently preparing for Prom June 13<sup>th</sup> and Graduation on June 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **Trustee Update**

Stefano thanked all parents for their participation and support of the school. Mario advised that the International Language Program at the Secondary Level will be consolidated to one site. Both John Cabot's and Fr. Goetz's classes will be moved to St. Joseph Secondary. He also advised that when the program started years ago that the stipulation was that it was to be zero cost to the board and fully funded by the Ministry. Keeping the schools open on the weekend is not worth the expense incurred especially with declining enrollment. The average cost is \$24,000 per weekend.

Mario advised that there is a board meeting tomorrow at which budget will be discussed for the upcoming year. Chromebooks for students will also be discussed along with funding for before and after school meal programs which is coming from the Federal government.

### **2. Chair Report**

A brief recap of this year's council's discussions. Chair has been a conduit between parents and the school. Civies days for students was revisited and implemented. She advised that parents were not advised of the school activities, students were not bringing information home. Since, then Ms. Campese has been instrumental in ensuring that events are being posted on Instagram and we have had nothing but positive feedback.

Stefano added/suggested that a note should be sent out to the parent community to get more parent involvement on council and school community.

Student activities have come back to pre-covid levels and in some cases, has surpassed previous student participation.

The fact that safety concerns were addressed in that painting of lines, arrows and crosswalks were painted on the ground and a stop sign was erected on the north side of the school's driveway/entrance. Chair suggested that a committee be formed to oversee the safety of our children and traffic flow in and out of the school property. Stefano reminded council that use of school property for student drop off and pickup is a privilege not a right and may be removed at any time.

Catherine stated that she hopes that the parent council does not lose sight of the values of catholic education in regards, to providing a safe environment for the students at Pocock.

Rocio, commented that this is her last year on council as her daughter is graduating this year. She has mixed emotions as she herself is a former graduate of Philip Pocock. She loved this school and the staff. She will always remember Pocock as the “School with Spirit”.

### **3. Principal Report**

Students have been asked to complete various surveys

1. Canadian Student Drug and Alcohol Survey
2. Cafeteria Survey
3. University of British Columbia (UBC) Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) Survey

We also had an audit completed of our school with no unusual discrepancies.

The afterschool Math tutoring program was a success with 50 students participating. This program was offered to grade 9 and 10 students to assist with math skills.

Renovation Scheduled - during the summer were scheduled to have the carpeting removed and new flooring installed in the library.

The Graduation ceremony for next year will be held at a different venue. We are currently reviewing the contract for the Pearson Convention Center. Stefano suggested an early start time to accommodate the heavy traffic in the area during the late afternoon. We are also keeping an eye on local arenas as the pricing is much more appealing.

A traffic assessment was completed by our board and as a result, the line painting has taken place along with the erection of a stop sign on the north exit of the property. No issues were found with the traffic flow. No need to restore the back parking area. It was noted that the intersection was busy. The main problem noted was that cars were illegally parked in front of the gate and blocking the fire route for emergency vehicles. A map with the traffic flow will be sent to parents to remind, and them of the traffic flow around the school and the two designated student drop off areas. Our school is actually in good shape in regards, to the flow of traffic in and out of the property.

Thank you to all council members for the participation and commitment Pocock.

### **4. Pocock School Council - Chaplain’s Report - May 27, 2024**

Frances provided the Chaplain’s report on behalf Andria Bancheri.

Catholic Education Week - Our school hosted a number of events for CEW. We had student-made videos and instagram reels the entire week. We held a donut sale to raise money for Sharelife and we sold 70 dozen donuts. We had morning meditation in the chapel every day, rosary on the Tuesday after school, do-it-yourself liturgies in the chapel, post-it notes of joy,

karaoke, a guest speaker for our Grade 12's on making positive choices, pep rally and Spirit of Service.

Our annual Spirit of Service event took place on Fri, May 10th at the end of Catholic Education Week. We had over 50 students go out into the community to serve at placements. They also fasted in solidarity with the poor for twelve hours while they did this and took pledges for Sharelife. They came back to school and participated in a school built escape room, a schoolwide scavenger hunt, a dodgeball tournament, karaoke, movies and more. The evening ended with mass in our chapel celebrated by Fr. Facey and with a dinner to break our fast donated by many of our local restaurants: Pizza Nova, Silva's BBQ, La Bonita, Taco Bell, Shwarnado, Mississauga Noodles and Cobbs Bakery. Overall our school raised \$3000 for Sharelife and the kids had a ton of fun.

Relay For Life - Although not a specific chaplaincy event this was a great social justice initiative to raise money for cancer research held on Thurs, May 16th. This event for seniors started with speeches from cancer survivors in our school community and a survivors lap around the track. Most of the day was held outside with fun activities and games for them all while teams walked around the track collecting beads for every lap. Students took monetary pledges to participate and our school community raised over \$20,000 for cancer research. Huge thank you to the phys ed dept especially Kristina Alvero for planning and running this event.

End of Year School Mass - Last Thurs on May 23rd we held our End of Year Mass celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Ivan Camilleri who is an alumnus of Philip Pocock. Bishop Camilleri celebrated with our pastor Fr. John Facey and our system faith animator Deacon Ray Frendo. In attendance were also several board dignitaries including Director Marianne Mazzoratto, Chair of the Board of Trustees Luz Del Rosario and Associate Director Daniel Del Bianco. Our students were incredibly reverent and prayerful during mass and both His Excellency and our dignitaries commented on how impressed they were with our students and school community. Thank you again to our School Council Chair Catherine Rivera for helping to setup this opportunity for our school community with His Excellency.

Upcoming we have Graduation Mass on Fri, June 7th. Students will attend mass at St. Patrick's parish in the morning after their valedictorian vote. After mass there will be a catered lunch for them in the parish hall and in tents outside on the parish grounds. After lunch they will be given a graduation token of a t-shirt that they can have their friends and staff sign as a keepsake.

## **5. Parish Report**

The Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Friday May 31 at 6:30 pm The Legion of Mary invites all Parishioners to celebrate the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast commemorates Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth. Both women were pregnant and experienced an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Mary's response is the hymn of praise, the Magnificat. Date: Friday May 31 Rosary: 6:30 pm followed by praying of the Magnificat Mass: 7:00 pm



St. Patrick's Online Prayer Group June is the month of Sacred Heart of Jesus. During this month, we will be praying the Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Novena prayers will be lead by the Monday On-Line Prayer Group and various Parish organizations, on the following days: • Saturday, June 1st immediately after the 8:15 am Mass – in-person Mass and Novena prayers will be live-streamed from the Parish. • Monday evenings at 7:00 pm via Zoom ONLY • Friday evenings at 6:30 pm (just before the 7:00 pm Mass) – in-person Novena prayers and Mass will be live-streamed from the Parish. Further details and Zoom link will be emailed through the Parish Email distribution. Please email the parish office at [stpatricksmi@archtoronto.org](mailto:stpatricksmi@archtoronto.org) if you wish to be added to the email list.

#### **D. Information/Updates**

70% of 151 schools are in need of restoration. Repairs are part of the long term maintenance plan however declining enrollment, effects the plans for repairs and restorations.

Permit use rates for board properties are going to be increased in the coming year.

OAPCE – nothing to report

#### **E. Action Items – none**

Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm