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APPROVED MINUTES

Catholic School Council Meeting

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Date: Wednesday, October 9, 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, Rocio Valenzuela-Smolen, Tanya Veselinovic, Varence Pitterson, Maria Spadafina-Parodi, Andrea Gavrilovic, Daryl Brady, Kriten Priestner, Jennifer Tan (virtual), Diane Pinto
2. Opening Prayer – Kristen Priestner
3. Land Acknowledgement –
4. Approval of Agenda
All in favour of Agenda October 9, 2024, 2024. Moved
5. Approval of Catholic School Council Minutes, May 27, 2024
All in favour. Moved
 - a. Business Arising from the Minutes - NONE

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

B. Standing Items

1. Chair Report –

Introductions of the new CSC members
Brooke Marotta declared Catholic School Council Chair
Rocio Valenzuela- Smolen declared CSC Treasurer
Maria Spadafina-Parodi declared CSC Secretary
Andrea Gavrilovic declared Parish rep

2. Student Report – Jennifer Tan

School Achievements

- Thanksgiving food drive collection (Food Banks Mississauga)
- Leadership prepared signs and small activities around the neighbourhood to encourage students during the annual Terry Fox walk
- Chaplaincy team went on their first street patrol of the year, where they brought in food,



- snacks, and socks to give away to those in need
- Grade 10 retreat to Doctor Simone's Canadian Food For Children
- Senior Varsity Girls Basketball won the 1st game of the season School Initiatives
- Chaplaincy team went on a retreat at Silver Creek to welcome new grade 9 members
- Student Council introduced our Prime Minister and Student Senate over the announcements and Instagram
- Introduction and election for grades 9-12 student representatives
- Introduction to Mental Health Champions (student leaders)
- Start of year mass
- Cross Country team races: The Bagpipe Classic
- Boys Senior and Junior Volleyball league opener tournaments Student Concerns
- Athletic fees being too pricey
- Approval for "Senior Sunrise"
- Rules regarding morning announcements and being late to class
- Wanting more spirit-wear days and being able to wear Grad Wear as uniform Suggested/
Potential Agenda Items
- Ways to reserve more funding towards activities that students are passionate about
- Plans for Remembrance Day, Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week, Elimination for Violence Against Women

3. Principal Report - Regrets from Frances Campese Principal. Report shared by Kristen Priestner:

Principal sent regrets for not being present due to an emergency.

It's been a great start-up so far and we commend our parent community for their support with cell phones and vaping.

Great news – carpets are being removed Friday and library will be temporarily closed for approx. 1 week. Books will go back up on the shelves and some posing of shelves, new furniture over the next 3 years a new look as money will come partially from board funds and SGF.

Great News – scheduled to have new bleachers installed over Christmas break in the early planning of picking the colours, etc. and working with the board for installation this should not impact programing in January.

We have an increase in student enrollment which impacts us to add two additional teachers to staff. This allows us to split some courses and create smaller class sizes as well as expand our ESL programming to support the influx of newcomers this. year. Students will receive a letter tomorrow in the class that may be split. Students were selected randomly and the new teachers will transition after Thanksgiving.

4. Chaplaincy/Teacher Report – Andria Bancheri, Chaplain

Grade 9 Mega Retreat occurred on October 4th and was well received. A great way for students to make new friends and come together for prayer and reflection.

Annual Thanksgiving food drive underway.



Opening School Mass was today celebrated by Father Facey.

5. Parish Report – N/A

Information/Updates (if applicable)

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

B. Action Items

C. Future Meetings

Monday, December 2, 2024	6:00 pm
Monday, February 24, 2024	6:00 pm
Thursday, April 24, 2024	5:00 pm followed by Public Information Session

D. Adjournment

7:30 pm