

**St. Margaret of Scotland
Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2018**

Attendees

Stephan Pelland	Principal	Pat Passarelli	Vice Principal
Nancy Greco	Chairperson	Ian Lodge	Co-Chairperson/OAPCE Rep
Deidra Wong	Treasurer	Camille Edwards	Secretary
Maricor Pitt	Parish Rep	Carmen Arboleya	Fundraising/Community Rep
Louise Roach	Community Rep	Melodie Freiria	Fundraising Coordinator
Cassandra Cunha	Parent Rep	Adele Del Bono	Fundraising Coordinator
Elizabeth Seto-Moniz	Parent Rep	Kirsten Garces	Parent Rep
Tanis Packalen	Teacher Rep	Chloe Sturzenbecher	Teacher Rep

Regrets Kirsten, Melodie

Guests Deborah Finegan-Downey (Superintendent of Mississauga South, Daniel Del Bianco (Associate Director of Corporate Services), Juanita McLeod (Teacher at SMOS)

Council Meeting Commenced: 6:33pm.

1. Welcome Prayer – all

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: to approve agenda for present meeting

Moved by: Nancy

Approved by: Louise

Seconded by: Maricor

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion: to approve minutes for last meeting

Moved by: Nancy

Approved by: Ian

Seconded by: Louise

4. New Business

- Deborah Finegan-Downey and Daniel Del Bianco from the DPCDSB provided an update on the French Immersion Program based on the November 1 special meeting
- St. Margaret of Scotland is growing and the growth is based on the English side of the community
- The community has requested accommodations due to the growth and shared concerns about limited play areas for students, the need for portables to accommodate the growth, traffic congestion in the mornings and evenings, etc.
- In June 2018, a proposal for a portable came forth for the September school year and the community was against getting a portable at the school mainly due to the limited play areas for students.
- At the last meeting on November 1, the parents shared that they do not want a portable to accommodate the growth in the community
- Daniel talked about the boundaries and if changing them would be a solution to the problem however after doing research; the problem will still continue if boundaries are changed
- They do not want to change the boundaries due to affecting enrollment down the road and they do not want to disrupt the current students in the area
- The school capacity is 625 students and that runs at efficiency.
- The solution that was shared was to introduce French Immersion (FI) at All Saints Catholic School which is close to the St. Margaret of Scotland (SMOS) community
- It's a 7-minute drive from SMOS and it's under capacity. It's a 6-acre site that can accommodate growth and portables as it grows.

- For the school year 2019/2020, SMOS will no longer be registering students for FI in Grade 1.
- All Saints will be registering all students interested in FI in Grade 1 for the 2019/2020 school year. The following year will be Grade 2, etc.
- Once the children reach Grade 5 in the FI program; they will return to SMOS until Grade 8
- All Saints will house students in FI from Grade 1 to Grade 4 going forward
- St. Margaret of Scotland will house students from Grade 5 to Grade 8 going forward
- Grade 7 FI teacher Juanita McLeod shared her idea about starting a nutrition program at SMOS
- 17% to 18% of kids aren't eating breakfast in the morning
- Snack program offered during the day for the students
- Ontario Student Nutrition and will deliver food to the school
- Meets governmental standards
- Feed each child for \$1 or \$1.50/day
- \$500 collected from last year for this initiative
- The program would be served between 8am and 8:15am
- Donations from local grocery stores like Loblaws, Food Basics, Knights of the Round table for the program
- She proposed a Christmas Bazaar with tables and parents selling things however the team agreed that it was too short notice to do this year
- She is asking permission to send home a parent letter with a survey to get feedback from the community
- She would share the results in January at the next Council meeting
- Louise proposed a motion that we send out a letter for kids in need for the breakfast program and to share results in January
- Deidra seconds the motion
- All in favour

5. **HEALTHY Pledges Program**

- Maricor shared information about the program as a Peel Nurse
- The program includes avoiding sugar free beverages
- Daily physical activity 20 mins of moderate activity
- Support the communication and planning
- She discussed way we can enhance the program
- Some options were to support programs like intramurals at the school, outside agencies, volunteers, etc. and also offering SMOS water bottles for students as one idea

6. **WOW Update**

- Promotions are still being done in the eblast for WOW

7. **Fundraising Update**

- The estimated money raised from the Dance-a-thon is \$8834.70 with \$6800.00 Net
- The Much Music DJ was expensive charging \$1400 for the event
- Next year we will look into getting a regular DJ or a Volunteer DJ from the community
- Spirit Wear sales are not where we hoped it would be
- **Action: Stephan will send out an eblast about Spirit Wear**
- A guest parent shared Kiss N Ride donations by putting up a sign that is visible in the Kiss N Ride
- The fundraising team will meet to discuss this with the parent

8. **Treasurer Report**

- Kirsten still needs to reconcile from 2017/2018 school year
- Standard items were discussed for this school year
- \$25 per student for graduation
- Youth Faith Ambassadors shirts for \$300 used \$353

- Rainy day funds \$30 per teacher used half of it last year \$810 is budgeted
- \$10 per student for field trips
- Taxis for school sports team \$1500
- Catholic Education week \$300 nothing used last year
- Bussing for first communion – no classes anymore joint with schools and handled by the church
- Newspapers for the library \$450
- Helping Hands funds \$500
- Bussing to St Francis of Assisi \$1500 will be removed due to breaking fire codes
- Ball room dancing \$2800 – not doing it this year due to competition issues. Doing the dancing at nursing homes, etc in the community. Bringing the gift of entertainment to others. Dance showcase at the school and in the community
- Arts supported \$1000 for each division
- Nancy moves a motion to give \$1000 to intermediates instead of ball room dancing. Cassandra seconded the motion. All in favour.

9. OAPCE Update

- Ian will send out email with details to the next meeting
- The links are in Dropbox
- OACPE twitter account, how to designate your taxes, etc will be shared by Ian via Dropbox
- AGM is coming up on November 24th. 8am to 1pm St Francis of Xavier School
- April 2019 is the 80th anniversary of OAPCE

10. Principals Report

- EQAO – Update from Stephan
- Grade 3 – In reading, we were above the provisional standards
- Grade 6 - In reading, we were above the board and provisional
- Grade 3 - 36% of the students are ELL (speak other languages)
- Grade 3 maintained the consistent standard. Nothing to be concerned about with reading
- Writing has taken a dip on a downward trend mainly due to ELL
- Help is not allowed and no visual aid during EQAO
- Mathematics only had 28 below the standard
- Grade 6 reading and writing has plateaued
- Writing has been increasing except for last year
- Math had a huge drop over the last 2 years consistent with the board standards
- We don't know the future of EQAO based on the political pressure and the government
- Catholic schools outperformed the public schools
- The test change year after year
- The petition pro grant to unfreeze the funds to schools \$1000. Parents are encouraged to speak to their MPP's about this
- Robotics club – B bots has started, looking at joining some competitions for junior and intermediates
- There will be a Christmas concert for K-3 on Wednesday December 19th @ 6:30pm at SMOS

11. Teachers Report

- No update at this time

Next Meeting Date January 16, 2019 in the library