

Saint Catherine of Siena
CSC Meeting Minutes
October 2nd 2023 @ 6:30pm

Attendance: Ms. Pompili Bosco, Ms. Smith, Ms. Carlesimo, Ms. D’Souza, Mr. Sheikh, Ms. Mendoza

1. **Ms. Pompili Bosco** – Opening Prayer and Land Acknowledgement
2. **Diana/ Ms. Pompili Bosco** – Welcome and Introductions
3. **Ms. Pompili Bosco** – Principals Report

a) Re-Organization:

- Reorganization took place in classes from K-6 classes and impacted 25 students. Ms. Pompili Bosco and Ms. Smith-Foster called the parents of all students who were being moved on Thursday September 14, 2023. A letter went home to parents after the telephone communication. Students transitioned to their new classroom on Friday September 15th in the PM to support a smooth transition.
- A full FDK class was reduced to a class of 15- resulted in the loss of 1 DECE. The total number of classes remains the same.
- Classes are settled into new routines.
- Student population 439 students.

b) Faith and Social Justice:

- **Meeting with Pastoral Team at St. Catherine of Siena-** The VP and myself met with other administrators and the pastoral team at St. Catherine of Siena on September 12, 2023.
- **Beginning of the Year school Mass-** Celebrated on Oct. 2, 2023
- **1st Communion/Confirmation** – email sent to community for Gr. 2 and 7 parents (invitational for students in other grades that did not receive the sacraments), with link to register from the Parish. First Holy Communion: May 25, 2023 10:00 a.m. @ St. Catherine of Siena Parish. Confirmation May 28th 7:00 p.m.
- **Youth Minister-** Visiting Grade 7.8A, 7/8B and 8A October 10, 2023.
- **Terry Fox Marathon of Hope** - September 22, 2023.
- **Truth and Reconciliation Week-** Orange Shirt Day September 29th .School wide outdoor liturgy September 29th . Daily announcements led by students,

display in front foyer, educational activities in individual classes age appropriate.

- **Virtue Assemblies** – monthly with the entire school. Faith September 22, 2023. Empathy October 25, 2023.
- **Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations**- Announcements, Bulletin Board, Month Awards honoring students.
- Presentation Sidat: January 29 th school wide.
- **Presentation Babarinde Williams**- February 20, 2023 Black Canadian Heroes Grade 3-8
- **Black Excellence Student Group**- will continue to promote awareness in the school throughout the school year

c) Wellness:

- **Start 2 Finish**- Will continue, more information to follow. Distributed backpacks to participants from the 2022-23 school year (40).
- **Conversation Club**- will continue, more information to follow.
- **Breakfast Club**- started the week of September 19 th .
- **Conflict Resolution**- (WITS, I Messages, 4 Part Apology, and THINK) highlighted on announcements and in classrooms. Zones of Regulation being introduced in classrooms.
- **Wellness Crew**- student group will continue.
- **MS Well Being Conference**- 5 members of the Wellness Crew attended a conference on September 25, 2023. The great work that the Crew is doing at St. Catherine of Sieana was highlighted at the conference.
- **Weekly Christian Meditation**- on Fridays led by Wellness Crew beginning in October.
- **X Movement**- October 3 rd , 4 th , and 5 th school wide. Theme: Becoming Global Citizens. Parent Engagement Evening Thursday October 5 th 6:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.

d) Morning Entry

- The school is continuing with the morning gradual entry.

e) Recess Times

- The school has gone back to one recess in the AM (10:28-10:43) and one recess in the PM (2:29-2:44) for all students.

f) Lunch Time 12:06-1:06 p.m.

- Grades 1-3/4 outside for 30 minutes and then eat for 30 minutes.
- Grades 4-8 eat for 30 minutes and then outside for 30 minutes.

g) Emergency Procedures:

- There has been 1 Fire Drills to date.
- All students did an exemplary job at following the procedures.
- The school will move forward with additional practices of all emergency procedures.

h) Communication

- Monthly Newsletter via Sway, school messenger, agenda, telephone, meeting by appointment as needed.
- As an eco-school we are trying to limit the amount of paper communication with parents.

i) Open House

- Ice Cream Sandwiches and Art Gallery Around the World exhibiting student work.
- Families had an opportunity to go into classrooms and meet staff.

j) Thanksgiving Food Drive

- Nonperishable food items were collected from the community between September 25-29 th .
- All items are being distributed to the community through St. Vincent de Paul.

k) School photo day

- Took place Sept. 26, 2023.
- Re-Take Day Oct. 24, 2023.

l) Literacy

- The primary division is using Heggerty resource to support literacy development.
- In addition to the on-line resources available to staff, decodable resources have been purchased by the school to support literacy development in the school.

m) Math

- K-8 Core Resources being used. Staff have on-line access.

n) STEM

- Technology has been purchased by the school to support curriculum in all divisions.

o) Family Life Curriculum

- The renewal of core resources is in process. Staff will continue to use the existing Fully Alive Program until this process is completed. Resources are available on-line.

4. Diana – Chair and OAPCE report

a) Open House/ Book fair

- Great organization by the school, a few parents commented that they hoped the classroom access and teacher meet and greet would have been started at 6pm as some did have to work nights.

b) Communion registration

- Online registration due by October 25th

c) X Movement – Coming up October 5th, please fill in the online form to attend

5. Ms. Pompili Bosco – Establishment of new CSC for 2023-2024

Chair: Diana Carlesimo

Treasurer: Arif Shiekh

Secretary: Jennifer Mendoza

Parish Representative: Esther D’Souza

Ontario Association for Parents in Catholic Education Representative (OAPCE): Diana Carlesimo

Meeting Dates:

Monday November 27, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m.

Thursday January 25, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m.

Monday March 18, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday April 24, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m.

6. Open discussion / Parent share

a) Ms D’Souza would like to focus on building a closer relationship with the church and students in the school, will discuss with church administration opportunities for connecting and meeting monthly or bi weekly

b) New tech items purchased by school for Junior and Intermediate class use.

c) I-pads available to be signed out for teachers to use during a lesson for in class.

- d) Ideas welcome for our annual Christmas and Spring parent engagement events.

Ms. Pompili Bosco – Closing Prayer