



St. Francis Xavier Elementary School

"Together We Grow in Mind and Spirit."

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Catholic School Council (CSC) November 18, 2024

Meeting called to order by Alex Giovinazzo at 6:03 pm | Meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm

In Attendance:

Alex Giovinazzo, Principal
Devon Straw, Vice Principal
Maureen Baldino, Non-Teaching Rep.
Daniel Auger, Teaching Rep.
Maggie Pallotta, Teaching Rep.
Geraldine Cabral, Chair
Charissa Arghittu, Secretary
Lauren Marciello, OAPCE Rep
Nadia Risio
Deniece Roswell
Julia Lindsay
Samantha MacNeil
Paula Anderson
Paul Nuttall
Melissa Gomes
Carly Cuthbert
Sarah Evans

Opening Prayer and Land Acknowledgement

Alex led the opening prayer and Land Acknowledgement

Agenda and Minutes Approval

The agenda was shared with the group; motion to approve by Geraldine, seconded by Charissa.

Meeting minutes from last meeting were shared with the group; motion to approve by Geraldine, seconded by Paula.

Parish Rep Update

- Update was provided post-meeting:
- SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
 - o Registration is still open

- o Link to Register: https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=-oHzs0inq0mvptqmDyNEmp_7a97u-oNIpgd0qG0kXJdUOTk2QUxFSVcyMDNFUUMOM1hLN0RYMjU0VyQIQCN0PWcu&route=s horturl
- o NOTE that registration is not complete until you have submitted your child's baptismal certificate and \$50 program fee at one of the parent meetings
- SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION SESSION
 - o If you have registered your child to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation than you must attend one of the following parent information sessions (parents/guardians only):
 - o Thursday November 28th at 7pm
 - o OR
 - o Saturday December 7th at 1pm
- FAMILY CHRISTMAS PROJECT - WALMART GIFT CARDS (GC)
 - o St. Mary's Parishioners are supporting families in need within our community at Christmas Time.
 - o If you would like to support a family, you can purchase a Walmart GC and drop them off at the church office during office hours. Alternatively, you can drop them to Fr. Peter, Fr. Martin, Deacon Franciscus or Deacon Doug after any of the Sunday Masses.
 - o \$50 Walmart GC supports the purchase of a Child's gift.
 - o \$200 Walmart GC supports the purchase of groceries for a family for distribution to families in need of help this holiday season
- 2025 Sunday Missals are available for purchase at the Parish store - Cost \$7
- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COATS FOR KIDS IS BACK!
 - o To purchase one of the 45 coats required you will need to go to this link (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/k-of-c-coats-for-kids-st-marys-brampton-2024-tickets-1072633187739>) and register with Eventbrite.
 - o Once you have registered, you will see what coats are available to purchase. Please follow the prompts.
 - o Purchased coats will be collected on November 23rd before 5:00pm mass at the main entrance or before all masses on November 24th at the main entrance.
- SHARE LIFE - YOUR GIFT WILL BE MATCHED - From November 1st to EO Year, your Share Life gift will be matched by an anonymous donor up to \$500,000.
- KNIT ONE / CROCHET TOO - ALL ARE WELCOME!

- o The CWL is once again offering the ladies of St. Mary's Parish, the opportunity to learn to knit and/or crochet. If you are interested, you can come out and feel free to bring a friend. Or if you are already skilled, your expertise is welcome.
- o November 21 - 9:30am to 12:00pm (noon) in Our Lady of Fatima Room

Financial Update

Maureen and Geraldine provided an update on the CSC financials as follows:

- Current balance is \$1538.91, including grant for parent involvement grant. \$1000 is held in reserve for grade 8 grad.; remaining funds are available to Parent Council.
- Money from FlipGive has accumulated as well - \$413.87, a payout has been requested and are in transit. Since inviting participation within the school community, 36 people have joined the SFX team. Of those members, 10 shoppers have raised an additional \$236.38.

OAPCE Update

- October & November Parents4Parents newsletters now available at:
 - <https://oapce.org/wp-content/uploads/October-Newsletter.pdf>
 - <https://oapce.org/wp-content/uploads/November-Newsletter.pdf>
- Social media accounts to follow:
 - Instagram @OAPCE85
 - X @OAPCEONTARIO
 - Facebook OAPCE85

Principal's Report

- Flip Give promotions are ongoing.
- Weekly communications have been going out to parents.
- Action items - Christmas event coming up open house, with gingerbread house decorating, cookies and hot chocolate. Terra Cotta cookies have been ordered. Hot chocolate has typically been purchased by parent council and this year, council has voted to pay for hot chocolate again. Geraldine will ask Tim Horton's for donation of hot chocolate before we purchase anything.
- Action items - wish list request. Consistent across the board - games for indoor recesses. Parent Council has asked the school to consider doing a board game drive for gently used games to be distributed in the school. Alex will look into whether or not a drive of that nature is permitted.
- Thanks to Ms. Straw for the weekly parent bulletin!!

Round Table Discussion:

Question from parent - where can rules for parent council be found? Response on school web. Sam posted to the chat for ease of reference.

6:37 motion to adjourn meeting by Geraldine seconded by Charissa.

Next meeting:
Monday, January 13, 2025

Current Voting Members:

Geraldine Cabral
Charissa Arghittu
Lauren Marciello
Nadia Risio-Rowan
Melissa Gomes
Paula Anderson