



## Father Daniel Zanon Catholic Elementary School

450 Hillcrest Ave.  
Mississauga, Ontario L5B 4J3  
Telephone: 905-279-3722  
Website: [www.dpcdsb.org/ZANON](http://www.dpcdsb.org/ZANON)  
Email: [FatherDanielZanonInfo@dpcdsb.org](mailto:FatherDanielZanonInfo@dpcdsb.org)

**LET HIS LIGHT SHINE**



### CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

#### AGENDA

Thursday, November 30, 2023

#### Welcome, Prayer, Acknowledgement

##### Prayer

Thank You, God for little things  
that often come our way—  
The things we take for granted  
but don't mention when we pray—  
The unexpected courtesy,  
the thoughtful, kindly deed—  
A hand reached out to help us  
in the time of sudden need.

##### Land Acknowledgement

We are here to pay respect and recognize that this is the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nations, and we are here because this land was occupied. In recognizing that this space occupies colonized First Nations territories, and out of respect for the rights of Indigenous people, it is our collective responsibility to recognize our colonial histories and present-day implications and honour, protect and sustain this land.

#### Approval of Agenda:

- Motioned by Patricia C. Seconded by Anne Freer

#### Approval of October 5th Minutes

- Motioned by Patricia C. Seconded by Anne Freer

#### Chairpersons Update

#### Principal's Report:

##### Welcome Bruno:

- Chipmunk program being piloted. An app where parents who have children who take the bus can track where the bus is.
- Human trafficking presentation was supposed to happen in November but there were things happening on the nights it was planned. Will be happening in January, the week after we get back from holiday vacation.
- Principals now have the authority to issue a letter of warning to be parents or guardians being disrespectful to any staff member. Second letter is a letter of no trespassing. These have been approved for a couple of months and have been being used as needed across the board.
- School councils used to be able to raise money to help students experience something they would never have been able to. In the past we used to do raffles as a means of raising money. Bruno has asked staff

to investigate a master agreement with the city that the board would control and that everyone associated with the board would be able to use the license. So far nothing has moved, but will let us know what comes of it.

- Schools in the area have had unkind graffiti written on the back of the school. Looked at getting security systems for the back of the schools across the board, but it was too expensive. Board investigated along with the police and found the student who did it.
- Elementary curriculum has been updated to include Indigenous Education, Holocaust Education, and Financial Literacy.

**From Mrs. Podobnik:**

- Monthly virtue assembly of Hope will take place on December 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Pastoral plan completed and uploaded to the website.
- Remembrance Day liturgy was beautiful.
- Advent starts on Sunday. Advent mass will be on December 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Some staff attended an advent retreat on Monday night and it was very well done.
- Spirit week for Halloween was great. School raised \$219 for ShareLife. So much spirit exhibited by students throughout the school. The pumpkins created by each class were amazing.
- Circled back on Terry Fox with Mr. Shanahan and Mrs. Nakai completed their tasks of push ups and running laps.
- Hard candy was collected and shipped to Dr. Simone.
- Students represented Zanon well at volleyball pods and cross country. Intermediate boys made it to the family tournament
- Hearing and vaccine clinics have happened.
- Dental screening is coming.
- Picture retakes were completed.
- EQAO Results are in
  - Grade 3: Reading 89%, Writing 85% and Math 70%
  - Grade 6: Reading 79%, Writing 79% and Math 53%
- In line with the board results
- Working Zanon Where We Belong school wide focus on belonging, acceptance and kindness – each month will have a different focus and activities
- MindUp program coming to help address mental health. Program centered around social emotional learning. One lesson bi-weekly.
- There was a P.A. Day on November 24<sup>th</sup>
- Guitar Club is well under way
- Trying to start a LEGO club, looking for LEGO to bring in, starting with staff and then will go to the community.
- Santa coming for a visit on December 1<sup>st</sup>
- Gift Card drive and cookie sales underway to meet the needs of families within the Zanon community. Have 6-10 families the school is trying to support.
- Inclement weather: We are Zone 1. If buses are canceled schools are open. If there is a system shut down then school will be closed and it is a good old fashioned snow day.
- Christmas concert dress rehearsal is December 12<sup>th</sup> with the full concert on the 14<sup>th</sup>
- Break starts December 25<sup>th</sup> and everyone is Back on January 8<sup>th</sup>
- Updated lunch procedure has been communicated to families. No more food delivery (Skip the Dishes, Uber Eats etc) to the school unless and emergency.
- SGC \$13,122.75 as of today. Bottom Line: \$4,819.01
- Technology in the building is a huge need. Mrs. Borges has been working with I.T. to inventory what we have. Paying \$5000 in leases on devices we could not locate.
- Tech hasn't been ordered in many years is and is so vital for the newcomer population who don't speak English as a way to communicate.

- Apple iPad are \$467.84/ Chromebooks are \$469.98 (these are board approved) Cannot purchase from Amazon.
- School needs 20 Chromebooks and 20 iPads
- Graduation is June 20th

**Teaching Rep: nothing to report**

#### **Treasurer Report**

**Monthly update:** Created a Budget for the upcoming year. Details on the Proposed Budget Document

**Current bank balance:** \$9,109.11

- Chocolates earned \$7,198.58

**Parish Representative Update: nothing to report.**

#### **Other Items/New Business**

- Santa visit: happening December 1st
- School trips \$3 per student to be allocated
- Graduation date and budget: Grad date June 20<sup>th</sup> (see proposed budget doc grad budget)
- Sprit wear: Grad wear is an online store where families can purchase should they wish.
- Look into booking Paul Davis for next year.
- Looking into a Dance-a-Thon for Mardi gras
- Adding a couple of movie nights
- Looking for ways to improve sound in the gym. Another expense. Won't be able to update anything for this year's Christmas concert. Checked with Long and McQuade to rent equipment. Cost is approximately \$500

#### **Adjournment**

**Next Meeting: February 1<sup>st</sup> @ 6pm**

---