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Mission: Disciples of Christ, nurturing mind, body, and soul to the fullness of life.

Vision: Changing the world through Catholic education.

Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday Jan 13, 2025

Time: 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Location: All Saints Library (4105 Colonial Drive, Mississauga, ON L5L 4E8)

A. Routine Matters

1. Call to Order and Attendance
Krista Mountjoy, Anabelle DaCosta, Tammy Pammenter, Ewelina Leonard, Andrea Petersen, Maby Boado, Jon Newlands, Malaika Kanavalli, Carmelina Seracino, Anna Breous, Karen Kim, Jessica Liu, Niki Hajicosti (Virtual), Flavian D'Souza (Virtual)
2. Opening Prayer - Krista
3. Land Acknowledgement - Krista
4. Approval of Agenda – Jon, Carmelina
5. Approval of Catholic School Council Minutes from Nov 18, 2024 - Andrea, Ewelina

B. Trustee Update (if applicable)

- deferred

C. Standing Items

1. **Chair/Treasurer's Report** **Ewelina** **5 min**
 - Frozen Yogurts – Can do Thursdays, \$2 & same flavours
2. **Treasurer Report** **Jon** **10min**
 - Open to feedback to reports
 - Currently close to last year, not as high
 - 2023-2024 – error made, corrected in the printout
 - St. Vincent De Paul – cheque that came out was from the buck or two. Money needed to be deposited then taken out as a cheque
 - Our numbers for December is around the same as October - \$8400
 - Follow up – is there interest in creating a chart for requests for funds (Class A/B/C) – Jon will prepare for February
3. **Principal Report** **Krista** **25min**
 - a. Registration is open for next school year; we already have 14 Kindergarten Registrations and 6 requests for flex boundaries. We have also had some new families move into the area and we had 6 new registrations this past week.
 - b. Upcoming Meeting for parents registering for JK with differing abilities. There is an in-person option at St. Marcellinus on January 16 from 7:00 – 8:30 and a virtual option on January 20 from 7:00 – 8:00

c. PA Day Monday January 20

d. Virtual Gifted Program Information Session for Parents is on January 29 7:00 – 8:00pm

e. Trip News:

- i. **ASD Class Trips** – Every other Monday, our ASD class will be continuing to develop their learning about public transit and financial literacy. They will be taking the Mississauga transit to No Frills at South Common Mall to purchase ingredients for class cooking activities on Thursdays.
- ii. **Living Arts Trip** – Our Kindergarten students will be traveling to the Living Arts Centre on Tuesday January 28 for a hands-on workshop to explore clay techniques.
- iii. **Science North** – Mrs. Poirier's Grade 4/5 class (Feb 26) and Mrs. Reale's Grade 7/8 class (Feb 12) will be participating in a free Science North Workshop to learn about Communication in Science, miscommunication and improving their literacy skills.
- iv. **LEGOLand** – All Grade 1-4 students will have the opportunity to visit LEGOLand on Thursday March 6 to support our Science program Structures and Mechanisms Unit.
- v. **Teen Ranch** – We have a tentative Grade 7 & 8 Trip to Teen Ranch for May 2

f. Sports News:

- i. **Junior Volleyball** – Pods for Girls and Boys are scheduled for February 19 & 20
- ii. **Dance Team** – Showcase is Feb 12 at Iona Secondary

g. Upcoming Events:

- i. **Book Fair:** February 10-14
- ii. **Report Cards:** Reports will be emailed out to student email addresses on Tuesday February 11.
- iii. **Interviews:** Interviews are requested for all parents for Term 1. Interviews will be held on Thursday February 13 in the evening as well as Friday February 14 during the day. Links will be sent out for parents to schedule interviews online.
- iv. **Term 2 IEPs:** IEPs will be sent home to parents on Friday February 21
- v. **Family Day:** February 17 – no school
- vi. **Virtues Assembly:** February 27 we will acknowledge the Virtues from December, January and February (Hope, Self-Control and Respect) along with the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations of Being a Discerning Believe and a Responsible Citizen. The Virtues Assembly will be organized by Mrs. Poirier and Mrs. Lima's classes.

h. Reminders:

- i. **Kiss and Ride:** We are experiencing challenges with parents parking in the bus lane when dropping off and picking up students from PLASP and daycare both before and after school. We have had a couple close calls with cars not seeing children walking in between to cross the roads. Please remind any parents you see to park on the road. Messaging has gone out in the Wildcat, as an email blast and paper copies were distributed to the daycare.
- ii. **Technology Refresh:** Memo came out last week regarding the technology refresh program. It is a positive change to ensure equity of devices across schools. Cost is per student (approx. \$25 each). Will be a large cost to the budget, about \$8500. Councils will not be able to top up technology as it cannot be accounted for in the refresh plan.

4. Parish Report:

Jen/Krista

5min

- a) **Sacrament of Confirmation** (offered for those in Grade 7+): Registration closes on Monday January 13th (no late registrations will be accepted). The information package and link for

online registration can also be found on the church's website. No late registrations will be accepted. If anyone has questions, they can contact the Lay Pastoral Associate Melissa Siu-Chong by email (msiuchong@archtoronto.org).

- b) **Pasta Dinner:** The church is hosting their annual pasta dinner on Saturday February 1st, 2025. Tickets will be on sale in the near future.

D. Information/Updates

1. Central Committee for Catholic School Councils (CCCSC) Report
 - No updates
2. Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) Reports
 - No updates

E. Action Items

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| 1. Fundraising updates: | Niki | 25min |
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- a. **Little Caesars – begins January 27**
 - Niki – congratulations to everyone for the Buck or Two bazaar, kids were so excited and happy
 - Next fundraiser is Little Caesar's – Niki reached out and their campaign is set to begin on Jan 27th, will run until week before March Break
 - Funds raised will be dedicated to library refresh project
 - 3 new items for sale, 2 new cookie options, 1 cheesy bread and pizza combo
 - We may have to tweak the brochure to cover the cost of Cash Online
 - Pick up date: tentatively scheduled for Monday March 3rd – we will need a few volunteers the night of for pick up, from 3-7pm.
 - We make \$6 for every kit sold, we made \$1032 last year.
 - This year, they are offering a school prize program; no cost to the school. Any student that sells 5, 10, 15, 20 kits is entitled to a prize, all provided by Little Caesars - eg plush toys, dart board, water vortex lamp, rocketship lamp, Pokemon toys. And for every 100 kits sold, we get 1 free kit, for every 250 kit sold, we get 2 additional kits; each kit can be used any way we want as an incentive as well
 - A few families have already called to ask if we are doing it again
 - Would be good to share a video from Little Caesar's to help promote this and get kids excited: <https://www.pizzakit.com/videos.aspx>
 - **Campaign Dates:**
 - January 27, 2025** – Ordering Opens
 - February 18, 2025** – Ordering Closes
 - March 3, 2024** – Pick Up Day at School
 - b. **Spirit Wear** – a few orders, but we have to send more reminders
 - c. **Cobbs fundraiser** - will be in the Spring, closer to Mother's Day
 - d. **Froyo fundraising**
 - won't be for technology this year, key priorities – Art Show; they are looking at doing a large-scale refresh for Library – the Quote to do the entire space came to over \$10k, now it has to go to Board to get additional quotes, also to get a few furniture pieces; doing a thermometer to fundraise for an outdoor classroom.
- 2. Lunch Day Options**
 - Mrs. Meo brought forth another company, Corleones – sandwiches, pasta and burgers
 - Approximately \$10/lunch

- If there is no minimum requirement, we can see what the interest is
- Mrs. Meo suggests running it on Tuesdays

3. Shrove Tuesday – Tuesday March 4

- we would like to offer it again this year; we will reach out to Jessica Abbona to see where she got her batter mix. Last year we had quite a few griddles going. We should put out communication to invite volunteer parents. They will all need their police criminal reference checks done in order to volunteer in the school. Niki will look for communication from last year to send out to school community

F. Future Meetings

- Feb 24, snacks provided by Viktoria and Maby

G. Adjournment