

All Saints Catholic Elementary School

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MEETING MINUTES - Catholic School Council Meeting

Date: Monday September 30, 2024

Time: 7:00p.m. to 8:30p.m.

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

A. Routine Matters

1. Call to Order and Attendance
Krista Mountjoy, Anabelle DaCosta, Tammy Pammenter, Ewelina Leonard, Jon Newlands, Jessica Liu, Adrianna Sherriff, Karen Kim, Jon Newlands, Mara Da Camara, Anna Breous, Victoria Rodriguez, Andrea Petersen, Rosemarie Belan, Niki Hajicosti, Keri Bedeau, Carmelina Geracino, Jen Pereira, Maby Boado, Agnes Cristescu, Flavian D'Souza
2. Opening Prayer - Krista
3. Land Acknowledgement - Krista
4. Approval of Agenda – Niki, Karen
5. Approval of Catholic School Council Minutes, May 13, 2024 - Keri, Jon

B. Trustee Report

Deferred

C. Standing Items

1. **Chair Report:** **Ewelina** **5 min**
 - Welcome to everyone
 - Hoping to have great volunteers for our efforts – last year, Froyo program started in March, kids would love to start it a lot sooner this year
 - Last year we had a popcorn initiative which was a great success – Popcorn was started Nov 14th last year – we could launch them at the same time; save on shipping if from the same company - likely will keep it to Tuesdays; Froyos will be Thursdays
 - Wild Cat Wednesday cookies, we could add milk in as well
2. **Principal Report:** **Krista** **30 min**
 - **Staff Update:** Mrs. Meo has been a wonderful addition to All Saints. She is Catherine 2.0 and has fit in beautifully to All Saints. Things have been running very smoothly. We are very blessed to have her.
 - a. **Reorganization Update:** We have remained status quo with our school organization; needed to shift a couple classes (2 x ½ classes became straights in English and our straight 3 FI became a 3/4) and we had minimal student shifts to balance class sizes and student needs – School population 372 students.
 - b. **Terry Fox Walk:** Raised \$3346.25

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- c. **Fire Drills, Lockdowns and Hold and Secure Practices:** had our first Fire Drill last week. We need to have 3 drills in the Fall and 3 in the Spring. Lockdown Practices and Hold and Secure Practices will also be upcoming in the next month. Need one in each Fall/Spring.
- d. **Pizza Days:** they have started! Our first pizza day was last Friday. Pizza slices are \$2.50 again this year. Payments must be received by Wednesday at midnight the week of pizza day to be counted for Friday
- e. **Sub Days:** first sub day was today and the students were very excited. We were able to add 12" subs this year. Note from Parent: ordering subs is a bit confusing on school cash online – type of bread description has the word 6-inch in the description so it's a bit confusing, you have to keep going further down list to choose the size
- f. **Term 1 IEPs** in process of being created with SERT and classroom teachers and first term IEPs go home Oct 15
- g. **CSC Chair's meeting:** October 24 at Cardinal Leger 5:00 – 8:00pm
- h. **Sports News:** Costs for school participation in extra-curricular sports events have increased significantly in price this year. Cost is calculated by a base cost of \$2 per student (total population) plus an additional cost of \$50 per division/gender of pod sports, per sport – eg Volleyball is now an extra \$50 for the boys and an extra \$50 for the girls; the same for intermediates. End of last year, balance was -\$10,000; put the cost back onto each school. Cost won't be put onto families, will be coming out of school funds eg pizza day income.
 - Junior Boys and Girls Volleyball Pod Tournaments are happening next week on October 8 & 9 at SMOS
 - Cross Country meet is on October 16 at Erindale Park, 40 students have signed up.
 - Parent question: how would parents get notified if inclement weather? If it's pouring, it's cancelled, they won't have the children run in the rain; just don't come
- i. **Parent Engagement Events:**
 - Sacramental Preparation for Students with Differing Abilities – October 3 – 6:30 – 8:00pm CEC (Register) – at Board office
 - Navigating the IEP – October 9 – 7:00 – 8:30pm Virtual presentation, link in Wildcat Newsletter
 - Author Visit – Lana Button - October 17, 7pm – Presentation for parents on tips and inspiration for getting the most out of the reading experience with your children. Many of the books presented deal with resilience, overcoming anxiety and resolving social conflict so she will also touch upon tips for using books to start important conversations with children.

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- j. **School Initiatives:** initiatives are based on our Catholic School Improvement Learning Cycle supported by 5 pillars – Believe, Excel, Respect, Thrive and Trust

Believe:

- Classes assigned as Spiritual Leaders for the School morning announcements; liturgies and masses
- Daily Affirmations
- Mindfulness Mondays ~ Christian Meditation - Teachers will be provided meditation tools for their classroom.

Excel:

- Literacy ~ Reading Focus – continue developing new teaching strategies to be in line with the science of reading and the new curriculum expectations; focus on reading strategies
- Math Curriculum – Focus on Assessment - – looking at math curriculum and making sure assessments are balanced

Respect:

- Equity ~ Ensuring every student is visible in the curriculum; working to remove old stereotypes from Library resources and purchase new, better materials. Note to parents: we can accept donations if books are in good condition; nothing before year 2000
- Uplifting Indigenous Education and enhancing education surrounding anti-black racism including racial slurs – we are seeing an uptick of inappropriate language use - age appropriate conversations in the classroom, teachers are addressing it; if there is intent, there are progressive discipline measures. K to gr 3 cannot be suspended but can serve in-office suspensions; Gr 4-8 there can be suspensions
- This past week was Truth and Reconciliation Week and today is Orange Shirt Day – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Truth and Reconciliation Week is a national program open to all schools across Canada. Learning topics included the contributions of Indigenous peoples, the history of Residential Schools, treaties and what learners and educators can do to take action toward reconciliation. You will notice that students all tied an orange ribbon on the fence to demonstrate our commitment to learning about Indigenous education and working towards reconciliation. Two members of Indigenous dept – worked with Gr 5-8 students in Gym – gym sized map of Canada, demonstrated all of the different groups of indigenous people, and where they reside. Will come back later in year

Thrive:

- Student & Staff Well-being ~ Enhancement to the Library: Starbooks Learning Commons Face lift
- Kindergarten Yard Renewal: Bunker and Turff installed over the summer; yard painting coming soon – new items purchased for outdoor play as well as new kindergarten resources
- Upgrade in furniture and paint refresh coming soon

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Trust:

- Connections with the community
- including increased involvement of parents in the school through Parent Engagement activities/events – eg BRAVE parent engagement night – talk about the difference between conflict and bullying, coming in November
- renewed involvement of the parish priests in the school
- continuing our social justice initiatives to support our broader community.
- ECO Schools initiative ~ goal is to maintain our platinum status

3. PARISH REPORT:

Adriana

5 min

- New priest at Loyola
- Need to see more All Saints Families to come
- Reconciliation and first communion will be starting
- Don't have to register at the church to become a parishioner – only have to register if you want to do first communion through the church as opposed to with the school
- Confirmation Mass is in June, registration will be in the New Year
- Opening School Mass will be next week, Oct 9 (1pm) Father Alex presiding– priest comes to the school ; parents are also welcome. Teachers will notify students
- First mass – Mrs. Caves will be organizing the readers (Grades 5 and up); choir members – Grades 2 and up
- Virtues assemblies, more student involvement – dates will be sent through Wildcat Weekly
- First Communion / First Reconciliation Meeting ~ October 15 or 16th , 6:30 - 7:00pm at the church (Registration); 7:00 meeting
We ask that the child and one parent attend the meeting. You will need to provide:
 1. Your completed Registration Form (online this year through link)
 2. A copy of your child's baptismal certificate (even if they were baptized here)
 3. \$50 materials fee for 2 catechetical books

4. Treasurer Update:

Jon

10 min

- Balance - \$15,200
- Compared to last year, end of June, we were \$6k higher
- Means we still have money, we don't have as much as we have before
- Money for computers allocated hasn't come out yet –
- If there was money left in Board account, a certain percentage would roll over to be used next year; now since Covid, every last penny is taken back. Now we let things come out of Board budget first before we dip into monies that we've raised
- We owe under \$9k – we need to provide \$4800 from council funds (*amended – Actual Chromebook cost was \$6,639.20*)

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- We have received our grant allocation for snack money, we should be ok this year
- We don't have as much to add additional benefit at this stage of the year, as we did last year
- We don't have a Vice Principal this year – typical guideline is 400 students for a ½ time VP, 500 for a full time VP - there should be a ½ time VP here because of ASD classroom, has always been grandfathered in. They are changing the model to the ASD class and we are under 400 so the board made the decision to reduce the VP allocation. The Board lost 9 half time VPs this year.

D. Information/Updates

1. Central Committee for Catholic School Councils (CCCSC) Report

- No updates for today

2. Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) Reports

Keri 5 min

- No dates as of yet for meetings

E. Action Items

All

20 min

1. Role Assignments on Council for this year:

- Some key roles have to be voted in, everyone else can be a parent voting member
- Need at least 1 Chair: we have had Ewelina for past few years – create agendas, signing once a month – We will continue to have Ewelina Leonard as Chair this year; be great for next year to have someone to Co-Chair so that there is some training
- Treasurer: Jon Newlands
- Secretary: Jessica Liu (Karen Kim as back up)
- OAPCE: Carmelina Geracino, (Keri Bedeau as back up)
- Parish Rep: Adriana can no longer keep this role as she is now a staff rep – just email Father 2 weeks prior to the meeting to request updates – Jennifer Pereira
- Parent Reps: all the rest present
- Non-voting members: Agnes Cristescu, Malaika Kanavalli and Victorya Rodriguez

2. FUNDRAISING Committee:

- Niki and Rose volunteered, thank you ladies!

- Ideas: Little Caesars - not as big of a money maker for the effort; they only give \$6 back per box – does require more volunteers
- Cobbs was good return – it was really easy to roll out
- There is a deadline coming up to use the voucher – it's coming up – should put it into Wildcat – Nov 30th
- Spirit Wear – school sweatshirt, shirts - 10% kickback, orders shipped directly to students - eg Wildcat image

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- Can try to hold subcommittee meetings and hold those separately
- Be great to have an entire calendar of what we want to do every month – so that by end of Nov/Dec we have our year laid out; have a goal, and display where parents' contribution is going – eg a big thermometer showing progress towards our goal
- Have we considered using Social media – a School council facebook group? It is an extra job
- Add a cash donation option as an add-on in lieu of buying something
- Email to explain that volunteers are always needed – if interested, please share email to be added to the list – and will still need volunteer check and criminal check with vulnerable sector - we can create a whatsapp volunteer group. Can send reminder before a volunteering event – through classroom whatsapp groups
- What days are people most available to volunteer during daytime?
- Ideas for Fundraising – please email Rose or Niki directly
- Some teachers are very crafty – prime time for craft shows is 3rd week of Nov – do something on a Friday night; artisans are looking for places to show their wares - charge per table \$30-50 per table, anything we sell - push Christmas sales, Council gets the fee per table - eg Nov 22st ?
- Nothing to decide yet, Ewelina and Niki will get started on Fro Yo and Popcorn
- Need volunteers for 30 min on Tuesdays to deliver popcorn to classrooms

F. Future Meetings

All

5 min

Dates: must have a minimum of 4 meetings per year

- Mondays:

1. Oct 28th – Mrs. DaCosta and Pammenter, Jon
2. Nov 18 – Ewelina and Jessica
3. Jan 13 – Anna, Mara
4. Feb 24 – Viktoria, Maby
5. May 12 – Karen, Jennifer
6. Optional Fun meeting in June TBD

- All Council members will be added to Whatsapp group – please let us know if you do not wish to be added
- There is a catholic school council email – for big ideas and issues you would like discussed, please send ahead of time to the email so we can add it as discussion items. Try to keep it to issues that will affect the broader school population.

G. Adjournment