

Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday October 16th, 2024

Time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Location: St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School Library, 2480 Thorn Lodge Dr.,
Mississauga, ON L5K 1LK5

A. Routine Matters

1. Call to Order and Attendance

Niamh Ryan
Jenna Shugg
Melissa DiMauro
Viviane Bonfim
Michelle Baker
Ms. Agathos
Ms. Siemons
Ms. Zapasek
Rhea Sherri
Katherine Irvine
David Irvine
Oswald Emmanuel
Vita Emmanuel
Amy Duke
Jennifer Nunes
Ms. Tammie Cameron
Ms. Rosanna Commisso
Stephen Edwards
Dina

Regrets:

Marianne Krazel
Amanda Higgins
Catherine Keogh
Lydia Gustin

2. Opening Prayer – Ms. Jenna Shugg

3. Land Acknowledgement – Ms. Tammie Cameron

4. Approval of Agenda -Motion brought forward by Niamh Ryan, Seconded by Jenna Shugg, Motion carried.

5. Approval of Catholic School Council Minutes (September 18th, 2024) – Motion brought forward by Niamh Ryan, seconded by Jenna Shugg. Motion carried.

a. Business Arising from the Minutes – Review of bi-laws postponed to next meeting.

B. Trustee Update – no update provided.

C. Standing Items

1. Chair Report – See fundraising information below.

2. Treasurer's Report - see report provided by Melissa DiMauro. Current account is in deficit.

3. Principal Report:

- Oct 4 was the opening mass for the school at SFA
- SFA is running a food drive, and the Youth Faith Ambassadors are doing a great job on the announcements.
- Intermediate students attended a wellness conference and sharing learnings through announcements
- Ms. Zapasek, as one of the YFA leaders will be attending a three-day conference "When Faith Meets Pedagogy". Theme is "Pilgrims of Hope". Ms. Zap will disseminate faith filled info and items to share with the school.
- The admin has been providing fruit for kids \$30 per week. Staff has expressed gratitude to have access to healthy food for students who need it in the foyer. Melissa to look into nutrition programs.
- Letter for sacraments went home to grade two kids today

PA Day Focus: The Right to Read:

- The ministry has mandated that boards implement resources, screeners and foundational whole-class approach to teaching students to read after the 2022 "Right to Read" report was released.
- The report showed that far too many students are not learning to read well, and the rates are more troubling from those in marginalized/minority groups (i.e. learning disabilities, racialized groups, students with special needs etc.)
- Teachers are required to spend 30 minutes a day teaching foundations/science of reading as a part of classroom instruction.
- Grade 2 early reader screeners have been mandated by the provincial government. Teachers are being trained on the screening tool this year. Two literacy teachers from the board are coming to support FDK-2
- PD also did focus on math. SFA is a priority school for grade 3 math which means SFA received more intensive support. A math itinerant teacher comes to work with the grade 3 teachers. They help teachers and students.

EQAO RESULTS:

- EQAO results were sent home on October 2nd. More detailed information about results can be found on the EQAO website and this has been linked in the Sizzler.
- A goal at SFA is to focus on preparation for EQAO and improving scores.

General Updates:

- SFA is still very desperate for student monitors. Admin continues to attempt to fill the gaps of this role in the interim.
- Progress reports are being sent home on November 12, 2024.

4. Parish Report - No report provided.

D. Information/ Updates

1. Central Committee for Catholic School Councils (CCCSC) Report - No Update
2. Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) Report – No Update. First DPCDSB meeting date has not been set yet.

E. Action Items

1. Allocation of Funds for 2024-25 school year:

- \$200 for sacraments for ice cream. Motion brought forward by Niamh, seconded by Melissa. Motion carried.
- \$3000 for grade 8 grad. Motion brought forward by Niamh, Seconded by Jenna Shugg, Motion carried
- \$1000 for Volleyball pit for maintenance. Motion brought forward by Niamh, Seconded by Amy, Motion carried
- \$700 for Shrove Tuesday, Motion brought forward Niamh, Seconded by David, Motion carried
- \$200 for bulletin board, Motion brought forward by Niamh, Seconded by Viviane, Motion carried

School Wish-List (items to be purchased if funds adequate funds are raised)

- \$960 (\$480 split with school)- Motion brought forward by Niamh, Seconded by Katherine Irvine, motion carried.
- \$3500 (\$1750 split with school) Jersey's from last year and athletic fees (i.e. \$100/team to go towards covering the fees incurred by the school towards referees, tournaments, etc). Motion brought forward by Niamh, Seconded Viviane Bonfim, Motion Carried
- \$5500 for staff wish list in the classroom. Motion forwarded by Niamh, Seconded Viviane, Motion Carried.

- \$10000 (\$5000 split with council). For technology. Motion forwarded by Niamh, Seconded by Katherine Irvine, Motion carried
- \$8000 Ballroom dancing (\$4000 split half with the school). Was done two years ago and school loved it. Staff also expressed interest in having this again.
- *A suggestion was made to have this as an in-house field trip and School Council offset cost for those that require financial assistance.* Council voted on this with the understanding it can be remove it if it is not financially feasible. Motion forwarded by Niamh, Seconded by Melissa. Motion carried.
- \$7000 (\$3500 split with school) for sports equipment for outdoor play. Motion forwarded by Niamh, Seconded by Melissa. Motion carried.
- \$6000 (\$3000 split with school) Scientists in the School Motion brought forward by Niamh, seconded by: Katherine Motion carried
- \$4000 (\$2000 for council) Bussing for field trips Motion brought forward by Niamh, seconded by Katherine Motion carried.
- \$2500 (\$1250) for Agenda Motion brought forward by Niamh, Seconded by Viviane Bonfim. Motion carried

2. Fundraising initiatives for 2024 - 25 school year

Approved Fundraisers for 2024-2025

- **Halloween Dance a Thon:** Pledge forms are out and are due back Oct 29. Prep is done.
- **Poinsettia Fundraiser** is up and running. Marianne has contacted the Administration has approved it. No budget needed for this fundraiser.
- **Christmas Photos with Santa** for Families of SFA. Hot chocolate has been donated by Tim Hortons. Cookies to decorate, Santa photos, Letters to Santa. One photo with Santa, one without. 2 pose maximum. One printout to leave with and an online gallery at a later date. This may be combined with a Mingle Jingle if that event takes place.
- *Tentative Date:* Thursday, November 21st (subject to change) starting at 4:30pm
- Proposed Budget: \$400 Motion brought forward by Amy, Seconded Vita. Motion forwarded.
- **Chocolate Fundraiser** suggested for January/February 2025. Amy has spoken with the vendor. There has been a change. If a box is open, it cannot be returned any longer. Forms to be sent home with the opt out option. Budget: \$50 dollars for a poster to advertise. Motion forwarded by Amy Duke, Seconded by Katherine. Motion carried
- **Krispy Kreme Drive-Thru:** SFA receives a % of income with every purchase proposed for spring 2025. Michelle and Rhea agreed to contact Krisy Kreme to find out dates are available, pricing per dozen. Motion forwarded by Amy, Seconded by Michelle. Motion carried.

- **Mabels Labels** – already set up. SFA receives a % of income with every purchase. Niamh to run this.
- **Yellow Bag** - SFA receives a % of income with every purchase. Motion forwarded by Jennifer and Seconded by Viviane. Motion carried. Marianne to run this fundraiser.
- **Dominos Pizza** - SFA receives a % of income with every purchase. Previously Approved. Katherine and David to contact.
- **Big Box of Cards** – SFA receives a percentage of sales and parents can select what type of cards they want. \$35 for 35 cards. Motion forwarded by Melissa, Seconded by Katherine. Motion carried.
- **Woodward Meats** - SFA receives a 6% of income with every purchase. Previously Approved Jennifer Nunes to contact Woodward and set up account.

F. Future Meetings

Wednesday, November 20th at 6pm in the Library at SFA.

Thursday, January 16th at 6pm in the Library at SFA.

Wednesday, March 26th at 6pm in the Library at SFA.

Thursday, April 24th at 6pm in the Library at SFA.

Thursday, May 29th at 6pm in the Library at SFA.

G. Adjournment

Prayer by Jenna Shugg

Meeting Adjourned- Motion forward to adjourn meeting, Melissa, Seconded by Vita. Motion carried.