



**ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL  
APPROVED MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 7, 2024**

Full Name	SEPT. 19	OCTOBER 2	NOV. 7	JANUARY 16	FEBRUARY 20	APRIL 24	MAY 8	JUNE 12
Mrs. Maddison (Principal)	X	X	X					
Teacher Rep(s) (S. Iassogna, L. Medeiros, A. Galle)	X	X	X					
Claudia Filipe (Co-Chair)	X	X						
Chris Garofalo (Co-Chair)	X	X	X					
Nelly Xavier (Treasurer)	X	X	X					
Julia Van de Kraats (Secretary)	X	X	X					
Andrea Gavrilovic (Parish Rep)	X		X					
Janet Kus (OAPCE Rep.)	X	X	X					
Monika Serpa	X	X	X					
Heather Dawson		X	X					
Kelly Amaral			X					
Melissa Agius	X	X	X					
Mario Pascucci			X					

**Rotating Teacher Representatives:**

September 19, 2024 Meeting: Colleen Beach & Marc Felice

October 2, 2024 Meeting: S. Iassogna, M. Casciaro & V. Corapi



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<b>1<sup>st</sup> Order of Business</b>	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Opening Prayer/Land Acknowledgement</p> <p>Agenda Approval: 1<sup>st</sup> Nelly 2<sup>nd</sup> Kelly Minutes Approval: 1<sup>st</sup> Nelly 2<sup>nd</sup> Melissa</p>	
<b>Trustee Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Attends many Council meetings</li> <li>-School populations have been lower than expected in previous years</li> <li>-Continues to be concerned about maintaining a strong Catholic Education in our school system</li> <li>-Mario continues to encourage the community to contact him directly with any questions or concerns at 905-302-3096.</li> </ul>	
<b>Principal's Report</b>	<p>Sincere congratulations and thanks to the school council for an incredibly successful fundraising campaign at the Halloween Danceathon on October 31</p> <p>We welcome Mrs. Guzik to our Grade 7/8classroom starting on Monday 11<sup>th</sup></p> <p><u>Faith</u> Remembrance Day Liturgy: November 11 at 10:30 (Virtue of Conscience certificates will also be distributed)</p> <p>On December 4<sup>th</sup> Annual STOC School Trip to the Movies: this year we are going to see Moana (Supervised by our teachers and support staff)</p> <p>Christmas / Advent Mass: December 11 (with Father Facey)</p> <p>Christmas Concert: December 18<sup>th</sup> (K-6 performance - 10 classes) – there will be an afternoon &amp; evening performance (students to be dropped off for evening performance if family has chosen to attend in the afternoon)</p> <p><u>Achievement</u> Digital Delivery of Progress Report Cards– online booking for School Interviews opened on November 6, 2024</p> <p>Information sent to all families with step-by-step directions and access to interviews as requested by teachers</p>	



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	<p>How to access to digital report cards instructions will be sent on November 12th</p> <p><u>Equity</u> Bullying Awareness &amp; Prevention Week - November 17-23 with a focus on - <b>Cyber Bullying Prevention</b></p> <p>\$500 of Parent Engagement funding is provided to school boards to support the implementation of programs, strategies and initiatives that involve parents. This funding also supports the parent engagement activities of the school board's Parent Involvement Committee and School Councils. (Suggestion example: Social Media/Cyber Bullying – Paul Davis)</p> <p>Central Committee for Catholic School Councils has a parent engagement night scheduled for November 21 at 6:00pm - Topic is Children's Aid Society and Duty to Report</p> <p><b>Information Site Report</b> conducted on October 3, 2024 at Runningbrook Drive and Tomken Road for the students attending St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Elementary School and Silverthorn Public School indicated:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the warrants have not been met for the placement of a school crossing guard at Tomken and Runningbrook</li> <li>2. That the principals of St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Elementary School and Silverthorn Public School be requested to remind parents and students to press the pedestrian button to call up the walk signal to cross Tomken Road and add the infographic to the next school newsletter.</li> </ol> <p><b>Public Budget Information Webcast:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thursday, April 24, 2025 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.</li> <li>• REQUEST change of Meeting Date from April 3 to April 24 to facilitate participation at STOC</li> </ul> <p><i>*note: It is agreed to change the April Parent Council Meeting to April 24<sup>th</sup></i></p>	<p><b>Julia to update documentation to reflect updated April date</b></p>
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	<p>Balance update <b>\$10,673.67</b>.</p> <p><i>*note: balance as of end of October includes only a portion of Halloween Dance-A-Thon funds – remaining fundraised balance will appear on November reporting.</i></p>	



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<p><b>New Business:</b></p>	<p>Teacher(s) (S. lassogna, L. Medeiros, A. Galle ) Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs. lassogna provides feedback from teachers that the cheese on Domino’s pizza is too dry &amp; isn’t ‘gooey’ enough.</li> <li>• Mrs. Medeiros shares information regarding Christmas plans including the Giving Tree (gift cards for grocery, household, toys, etc...) and the STOC Hat &amp; Mitten Donation Drive.</li> <li>• Parent Council is very happy to provide School Pizza Day (Halloween Dance-A-Thon Reward) on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Concert Day)</li> <li>• <b>Council approves funding for school pizza day up to \$800*</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Request for funding as follows:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Christmas Movie Trip Subsidy</u> – this reduces the cost to families by said amount per trip. Mrs. Medeiros did not request a specific dollar value however indicates that the cost of the movie trip has increased. Specifically, the bus fare &amp; the cost of the movie from Cineplex have increased, a \$2 surcharge for watching a Disney movie has been added &amp; Cineplex is no longer offering free chaperones.</li> <li>• <u>Christmas Concert Supplies</u> – this funding is put towards concert supplies like decorations, props, etc... as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ \$100 per teacher (12) = <b>\$1200 TOTAL</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>TOTAL FUNDING REQUESTED: \$1200</b></li> </ul> <p><b>*Note:</b> It was understood by Council that trip subsidy was requested by Mrs. lassogna at the October 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. It was therefore discussed amongst <b>all</b> Council members with a decision determined in advance of this meeting. A motion was raised &amp; it was voted on at this meeting. While Council does meet apart from school meetings, all</p>	<p><b>Chris will contact the vendor to discuss options for keeping cheese gooier.</b></p>



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	<p>voting on decisions will take place &amp; be recorded at Parent Council meetings.</p> <p><u>Closure of action items from last meeting:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Council approves Trip Subsidy funding at \$10 per student (295) TOTAL for the year, less previously approved amount for primary students Downey’s Farm Trip (\$500) = \$2420 TOTAL</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>Council approves Classroom Supplies funding at \$10 per <u>primary</u> student (158) = up to \$1580 TOTAL</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A large portion of allocated funds in this category are not being utilized year over year causing funds to be ‘held’ unnecessarily &amp; eventually carried over to the following school year. To ensure all students have equal opportunity to this funding, a provisional process has been established as outlined below.</li> <li>○ Requests from teachers Grades 4-8 for classroom supplies funding may be submitted to Council as required. Council encourages staff to submit requests at any time as review/approval can occur between meetings i.e. it is not necessary to wait for a meeting to request funding.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Mrs. Maddison reviewed the appropriate process for teachers to submit requests via the <a href="mailto:mtracsinfo@dpcdsb.org">mtracsinfo@dpcdsb.org</a> email.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Council Business:</b></p>	<p><u>Halloween Dance-A-Thon Review:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fundraising effort was a great success with a total gross amount of \$10, 345 raised</li> <li>• Council thanks the parent community for their overwhelming support!</li> </ul> <p><u>Christmas Fundraising:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Given the success of our fall fundraiser and recognizing both the limited time &amp; the financial pressures families face during the holiday season,</li> </ul>	



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	<p>Council has decided not to organize any additional fundraising activities this Christmas.</p> <p><u>Winter 2025 Fundraising:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In lieu of fundraising over the Christmas season, we will hold a winter fundraiser – details TBD</li> </ul> <p><u>Kernels Popcorn:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chris shares that the Kernels popcorn program is ready to commence anytime</li> <li>The cost to us per bag of popcorn is \$1.35</li> <li>We anticipate charging \$2.50</li> <li>It has been decided that Fridays will be designated as popcorn day, starting in the new year</li> </ul> <p><u>Questions &amp; Answers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Via Trustees at the Board, STOC was enrolled for the Breakfast with Santa program providing fresh, nutritious snacks to the school every 2-3 weeks</li> <li>Also via Board Trustees, a donation of items from Amazon was received and will be used as required throughout the holiday season</li> <li>The Board facilitated the planting of 8 new trees along the primary fence line</li> </ul>	
<b>Next Meeting Date:</b>	January 16, 2025	
<b>Approved Funds Summary</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to <b>\$800*</b> for School Pizza Day December 18<sup>th</sup></li> <li>Up to <b>\$1200</b> (\$100/teacher x12) for Christmas Concert Supplies</li> <li>Up to <b>\$2450</b> (\$10/student LESS \$500 previously approved for primary students) for Field Trip Subsidy</li> <li>Up to <b>\$1580</b> (\$10/primary student x158) for Classroom Supplies</li> </ul> <p><b>TOTAL: \$5230 (+increase of \$300 to Halloween allocation)</b></p> <p><i>*\$800 pizza allocation will be achieved by increasing the previously approved \$1500 Halloween budget by \$300. This increase, in conjunction with remaining unused funds</i></p>	<b>Julia to email funding details to Mrs. Gordon</b>



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	<i>in that budget, will provide sufficient funding for the school-wide pizza prize estimated at approx. \$800</i>	