



ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

MINUTES

November 23, 2023

Attendees:									
Mario Pascucci	Mario.pascucci@dpcdsb.org	X	X	X					
Agenda Item	Details					Action Items			
1st order of business	<p>Opening Prayer/Land Acknowledgement</p> <p>Agenda Approval: 1st Nelly 2nd Meaghan</p> <p>Meeting Minutes Approval for October 2023 : 1st Julia; 2nd Chris</p>								
Trustee Report	<p>Mario Pascucci</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Every year board appoints for next year members and sub committees ➤ Mario is on board for the Strategic Committee Board; also vice chair for faith program committee and board representative of urban boards ➤ What is happening these are the large boards and we (the board) want to ensure whenever the Ministry makes a decision that it is implemented, want to make sure it is amplified. ➤ These meetings are taking place currently. ➤ Email sent out asking for people's input – it is a survey. Mario is not happy with the turn around time and has requested that the deadline be extended. ➤ 29 Catholic Boards – York and Peel elementary schools do not accept students that do not have a Baptismal certificate (Roman Catholic) – Board will be voting on Tuesday to eliminate this requirement. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mario will be voting against this motion as he is here to protect the next generation of Catholics and Catholic education. 								



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Principal's report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Into: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Busy November- Curriculum / Sports/ Student Voice/Equity -Inclusion & Eco Initiatives ➤ School Organization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Currently our enrollment is 273 students ➤ Faith Formation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Remembrance Day - Mr. Pyzek Grade 4/5 and Mr. Felice Grade 8 - November 10 ○ Virtue of Conscience Assembly - November 27 at 9:30 will be led by Ms. Pereira's Grade 5s ○ Advent Mass December 13 with Father Facey at 9:30- Youth Faith Ambassadors ○ Pastoral Plan -posted to website ➤ Equity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Treaty Recognition Week - November 6-10 ○ Anti - Bullying Week - November 20-24 (Brave Presentations/Miguel Martinez) ○ SPIRIT WEEK and student led announcements / Share life Spirit days to follow ➤ Curriculum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Continue to work on our Catholic School Improvement Learning cycle with a Continued focus on literacy and math - High impact instructional practices / access to board provided online resources Knowledge hook and Math Up through Professional Learning Teams set to begin in January ○ Literacy Lead to be at STOC starting in December ○ John Cabot visit Grade 8 on November 21 ➤ Happenings/Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ YFA – commissioning last week / Christmas Outreach plans coincide with our Christmas Evening 	<p>Follow up items:</p> <p>1. Mrs. Maddison to follow up regarding movie day and whether or not parent volunteers are needed.</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Eco school - Walk/Roll and Bike to School - Winning Class Grade 8 Mr. Felice ○ Intermediate volleyball tournament – November 22 ○ Pets in yard/holes in fence - reached out to MPP Camila Rodriguez Corporate Executive Assistant to Ward 3 Councilor Chris Fonseca ○ Annual Bus Training November 15 10-1:00 ○ Intermediate trips May and June 6 ➤ Upcoming Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Christmas / Advent Evening - December 14, 2023 6:00-8:00 ○ Movie Day December 12 –Wish <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ At this time there is no need for parent volunteers as there is enough staff. ▪ Many parents at meeting raised concerns re students having to go to the bathroom and how having parents present could assist with escorting students to bathroom. ▪ Mrs. Maddison to follow up with Teacher organizers on whether or not parent volunteers are needed. ○ Spirit Day for Sharelife throughout the year ○ BRAVE - Brave Education on Nov 17 went class-by-class K-Grade 6 inspiring resilience through social and emotional skills developing scenario-led learning, and participant-centered lens, we pride ourselves on impacting school climate ○ MIGUEL Martinez - MTC life - 5 sessions with a focus on empowerment/positive messages for Junior/Intermediate (6-8) - 	



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	<p>conflict resolution tools for connections seeking with one another and selves TBD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Grade 6-8 Winter / Spring and Parent Engagement ○ Training session for council members November 30, 7:00-8:30 ○ Catholic School Council Annual Report by November 30 – copy available tonight 	
Treasurer's report	<p>Treasurer (Andrea) shared report provided to her from Mrs. Gordon for the month of October</p> <p>Opening Cash: \$14,476.24 Total Revenue received throughout month (Pizza) = \$2802.98 Minus = costs for pizza vendor = \$2372.05 Total Balance as end of October : \$ 14,907.17 Projected Remaining Funds at end of October is: \$1093.62 * this balance is representative of allocations already approved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Allocated to Score Board: \$3697.46 – confirmation received from the principal that funds can be reallocated to a new initiative as long as there is a vote and the vote is recorded in minutes. ➤ VOTE taken place: Parent Council in agreement that they would like to see these funds be allocated towards a screen and proxma for the gym. ➤ Principal and Teacher representatives present at the meeting are in agreement. ➤ Recent quote for screen and proxma closer to \$4000-5000 therefore funds raised at Christmas Event will be used to top off the \$3607.46 – agreement to combine fundraising efforts. 	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mrs. Beach to follow up with Mrs. Gordon for new quote and comparison of quotes – next steps is to get the specs for the new screen and proxma ➤ Question raised regarding what happens if funds are not used? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Claudia advised that Mrs. Athaide informed her last year that as long as Council is clear that the funds are allocated and will be used, however, raising more funds there will not be an issue. 	
Teacher's report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Follow up from last meeting Teacher's request for \$300 in funds for Christmas market <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ APPROVED by Council ➤ Intermediate trip overnight trip will not occur as a result of not enough students participating ➤ Separate outing will be planned ➤ Share Life events/dates still need to be finalized 	
Parent Council Update:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Christmas Plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Communication has been sent out regarding Christmas cookie decorating kits and cookies for Santa ○ Cash on line has been set up ○ Silent auction letters have been provided to each class and sent out ○ Mrs. Neiva will be doing Christmas pictures in the library ○ Gym will be set up for cookie decorating and coffee/hot chocolate station ○ Intermediates will have a dedicated classroom for them with fun activities i.e. just dance 	



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ROUND TABLE	<p>➤ Mr. Felice inquiring about grad t-shirts, in the past they always purchased t-shirts for the grad students approximately \$22/per t-shirt, would Council be willing to contribute?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Julia, advised that last year a request was made for the grad trip no request for the t-shirt ○ Mr. Felice advised that Mrs. Gordon informed him her had \$10/per student and that is what he used ○ Julia – those funds were classroom allocation funds provided at the beginning of the year. These funds have already been approved for this year. ○ Mr. Felice to look into what funds were used and whether a separate allocation is needed for grad t-shirts. <p>➤ Bill – can we do something regarding the mats in the gym they are not up to code and need to be updated</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mrs. Maddison to look into the mats and follow up <p>**Council following up regarding the motions presented at last meeting and the definition of passive fundraising and what is permitted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mrs. Maddison responded everything we put on cash on line we have to clearly identify what we are fundraising for. The recommendation is three (3) big fundraisers. ➤ Julia – tuck shop; Movie night those are passive, are they are permitted? ➤ Mrs. Maddison after speaking to Adrian who is the SO in charge of Council his recommendation based on our Council's school board policies is that we are doing three of those fundraisers. 	



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	<p>How we decide which ones we are going to do is the impact on the school, admin and the work required behind the scenes to get it done.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Chris, for clarity a tuck shop would not be an issue than as not a major fundraiser. ➤ Mrs. Maddison advised that at this time the school has decided not to move forward on this fundraising proposal. The back side of getting a tuck shop up and running is the administrative burden. Additionally, the current as well as the school climate and the day to day it is just not a feasible proposal. As such the school has determined that they do not want to take this initiative on this year. As an advisory council that decision to have the first proposal as a tuck shop is not something that is going to work here at this school. ➤ Council was clear that they do not agree with this decision as there are several other schools that partake in both major and passive fundraising. Yet we are limited and as a result we are unable to support requests due to lack of funds. ➤ Mrs. Maddison advised that the other proposals are events that the school can take on with Council as fundraising events i.e. dance and movie night ➤ Question from Julia – aside from the motions presented at last council meeting is there anything else passive that we can run from September to June beside Pizza? ➤ Mrs. Maddison when we are looking at fundraising as a school we have fundraising through Council which funds are then allocated through Council approval, there is other fundraising that we need to do as a school that is within our financial plan that we have to raise as a school i.e. Share Life, when we are fundraising we need to look at how the fundraising done 	



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	<p>impacts the school. With the allotment of fundraising done for Charity and then done through Council we also have school generated funds (i.e. subway) School can only have so many fundraising events.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mrs. Maddison wants us to focus on the Dance-a-thon as our next big fundraiser and then the movie night in the Spring. ➤ Dates for both the Dance-a-thon and Movie night discussed and the below dates confirmed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dance-A-Thon: "Spring Fling" April 12, 2024 ○ Movie Night: May 16, 2024 	
Next meeting date:	January 10, 2024	