



## Metropolitan Andrei Catholic School Council

Thursday May 30, 2024

### Meeting Minutes

Attendance B. Iannicca, Trustee; S. Pascucci, Trustee (virtually); M. DiNunzio, Principal; N. Guiyab, Teacher rep; K. Lepore, J. Santos-Abella, S. Gillis, G. Baltakys, J. Anisko, Y. Drapiewski, M. Clara (virtual)

Regrets: S. Richer, Vice Principal

*“We would like to acknowledge that this is the sacred territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit, and we thank them for being the stewards of this land.”*

- 1) **Prayer** (N. Guiyab)
- 2) **Approval of Agenda** (May 30<sup>th</sup> meeting) N. Guiyab, S. Gillis
- 3) **Approval of Minutes** (April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting) N. Guiyab, J. Abella
- 4) **Trustees Iannicca and Pascucci Updates**
  - B. Iannicca**
    - lost 1100 students; 983 elementary, increased 117 secondary
    - Metro enrollment increased by 14
    - PA days; matched 6/7 with Peel , saved money for transportation
    - biggest challenge currently have is the cost of LTD, \$94 million. Sold 2 buildings and will have to give the money to the province
    - board approved the installation of boulevard electric signs, halfway thru the process
    - letter of warning then a letter to not allow them on the property if parents are disrespecting school administrators. Sent a survey to school staff asking for their worst experience with students or parents and what can we do to help.
  - S. Pascucci**
    - Thank you to Kyla for her years of commitment and to all the student council members
- 5) **Co-Chairs Report**
  - **Fundraisers update:**
    - **Big Box Cards:**
      - Boxes sold: 168
      - Profit = \$2,016
      - Big Box added a “prize rebate” of \$175 to our invoice – allows us to purchase the gift cards and pizza party
        - (a) Top sellers: 4x \$25 Indigo gift cards (4 top-selling families/students will receive)
        - (b) Pizza party for top-selling class: Ms. Hand (to be arranged with Administration)

- satisfied with the quality of the product
- will consider it as a biyearly fundraiser
- gave out the boxes at parent engagement night and whatever wasn't picked up was sent home with child

- Mabel's Labels

- Current Commission Balance = \$37.36 (as of May 28 2024) .
- We had a table at kinder night to help promote school council membership and our Mabel's fundraiser. Offered a unique promo code (expires Sept 30, 2024). Flyers given out in the bags for students.
- One sale came in after the promo night. Hoping for more this summer.
- Next steps:
  - (a) schedule school messenger text messages / s'more newsletter updates for Mid July and Late August to remind parents about our fundraiser and to order labels.
  - (b) Give out flyers end of June before school ends. We have printouts in hand.
  - (c) Question: Can we send school messenger message to only kinder registrations only? September?
  - (d) Send a note to the persons that provided their name and info at kinder night. this note will be written by CSC (jen) and then sent from the school's general mailbox.

- Will send out the flyer in June with the report cards

- **Fundraising Ideas for 2024/2025: (next steps: from the CSC group):**

- Any fundraiser ideas, please bring them to our September/October meetings so that we can discuss the ones we want to pursue for 2024/2025. (i.e. commission rates, self-serve options, order sorting etc)
  - Jollibee
  - Smencils; pencils that smell

- **Marketplace update:**

- Proposed for 2024/2025 school year
- Suggested Timing : Grade 1 – 6 Christmas concert, Kinder Christmas concert (December) or February parent/ teacher interview (all parents are being met vs November progress report – not all parents are meeting with teachers)
- September meeting/October meeting: Lay out workback schedule and detailed task list in order to start selling tables.

-marketplace generally run during the evening or weekend, also open to during the grade 1-6 Christmas concert

-will discuss this at the first meeting of next school year

-ideas; poinsettia sale, Santa pictures, jewellery, crafts, etc, different types of vendors

-can send survey via google to gage the interest for attendance and interest for vendors and

potentially have the marketplace in the spring

-PA day Sept 16, 2024

- Open house/BBQ Sept 26

-1<sup>st</sup> council meeting/ election set for Oct 2 @630pm

## 6) **OAPCE Report (Ontario Association for Parents in Catholic Education)**

- Newsletters "Parent 2 Parent Press" found on oapce.org

- Catholic Education Week May 5-10, 2024
- Advocacy Day at Queens Park
  - Friends and Advocates of Catholic Education (FACE) hosted a Lobby Day at Queen's Park on Tuesday May 14th where the Co-Executive Directors of OAPCE and all the Catholic Partners met with MPPs and other Catholic partners to express the importance of Catholic Education.
- Ontario to tighten regulations on cellphone use in schools
  - Ontario is prioritizing student learning by implementing cell phone restrictions in classrooms starting in the 2024-25 school year.
  - Policy includes banning social media on school networks and devices, with exceptions granted by educators. Stakeholders, including health experts and advocacy groups, support the initiative, recognizing its potential to enhance the learning environment.
  - OAPCE advocates for controlled smartphone use in high schools and restriction in elementary schools.
- Archdiocese Year of Prayer
  - Pope Francis inaugurated the Year of Prayer ahead of the 2025 Jubilee, urging believers to deepen their spiritual connection. The initiative calls for rediscovering the transformative power of prayer in personal lives, within the Church, and globally

**7) CCCSC Report (Central Committee for Catholic School Council)**

- Members have asked that there be a central list for approved fundraising initiatives/vendors. TDSB has this type of list of approved vendors already
- Members have also asked if there could be a listing of approved/vetted speakers listed
- Would like to have Engagement events hosted in both Mississauga and North Mississauga/Brampton - will ensure that the speaker is relevant to the area
- The Math Plan is soon to be shared more broadly – in the works

**8) Treasurer Report**

- March, April 2024
  - March no deposits, fee \$4.00 for a cheque
  - Cash on hand after paying all of our commitments was \$63.75
  - April deposit from big box fundraiser \$3715.67
  - Cash on hand after commitments \$3081.03

**9) Parish Rep Report**

- Downtown Street Patrol scheduled for June 8<sup>th</sup>. Summer dates to be announced.
- Stubenville Youth Conference (June 28 – 30), waiting list for 2<sup>nd</sup> bus.
- May 31<sup>st</sup> at 7pm (tomorrow) a Summer house party social for ages 19-39. Meeting House backyard. Cash Bar & BBQ.
- Corpus Christi Procession, this Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm through the streets of the parish. Potluck lunch to follow.
  - First communicants encouraged to come dressed in their communion outfits

- P&P Summer merch T-shirt is available for sale now (Annual design contest & fundraiser) ○ This year's theme: Make Heaven Crowded (MHC). Go and Make Disciples of All nations. (Matthew 28: 19-20)

## 10) Principal & Teacher Report May 30, 2024

- Janevska Grade 3s have completed their 3 sessions of Swim to Survive at Terry Fox Pool. Guiyab and Hand Grade 3s are going now. Sanelli's group next
- May 10th Grade 5-8 Track & Field Day completed. Kids had fun • MTC Life Parent Engagement – good turnout on May 15th
- 3/4, 4 and 4/5s went to Silvercreek
- Basketball pick-up sessions in gym at recess is done
- Journalling Club continues on Wednesdays for Grades 4-8 . They are also participating in a mental health poster competition. The ones I have seen are great
- Pickup basketball with Pinelli has ended and has had excellent turnout
- Krispy Kreme Fundraiser to go towards Camp Muskoka – sold 62 dozen • Softball season is complete – they had fun
- Beach Volleyball tomorrow
- Planche is organizing graduation band
- Knitting club sill in action and kids feeling inspired and creative
- Play Day on June 21

### School Organization

- Currently have 495 students (down 4 from April). Please encourage family/friends to register for September 2024

### Faith Formation

- Virtue of Acceptance assembly held over morning announcements
- Communion was on May 4th for our school and Confirmation was May 11th. Beading Buds came in on May 15th to work with our Grade 2s and 7s. We will bring the bracelets to mass to have Father Mario bless them and then give them out to the students.
- June 7th Mass at church – we need parent volunteers to make this work! If not, mass will be at school at 9:30 am.

### Social Justice/Equity

- Canadian Food for Children (Dr. Simone) shoeboxes have been collected and will be brought to the warehouse next week

### Curriculum

- We hosted Journey into Learning for our new JKs in May

- Grade 2 and 5 Teachers continued with their PLCs around Problem solving (to help support student success)
- EQAO for Primary (Grade 3) finished this week. Next week, Junior (Grade 6) EQAO will begin

#### Upcoming Event

- Int. Co-Ed Soccer tournament June 7
- Family Track & Field June 13<sup>th</sup>
- June 19th Grade 8 Graduation Mass & Ceremony 6 pm at Sts. Peter & Paul Church
- June 25th – 10:30 am Passing of the Faith Liturgy (Grade 8s give crosses to JKs). 1 pm Staff vs Student Soccer Baseball Game
- June 26th – 1 pm Sink to Swim Fundraiser for next years' Grade 8 trip. Staff have volunteered. Students can buy tickets to try to sink a ball in a bin (different distances for the divisions) and then they can have the teachers swim by dumping a bucket of water on a teacher

**11) From DPCDSB: Religion and Family Life Presentation:** The presentation has been created to inform parents about the current renewal process of the Family Life education program that will begin in September. The attendees watched the power point presentation regarding Religion and Family Life

-Every year you must sign a declaration regarding your criminal reference check, not need to redo the reference check but sign the declaration

Meeting Adjourned @2035