

Metropolitan Andrei Catholic School

Council Wednesday, October 2, 2024

Meeting Minutes

Agenda:

A. Routine Matters

a. Call to Order @638pm. *Attendance:* M. DiNunzio, Principal; S. Richer, Vice-principal; N. Guiyab, teacher rep; J. Santos-Abella, chair; M. Clara, S. Gillis, G. Baltakys, J. Anisko-Clutton, Y. Drapiewski, N. Capone, K. Robinson, virtual: Karen and Elizabeth

Regrets: B. Iannicca, Trustee; S. Pascucci, Trustee

b. Opening Prayer : N. Guiyab

Lord Jesus, We ask for Your help as We begin this new school year. Allow Us to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before us. Open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Open our hearts and minds to new friends, new teachers and council members. Give us a generous spirit to be enthusiastic and give us courage to accept new opportunities and inspire us to do our best this year. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

c. Land Acknowledgement

We are here to pay respect and recognize that this is the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nations, and we are here because this land was occupied. In recognizing that this space occupies colonized First Nations territories, and out of respect for the rights of Indigenous people, it is our collective responsibility to recognize our colonial histories and present-day implications and honour, protect and sustain this land

d. Approval of Agenda, Oct 2, 2024 G. Baltakys, J. Anisko-Clutton

e. Approval of Catholic School Council Minutes, May 30, 2024 N. Guiyab, J. Anisko-Clutton

Introductions were done

B. Trustee Update (B. Iannicca, Ward 7 and S. Pascucci, Ward 4) regrets

C. Standing Items

a. **Chair Report**

i. Mabel's Labels Fundraiser

1. Raised \$170 over the summer months. The increase in sales is attributed to: pre-set correspondence to be sent over the summer, kinder distribution list, and 10% off kinder night promo code.

2. Cumulative Funds Raised \$230 (passive fundraiser, minimal promotion effort)

b. Treasurer's Report (Monika)

-opening balance at the beginning of June was \$15010.10

-\$15238.74, deposit for Big Box Cards fundraiser of \$2641.87

-Ending balance \$17878.61, cash on hand after commitments \$1389.61

c. Principal & Teacher Report October 2, 2024

Teacher Update

Faith Formation: · YFA are organizing the first food drive of the year

- Our first mass was a success: the intermediate band was fantastic

Social Justice: · -Truth and Reconciliation Week - classes participated in many different learning opportunities from Videos to livestreams. Classes contributed to a school Every Child Matters Tree

· The Unity Team is preparing Mindful Mondays again. Students will be greeting 100 percent of the videos this year based on School Mental health Ontario Supports

Other Events: · Terry Fox fundraiser online this year: Mrs. Zingaro and Mrs. Osborne are organizing the event on Friday

- Jr boys and girls' volleyball has started
- Cross Country has started
- Open house had a great turnout
- The school had bus safety presentations for all grade levels
- Eco Team is preparing videos to promote litterless lunches
- We had our first fire drill

School Organization: Currently have 494 students as of September 30, 2024

Re-Organization:

- We had 4 full Kinder classes initially, but one class went to a half class and we lost a Designated Early Childhood Educator (Ms. Birosz)
- A Grade two class became a Grade 1/2 (Freedman)
- A Grade 2/3 class became a Grade 3 class (Sanelli)
- Grade 4 Students were moved down from the Grade 4/5 to the Grade 3/4
- Grade 3 students from the 3/4 to the Grade 3 (which was a Grade 2/3)
- Grade 2 students from the 2/3 were moved into the Grade 1/2 classes (Maradin and Freedman)

Here is our school organization at re-org (Sept. 16):

Monegro/Chisholm- FDK

Ellery/Martins- FDK

Lysyuk/Agban- FDK

Menezes - FDK

Urac -1

Maradin - 1/2

Freedman - 1/2

Mezzaucella (Alves)- 2

Hand- 3

Sanelli - 3

Guiyab - 3/4

Palattao - 4

Pimentel - 4/5

Krubnik (Sturzenbecher) - 5

Sousa - 5/6

Chan - 6

Janevska- 6/7

Osborne – 7

Zingaro - 7

Deighan - 8

Poli - 8

We had 0.9 Planning Time vacancy that has now been filled permanently.

Ms. Rosa will be joining our staff on October 7, 2024

Ms. Janevska has started her maternity leave and Ms. Keough is now in the 6/7 class.

Mrs. Krubnik who was the Long-Term Occasional Teacher for Mrs. Sturzenbecher got a permanent position and we now have Ms. Monteiro in the Grade 5 class

Upcoming Event · Terry Fox Walk October 4 (rain date Oct. 7)

- Fresh from the Farm Fundraiser
- Food Drive
- Spirit Wear
- Grade 8 Camp Muskoka Meeting October 9 6:30 pm
- October 16 Picture Day
- Grade 7 & 8 Teen Ranch October 17
- Cross Country Meet October 18
- Jungle Gym early November – will be for a week
- Progress Report Cards go home November 12, interviews on November 14

d. Parish Report

i. Renovations are done! Fr Mario requesting donations to fund new doors. 2024/2025 goal is to bring young people INTO the church. P&P is launching many events to bring

people to the parish this year (school age and young adults, alike). Young adults are grossly under-represented in the parishioner demographic, especially post pandemic.

ii. Parent Info Sessions for Sacraments this week. Last ones are this Sat Oct 5th

1. First Communion Oct 5, 945 – 1045a

2. Confirmation Oct 5, 11a – 12p

iii. Family Food & Film Nights. Free event for families to enjoy dinner and a movie. (bring proof of school enrollment at the parish schools)

1. Oct 25, grade 3 to 5: Afro Latin Night (Caribbean, Latin America and African cuisine. Film: Coco 2. Nov 29, JK to grade

2: Asian Fusion Night (Indian, Sri Lankan, Filipino Cuisine). Film The Star

iv. Adoration Chapel is open. Monthly Adoration is back first Friday of the month. Followed by mixer event at Parish Meeting House (mixer is 19+)

v. Street Patrol – First Saturday of the Month. Need donations for meal prep.

vi. New Young Adult events: Board game night, karaoke night, 90s party, Venetian Christmas Party

vii. Dominican Mission 2025. Starting donation seeking now for school supplies, water bottles etc. More details to come.

D. Information/Updates

a. Automation of Communication and School Council Documentation

a. WhatsApp Group

b. Generic School Council Central email (eg. Gmail, outlook etc)

c. Google Drive/One Drive – storing meeting agenda, meeting minutes, staff updates etc

d. Is there a preferred platform that we can use? Are the above allowed in our by-laws regarding communication and privacy etc.

b. Two Questions from Monika:

i. Title List for Scholastic Book Fair (in advance of browsing and sale days)

1. Context: Concern that there are inappropriate titles on display for purchase. This example from Durham region parent council member. A parent from a Durham school

asked to see the book list prior to the book fair and there was an inappropriate book/books on the list. At Metro Andre there is a specific for each age group to choose books. Scholastic chooses the books that are available during the book fair. Ms Di Nunzio will talk to the librarian and find out if we can get the list.

ii. Handicapped parking spots

1. Can we designate an additional handicapped parking spot in the front row of the spots at the immediate front of the school? There is rarely a handicapped parking spot available especially at pick up and drop off. Ms Di Nunzio will look into this further. In the future there will be 2 additional visitor parking spots in the front of the school.

2. Context: Of the two spots available, there is one spot being used all day for a staff member. That leaves only one spot truly available for visitors/parents picking up or dropping off.

E. Action Items

a. 2024/2025 Council Election / Committee Selection

Chair: J. Santos-Abella acclaimed

Treasurer: M. Clara acclaimed

Secretary: S. Gillis acclaimed, J. Anisko-Clutton will act as back-up secretary in Shelly's absence

OAPCE rep- no volunteers

Parish rep: J. Santos-Abella

-need a sign in sheet for emails for all the attendees of the meeting today.

F. Future Meetings (2024/2025)

a. Dates to be set and confirmed. Wednesdays preferred, yes still at 630pm

Mon Nov 4, 2024 @630pm

Wed Jan 15, 2025 @630pm

Wed Feb 26, 2025 @630pm

Wed April 9, 2025 @630pm

Wed May 7, 2025 @630pm

Ideas for fundraisers discussed:

- Community nights: face painting, craft stations, sell snacks, etc.
- Parent Engagement nights: movie nights
- Fall fair
- Craft night
- Booked Brightpics Santa photo day Dec 4, include a parent engagement night along with the Santa photos

Important Dates discussed:

- December 18 10am and 1 pm for Gr 1-6 Xmas concert
- December 11 10am kinder Xmas concert
- Parent interview night Nov 14
- Parent interview night Feb 13
- TSO K-Gr4 Feb 11-13
- TSO Gr 5-8 April 30

G. Adjournment @758pm