

Metropolitan Andrei Catholic School Council Minutes

Wednesday, May 31, 2023

Attendance: *M. Di Nunzio, Principal; G. Maddison, Vice-Principal; K. Lepore, Chair; N. Guiyab, Teacher Rep; C. Sturzenbecher, Teacher Rep; G. Baltakys, Parent Rep.; B. Iannicca, Trustee; .S. Pascucci, Trustee*
Regrets: *J. Varady, Treasurer*

Land Acknowledgement:

"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**
- 2. Approval of the Agenda** – GB, NG approved
- 3. Approval of the November Minutes** – NG, GB, approved
- 4. Trustee Stefano Pascucci**
 - CCCSC Trustee member
 - Questions have come up regarding the 2% fee for using the School Cash Online system
 - This is a processing fee by Moneris NOT a school board fee
 - Schools can toggle on the "add processing fee" or add 2% to the cost of an item from the start (Metropolitan Andrei is already doing this)
 - Graduations are coming up
- 5. Trustee Bruno Iannicca**
 - Besides debt to LTD payment at union/gov't level, the accounting books are good and managed well
 - "Chipmunk" school bus tracking app is piloting
 - Removal of the Metropolitan Andrei portapak is tentatively scheduled for summer of 2024 – pending upon budget approval – was built in 1979
 - MTC Life presentation was well received (ME SS Parent Engagement presentation)
 - Shuttering of classrooms resuming in September (due to declining enrollment across DPCDSB)
 - April 27 – Human Trafficking presentation was well attended/received
 - Conversation about next presentation is in the works – November?)
- 6. Chair Report**

Fundraiser update: Profit from the fundraiser is \$2334.32 after shipping/freight for the home delivery (online orders)/ pick up of return product, and the cost of the product sold.

 - Prizes we gave out were: \$10 Gift Cards to Tim's x4, \$10 McDonald's x4, 5lb chocolate bar, Best Buy \$100 gift card, Movie Passes (child combo and 2x adult combo), Restaurant Gift Cards \$25 x2, iTunes \$25 x2, Lunch with a Friend x4 (McDonalds), Top Selling Class Pizza lunch (Guiyab), Movie passes for top-seller
 - Beading Buds – Rosary Bracelet workshops were a success! Bracelets turned out beautifully and the students were very helpful.
 - Approved items to allocate funds to:
 - Tent (for outdoor events): cost: \$469 – budget \$550
 - Technology for 2023-24 (iPads) : budget \$2500
 - MTC Life presentation(s)2023-24: \$2500 + PRO grant \$500 – budget \$3000

7. Treasurer Report

- Report to be deferred to next meeting

8. Teacher/Staff Report

- We are an ECO Gold certified school
- Teams/Tournaments: soccer, softball, track and field
- Students are loving their 50th Anniversary blue t-shirts
- Planting took place in the school yard

9. Principal/Vice Principal Report

School Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Currently 491 students in the school
Faith Formation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mass with Father Mario on May 22nd• We wore red on Friday, May 26th in honour of Pentecost Sunday• Honour the Virtue of Acceptance last week via Google Meet
Equity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• May 10th – Bear Witness day- Jordan’s Principle which makes sure First Nations children in Canada can access supports and services they need when they need them.• May 18th students honoured World Vyshyvanka Day. It is celebrated every third Thursday in May and is dedicated to preserving the iconic Ukrainian embroidered shirt aka “vyshyvanka” as a symbol of the material and spiritual heritage of the Ukrainian people.
Happenings/Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peel Public Health Dental Screening for Kinders, 2, 4, 6, 8 in April• Intermediate Basketball season ended both Girls and Boys team participated but did not make the Family Tournament• Beading Buds came in on April 18 for Grade 2s and 7s, bracelets were sent home• During Catholic Education Week – classes participated in various activities and attended (virtually) the Catholic Education Week mass at St. Michael’s• 50th Anniversary on May 3rd – well attended. Thank you to Jimmy & Stef’s No Frills for \$300 donation towards flowers/plants and Metro Iona Plaza for \$50 gift card used towards cups and ice.• Mrs. Planche organized sessions with Jim Arnold for the Kinder to Grade 6s around Drumming wellness and STEAM Musical Instruments. As well for Gr 7/8s Indigenous murals with Pam Levi• We had a Grade 5-8 Track and Field day on May 10• EQAO for Grade 3s began after Victoria Day and for Grade 6s this week• Took our school 50th photo today• We had several weekends of graffiti and vandalism at the school – damaging access card readers, tearing off handrails of portpak steps, taking off door handle of entry door and spraying a fire extinguisher in the hole, hate symbols and words on the storage bunkers (front and back), starting fires, cutting wires to gas meter counter. I have made police aware of each incident and have asked for security cameras to be installed.
Upcoming Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grade 8 Graduation Mass and Ceremony June 21 at 6 pm (*Please note due to renovations in church – Grad Liturgy and ceremony will be at Father Michael Goetz – same day/time)• Grade 8 Luncheon and Dance Friday, June 23 at Boaden’s (during school day)• Scientist in the School booked for Grades 1-6

- September Open House: Thursday, September 21, 2023 (more information to come)
- First Meeting of next school year: Wednesday, September 27 @ 6:30pm