

Metropolitan Andrei Catholic School Council Minutes

Wednesday, November 24, 2021

Attendance: *G. Hilton, Principal; G. Maddison, Vice-Principal; K. Lepore, Chair; J. Varady, Treasurer; T. Spadafina, Teacher Rep; C. Sturzenbecher, Teacher (Guest); Trustees: B. Iannicca, S. Pascucci*

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 November Agenda – J. Varady approved, T. Spadafina second

3) Approval of the September Minutes – J. Varady approved, T. Spadafina second

4) Trustee Bruno Iannicca

- Extracurricular activities started in elementary and secondary
- Lockers deployed
- Masks required during drop-off and pick-up
- Cafeterias are opening in phases in secondary
- Quadesters ending in February and semester model to start
- Graduations: checking with Medical Officer of Health/Peel Public Health, schools need to start securing venues for June
- Loss of 2500 students in DPCDSB (due to housing, rent etc.)
- Busing – courtesy ridership for secondary opening up, not yet for elementary, some loss of drivers due to proof of vaccination status
- Mississauga Fire and Emergency Services offering free presentations for K-8, there is currently no program to educate students on fire safety – Grades 1-3 it is talked about in Health curriculum as Life Skills
- Hope to start to allow fully vaccinated volunteers into school – needs to be approved by Board, Medical Officer of Health/Peel Public Health

5) Trustee Stefano Pascucci

- Reiterate Bruno's comments
- Looking at ways to get parents back in to schools – to get things back to "normal" from the last two years.

6) Chair Report

- Chocolate Fundraiser: we have sold 52 cases = \$1,823.36 profit (shipping and taxes already deducted), School Cash Online donations: \$330.00
- Domino's Pizza Fundraiser: look to set up dates in the spring for our school
- Parent Engagement funds grant: \$500 – look to book a speaker for our community, invite other schools

7) Treasurer Report

- Money earned from chocolate fundraiser and online donations (\$1823.36, \$330.00) to be put towards Metro's Music Program

8) Principal/Vice Principal Report

- Extracurricular activities started (girls' and boys' volleyball, Youth Faith Ambassadors)
- Photo Day for in-person students on December 10

- Virtual Christmas concert (recorded and shared as a link)
- Paul Davis handbooks for grades 3-6 were distributed
- Eco-Schools Initiatives: Waste Reduction, Take Me Outside Day, Recycling, Ecology STEM Kits,
- Math focussed teacher initiatives (C. Sturzenbecher)
- Learning Walk done by Wonderwall will be installed in FDK hallway
- Check-in, check-out with Mrs. Solomon (CYW)

9) Staff/Teacher Report

- YFAs are doing a Christmas letter writing campaign for Seniors through Sts. Peter and Paul Parish
- Stuffing Christmas stockings to go with the Christmas gift card drive