

Metropolitan Andrei Catholic School Council Minutes

Wednesday, September 21, 2022

Attendance: *G. Hilton, Principal;; K. Lepore, Chair; J. Varady, Treasurer; N. Guiyab, Teacher Rep.; C. Sturzenbecher, Teacher Rep.; Trustee S. Pascucci (virtual)*

Regrets: B. Iannicca, Trustee, G. Maddison, Vice-Principal

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 May Agenda – J. Varady approved

3. Approval of the April Minutes – J. Varady approved

4. Trustee Stefano Pascucci

- School is back to normal-ish
- Faith programming meeting
- Parents are asking about field trips/overnights/overseas - teachers can submit plans

5. Principal/Vice Principal Report

- Our projected numbers for September were 437. We currently have 479 students. Due to the increase of students – we were allocated a new Grade 2 class and classes in Kinder to 2/3 were affected
- Our class size average for Kinder: 28.33, Primary 20.43, Junior/Int: 27.33
- Ms. Thomas retired effective September 16th and we welcome Ms. Alves
- As we got a new Grade 2 class – Ms. Hand was reassigned from Bishop Scalabrini
- We had several students from the Ukraine register
- Boardwide – switch from Trillium database to PowerSchools
- Our first Liturgy will be Friday morning for the Virtue of Faith followed by our Terry Fox walk.
- Mrs. Maddison and Ms. Di Nunzio will be going to Sts. Peter & Paul to arrange our mass dates
- Picture Day tomorrow
- Terry Fox Walk on Friday, September 23
- Open House – 5:30 to 6:30 pm BBQ, Open House – 6-7 pm, staff to eat prior to families arriving, Book Fair taking place as well
- Cross Country October 14
- Orange Shirt Day October 30th - a day when we honour the Indigenous children who were sent away to residential schools in Canada.
- Planning for the 50th Anniversary – looking at mid-November. Liturgy and Open House. Wednesday November 16 or Thursday November 17 (5pm liturgy, 7pm open house)
- Looking to have “green” environmentally friendly decorations, providing students with anniversary t-shirts or water bottles
- Draw for plants, offer cake, coffee, water
- Collaborative art pieces “50” and Monarch butterfly, slide show, printed photos, collages, aerial photo
- T-shirts will be a surprise for students, will be sized by their teacher
- Music funds to repair equipment \$1,156.19

- Library Funds to pay for some Ukrainian/English books \$111.25

6. Chair Report

➤ Council for 2022-23:

Chair/Secretary/OAPCE Rep: K. Lepore

Treasurer: J. Varady

Teacher Reps: C. Sturzenbeher, N. Guiyab

➤ Meeting Dates:

October 19, 2022

November 23, 2022

February 1, 2023

April 26, 2023

May 31, 2023

- Council will help pay for student t-shirts (\$10 ea), decided against doing water bottles as a gift
- School to offer Metro spirit wear for purchase, maybe parents interested as well
- Funds for guitar repairs was approved in June
- Approved to use the library allocated funds to help pay for the Ukrainian/English books
- Halloween Dance for students – will contact DJ for a quote and to check availability - \$750 budgeted for this approved (KL, JV)
- Open House: Families will order meal combos from M&M Meats via Cash Online for \$7 (beef burger, chicken wiener, veggie burger + drink and bag of chips)
- Council decided against covering costs due to increasing no-shows over the past years which cost us money, as well as fundraising being limited due to COVID for the past two years
- Fundraiser: Delivery on November 10-11
- To run for 3 weeks
- Using Opt-in method or online boutique
- Permission/information form sent home and if signed and brought back to school, student can bring home a case (this option is for those who do not wish to pay up front, we will still do School Cash Online for this – no cash, no returns). This form will act as a sort of “contract” so that families know they will have to pay for the product
- Add “number of cases” to form for those families who know they like/can sell multiple cases
- Students to pick up in office or wherever cases are being kept (storage room?)
- Keep opt-in forms on file, so that payment can be verified- If family wants another case, bring in another form
- Contactless (ship to buyer) allows us to offer the WFC variety \$3case (peanut/nut free) option as well as the WFC \$3 chocolate covered almonds (each case is \$90)
- 212 cases confirmed (200 + 12 free)
- To discuss funds to allocate for fundraiser prizing and what prizes to get at next meeting
- John (WFC) to deliver 5lb chocolate bar and 70 mini prizes
- Popcorn mini-fundraiser – ok to go ahead, need a staff member to help coordinate distribution
 - Cash Online ordering (like pizza)? \$2 a bag

6) Treasurer Report

- Waiting on report from bank

7) Teacher Report

- Teams up and running: Eco Team, Equity Club, Volleyball, Cross Country, YFA to start
- Field Trips being looked into
- Wish lists for funding at next meeting
- Council agreed to allocate \$2500 for field trips (Scientist in Schools)