

## Metropolitan Andrei Catholic School Council Minutes

**Wednesday, September 27, 2023**

Attendance: *M. Di Nunzio, Principal; N. Guiyab, Teacher Rep; K. Lepore, G. Baltakys, J. Santos-Abella, M. Clara, S. Gills, J. Anisko-Clutton, B. Clutton.* Online: *Yolanda Drapiewski*

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

### **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** – N. Guiyab
- 2. Approval of the Agendas** – NG, GB approved
- 3. Approval of the May Minutes** – GB, NG approved
- 4. Principal**
  - **Nominations/Acclamation of 2023-2024 Council**
    - Co-Chairs: K. Lepore, J. Santos-Abella
    - Secretary: S. Gills
    - Treasurer: M. Clara
    - Parish Rep: J. Santos-Abella
    - OAPCE Rep: K. Lepore
    - Members-at-Large: G. Baltakys, J. Anisko-Clutton
  - **Criminal Reference Checks/Declarations**
    - Declarations will be sent home in the coming weeks for those who have previously submitted CRCs to the office
  - **Meeting Dates for Year** (Wednesdays @ 6:30pm)
    - October 25, 2023
    - November 22, 2023
    - January 31, 2024
    - February 28, 2024
    - April 24, 2024
    - May 29, 2024
- 5. Chair Report**
  - 2023 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 (Guyiab), Movie passes for top-seller
  - Beading Buds: Rosary Bracelet workshops booked for May 15, 2024 (grades 2 and 7).
  - Fundraising Ideas for this year:
    - Big Box of Cards: 35 cards/box, sells for ~\$35 – awaiting more information on profit, ordering and shipping – to start ASAP if it allows
    - FundScrip Gift Cards: to start ASAP and run through the year (as a passive fundraiser)

- Mabels Labels: in new year – also as a passive fundraiser
- Farm to Table Popcorn: \$2 cash per bag – done once per month – timing TBD, Guiyab
- Maybe: Dance-a-thon: Cash pledges, cash online, prizes? (raffle draw with tickets earned based on amount raised)
- Auctions? What are the rules for an auction? Ask at CCCSC training meeting

**6. Treasurer Report**

- Previously 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. Staff Report**

- YFAs helping with the Sts. Peter and Paul food drive
- Looking to do school-wide trips again this year to TSO
- School participation in Truth and Reconciliation Week
- Eco and Equity Clubs starting in October
- Band, Glee, Cross-Country running and Junior volleyball are happening
- Classrooms are promoting parents/guardians getting their CRCs done so that there are supervisors for excursions

**8. Principal Report / Vice-Principal Report**

School Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently 496 students in the school</li> <li>• We had growth and an additional Grade 3 class was added. School make-up:            Monegro/Birosz – FDK            Ellery/Agban – FDK            Lysyuk/Chisholm – FDK            Freedman – 1            Urac – 1            Nunes (Alves) – 2            Sanelli – 3            Janevska – 3            Guiyab – 3/4            Palattao – 4            Sturzenbecher – 4/5            Spadafina – 5            Chan – 6            Santaluce – 6            Osborne – 7            Zingaro-Debski – 7            Deighan – 8            Poli – 8            Eze – French as a Second Language (FSL)            Hordiyuk – FSL/English as a Second Language (ESL)            Planche – Planning Time (PT) – Music            Gal – Library/Planning Time            Sousa – Planning Time            Bryce – Planning Time            Pinelli – Primary SERT/ESL            Francone – Primary SERT/ESL/PT</li> </ul>
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	<p>Ramos – Special Education Resource Class/SERT  Alonso – SERT/ESL  Castelino – Educational Resource Worker (ERW)  Jeorgy – ERW  Pereira – ERW  Sanchez – ERW  Sothiratnam – ERW  Weselska – ERW  Banbur – Head Custodian  Lim – Evening Custodian  Gonzalez – Evening Custodian  Jones – Child and Youth Worker  Yalta – Social Worker  Manoharan – Mental Health Support Worker  Ancimer – Speech and Language Pathologist  Day - Psychologist  Speziale - Administrative Assistant  DeWitte – Acting Vice Principal  Di Nunzio - Principal</p>
Faith Formation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mass with Father Mario on Friday</li> <li>• FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AT STS PETER AND PAUL PARISH 2023-2024. Info Night: Tuesday October 3, 2023 Time: 7:00pm-8:00pm</li> <li>• CONFIRMATION AT STS PETER AND PAUL PARISH 2023-2024 Info Night: Wednesday October 4, 2023 Time: 7:00pm-8:00pm</li> </ul>
Equity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Truth and Reconciliation Week. We have been highlighting Indigenous People. On Friday, we will be wearing Orange Shirts in honour of Every Child Matters.</li> </ul>
Happenings/Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open House on September 21<sup>st</sup> – good turnout</li> <li>• Fresh From the Farm Fundraiser - A <i>fresh</i> take on school fundraising Since 2013 <i>Fresh from the Farm</i> school fundraising has connected over 2,200 schools with Ontario farmers and enabled them to raise over \$1.9 million for school initiatives by selling over 4.3 million pounds of Ontario grown fruits and vegetables. <i>8lb Ambrosia Apple Bundle \$24.00 (less than \$3.00/lb). Posted on School CashOnline. 14lb Vegetable Bundle \$22.00 (less than \$1.6/lb)</i></li> <li>• 5 lb bag White Potatoes</li> <li>• 3 lb bag Sweet Potatoes</li> <li>• 3 lb bag Yellow Onions</li> <li>• 3 lb bag Orange Carrots</li> <li>• Pizza Days will start AFTER Thanksgiving. All orders must be submitted by Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> so that we can let Ginos Pizza know our order.</li> <li>• Thanksgiving Food Drive in collaboration with Sts. Peter &amp; Paul Church – following items: boxed juice boxes, powdered milk, canned beans, pasta sauce, pasta and rice. Food will be donated to Mississauga Food Bank. Pick up will be on October 5th</li> <li>• Picture Day was on September 20<sup>th</sup></li> </ul>
Teacher Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth Faith Ambassadors began today</li> <li>• Returning to Toronto Symphony for K-3, 4-6, 7-8.</li> <li>• Eco Schools and Equity Clubs will begin soon</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We will be purchasing a new electronic drum kit and amp for our music program</li><li>• Cross Country, Junior Volleyball has started</li><li>• Band and glee</li><li>• Eco Schools – Presentations for Grades 2-8</li></ul>
Upcoming Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tentative Halloween Dance – confirming with DJ</li><li>• Terry Fox Walk Thursday, October 5</li></ul>

**Next Meeting:** October 25, 2023

### 9. Treasurer Report

- Report to be deferred to next meeting

### 10. Teacher/Staff Report

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

### 11. Principal/Vice Principal Report

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Faith Formation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mass with Father Mario on May 22<sup>nd</sup></li><li>• We wore red on Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup> in honour of Pentecost Sunday</li><li>• Honour the Virtue of Acceptance last week via Google Meet</li></ul>
Equity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• May 10<sup>th</sup> – 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.</li><li>• May 18<sup>th</sup> 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.</li></ul>
Happenings/Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Peel Public Health Dental Screening for Kinders, 2, 4, 6, 8 in April</li><li>• Intermediate Basketball season ended both Girls and Boys team participated but did not make the Family Tournament</li><li>• Beading Buds came in on April 18 for Grade 2s and 7s, bracelets were sent home</li><li>• During Catholic Education Week – classes participated in various activities and attended (virtually) the Catholic Education Week mass at St. Michael’s</li><li>• 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on May 3<sup>rd</sup> – well attended. Thank you to Jimmy &amp; Stef’s No Frills for \$300 donation towards flowers/plants and Metro Iona Plaza for \$50 gift card used towards cups and ice.</li><li>• 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</li><li>• We had a Grade 5-8 Track and Field day on May 10</li><li>• EQAO for Grade 3s began after Victoria Day and for Grade 6s this week</li><li>• Took our school 50<sup>th</sup> photo today</li><li>• 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.</li></ul>
Upcoming Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 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)</li><li>• Grade 8 Luncheon and Dance Friday, June 23 at Boaden’s (during school day)</li><li>• Scientist in the School booked for Grades 1-6</li></ul>

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