

Metropolitan Andrei Catholic School Council Minutes

Thursday, February 23, 2023

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

Regrets: *J. Varady, Treasurer; N. Guiyab, Teacher Rep.*

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, CS approved

3. Approval of the November Minutes – CS, GB, approved

4. Trustee Bruno Iannicca

- Young Riders' program started again – we need to do a better job at having all students, not just FDK/riders go through the program
- Working on an app for location of school bus/time/delays
- DPCDSB enrollment is down 8500 students during the pandemic especially – equates to approximately \$52.1M in grants (teacher losses as well)
- Public Budget Consultation meeting (virtual) on April 26
- 50 000 Chromebooks loaned out during school closures during pandemic – 2 000 outstanding, down to approximately 200
- Peel Health has been told that they cannot coerce families/students into non-essential vaccinations
- Field Report – what can/can't be put/done on school fields
- Elementary Voice – student council chair/president to have a direct link to their secondary school feeder school
- OCSTA – want tech support continued for Chromebooks – all money spent on tech for tech
 - Want government to continue to fund
- Elections – support is not being directed correctly – check where you are registered for your taxes to go
- Tutoring - \$6.2M –\$ 3.1M spent to end of June –\$3.1M spent to January – want continued government support
- Board tendered items – why? Procurement presentation by SI of Finance in April
- Human Trafficking presentation – date TBD (Thursday after March Break?) – will receive an invitation from Trustees and CCCSC – trying to educate our students and parents
- Council asked if elementary-aged students were being educated on human trafficking (in an appropriate way)

Trustee Stefano Pascucci

- Graduation invitation invitations are starting to arrive which is great to see!
- Busing – bus rider safety for student and parents
- Bruno touched on many of the points that are happening in our ward

5. Chair Report

- Fundraiser has been moved to March 22 delivery - \$90/case
 - we are now going to be doing an online boutique through World’s Finest website (home delivery for orders placed – includes peanut/nut free bar selection (9 crisp rice, 9 caramel, 6 pure milk chocolate, 6 wafer) as well as chocolate almonds.
 - We will set up a school donation “item” via School Cash Online for families who would rather give a monetary donation directly to school rather than participate in purchasing chocolate
 - We will have 100 cases delivered in-school for those who pre-pay via School Cash Online
 - There will be no returns of partially sold cases – we will only return full, unopened cases that were not sold
 - John McKee has provided “treasure box” participant prizes that can be given out as well as a 5lb chocolate bar
 - We will need to revisit prizing/budget (our participation will most likely be lower now that we are doing pre-pay). We will keep incentive prizing options with the “choice of” gift cards/prizes. CS to ask her students “what kids like” to help us purchase.
- Beading Buds – Rosary Bracelet workshops April 18 (grades 2 and 7 – First Communion and Confirmation students)
- Popcorn – has not been ordered yet –MD to ask if any staff would be able to oversee students collecting money/delivering popcorn (perhaps YFAs or grade 7 or 8 students?). Proceeds will go towards 50th Anniversary). Cash sales have proven to be a more profitable way to sell popcorn (\$2/bag) over online payment

6. Treasurer Report

- Report to be deferred to next meeting

7. Teacher/Staff Report

- Basketball for Juniors is finishing and Intermediates are starting up
- Clubs: Chess, Craft, Equity – book reviews, Library book club
- TSO trip for Intermediates is coming up
- Interviews (parent/teacher/student conferences) completed
- Loud and exciting times in our school!

8. Principal/Vice Principal Report

School Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently 486 students in the school • Mrs. Bonello (Head Secretary) took a position closer to home and we welcome Jennifer Speziale as our new Head Secretary. • In January we received an additional 1.0 Educational Resource Worker to work with our students with special needs (we now have 5.5)
Faith Formation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Father Mario came and visited with students on November 30th and will be coming again next week • We had our Advent mass on December 16 with Father Mario and Vlad • Our Youth Faith Ambassadors prepared our Advent and Ash Wednesday Liturgy • April 18th Beading Buds for Students in Grade 2 and 7

<p>Equity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Unity Club led by Mrs. Guiyab and Ms. Jones has been active meeting regularly. During Black History Month they have prepared slides for our daily announcements on Google Meet. In their Black Brilliance slide they highlight an individual who has contributed to society • Mrs. Morgado our Elementary Guidance and Experiential Learning Teacher (EGELT) working with Grade 7 and 8 Students. Using the Book by Tiffany Jewel: This Book is Anti-Racist provided by our Equity department and resources from the SharePoint, students participated in a series of four reflective learning opportunities that focused on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Who Am I? Exploring personal identities ➤ Social Identities: Exploring power, privilege ➤ Implicit Bias, Racism and Microaggressions ➤ Faith in Action: Exploring Allyship • The Program Department at the Board a series of Identity-affirming and Culturally Responsive Texts for classrooms. The focus of this book collection is to offer texts and materials to support educators in the application of an anti-oppressive framework through offering identity affirming resources. • We have purchased two video series by the Saidat Show. K-3: Black History Month assembly 2023. Grades 4-8: 20 days of Canadian History video series by the Saidat Show. It includes celebrating Black Joy and connecting our history to today's history. Saidat will take students on adventures where they can visit some of the most historic places without leaving their classrooms.
<p>Curriculum</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff have been involved in Professional Learning Communities (PLCS). Each division has a focus: Primary - Science of Reading/Decodable Texts, Junior - Building Thinking Classrooms, Intermediate - Catholic Graduate Expectations and FSL/ESL/Planning Time -Descriptive Feedback • Mrs. Freedman has been attending workshops to support the K/1 Classroom
<p>Happenings/Events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Davis came in to present to our Grade 6-8s around internet safety • Grade 2/3 to 5s visited the Kortright Centre in December • All students from Kinder to Grade 8 participated in Joy Day – where they created a craft in their classroom • In December our Grade 8s went to Father Michael Goetz for a tour and visit. • We had a Kinder Christmas Concert and Grades 1-6 Concert for families to attend during the day. We asked for donations to help support our families in need. We collected \$1,365.00 • ‘Fire’ on December 16th – the electric kettle was placed on the coil stovetop by accident. This caused a lot of smoke which triggered the fire alarm during recess (approx. 2:40 pm). A supervisor is assigned to go between 2-4 classrooms at a time. When the alarm went off – some classes did not have a teacher in the room. Supervisors made their way to the rooms to ensure that all students exited the building. (I did a sweep of the rooms on the first floor before I went out). Students were met at their designated spots by a teacher (as we have

	<p>practiced). Students were able to come back into the building by 2:55 pm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 1st trip to the Toronto Symphony Orchestra for the Hockey Sweater organized by Ms. Planche. The group was able to hear the author of the book read along while the orchestra played. • February 3rd Peel Public Health held an immunization clinic for our Grade 7 and 8s to get their Hep B, HPV, Meningococcal vaccines. They have moved to an online registration format (prior it was pencil to paper). • Classes participating in School Bus Safety Training. There was a program for students in Junior Kindergarten to Grade 3 and another for those in Grades 4 to 8. Each is approximately 30 minutes in length and features interactive games. • Craft Club for Primary students on Wednesdays run by Mrs. Alves and Mrs. Sanelli • Chess Club for Grades 5-8 run by Mrs. Chan and Mrs. Spadafina • Eco Club continues to check for proper items going into the recycling bins and lights turned off when classes are not in the room (we do have sensor lighting in classrooms so they will turn off if there is no movement for 30 min) • Valentine’s Day – we booked a DJ; classes came down throughout the day. All students participated even if they didn’t bring in the in donation of \$2 or two canned goods. • Shrove Tuesday – we had chefs Mrs. Abella, Mrs. Chammass, Mrs. Pires, Mamma Gal, Mamma Monegro and Auntie Monegro cook up pancakes for our students. We got the pancake batter premixed from Bobby’s Hideway in Port Credit. • Junior Basketball league play has ended and both the girls team and boys team are undefeated 4-0 and advance to the Family Tournament tomorrow at Cabot. Thank you to coaches Deighan, Osborne and Spadafina • Alves and Sanelli’s 3s are going to Swim to Survive at Terry Fox Pool. Guiyab’s class will go in June.
Upcoming Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 12: Grade 4-8 to Toronto Symphony Orchestra – Reggae Roots • Grade 8 Camp Muskoka April 19-21 • 50th Anniversary Wednesday, May 3, 2023

Next meeting: April 12, 2023