

Metropolitan Andrei Catholic School Council Minutes

Wednesday, September 29, 2021 – Closing Meeting of 2020-2021 School Year

Members Present: *G. Hilton, Principal; G. Maddison, Vice-Principal; K. Lepore, Chair; T. Spadafina, Teacher Rep; J. Varady, Treasurer; D. Planche, Teacher (Guest)*

“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 Minutes – J. Varady approved, T. Spadafina second
- 3) Chair
 - a) Dominos Pizza fundraiser: \$245.00 over 3 dates last year, we will plan to do this again this school year
 - b) Farm to Table fundraiser: \$30.97. this was not our most profitable fundraiser, but it was good to try something new and see how it went
 - c) Paul Davis presentation and books (200 copies for students). Books were delivered in June; they are still to be distributed to our junior students.
- 4) Treasurer Report – May report is missing and hope to have it by next meeting. As of July we have a balance of \$18761.76 in the account.
- 5) Principal Report – to be covered in the opening year meeting

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- 1) Nominations/Acclamation of 2021-2022 Council
 - Chair: K. Lepore
 - Treasurer: J. Varady
 - Secretary: open (KL + JV to take minutes)
 - OAPCE Rep.: K. Lepore
 - Teacher Rep.: T. Spadafina
- 2) Meeting Dates: Wednesdays at 6:30pm via Google Meet
 - September 2, 2021
 - October 20, 2021
 - November 17, 2021
 - January 19, 2022
 - February 16, 2022
 - April 27, 2022
 - May 25, 2022
- 3) Annual Criminal Reference Checks/Declarations: PDF versions will be sent to Council to sign
- 4) Open House: more information is to come from the Board with regards to doing this virtually
- 5) Chair:
- 6) Fundraiser:
 - Chocolate fundraiser (post- Thanksgiving)
 - Contactless (ship to buyer) allows us to offer the peanut/nut free \$3 Laura Secord case option as well as the World’s Finest \$3 chocolate covered almonds (each case is \$90)
 - Families order straight from World’s Finest, no shipping charged to them (School and WFC) split shipping cost \$5 each and will come off of funds raised

- Additional option is to have a permission form sent home and if signed and brought back to school, WFC will ship order to school and families can pick up (this option is for those who do not wish to pay up front) – there are NO RETURNS being accepted by WFC, so families will need to pay for a full case
 - We can do either option or both – Council has chosen to only do the online option
 - Prizing: opting for no prizing this year for participants (per box sold), maybe prizing for Top Sellers? Ideas for prizing to be discussed
 - We can set up a bulletin board at the front of the school to bring attention to the fundraiser
 - Postings to each Google classroom to create excitement – digital tracker?
 - Upcoming Events:
 - OAPCE Dufferin Peel:
 - December 1st, 2021, 7:00-8:30 Regional Council meeting followed by a presentation for parents, from a Registered Dietician
 - December 15th, 2021 7:00-8:00 p.m. Celebrating Advent with an opportunity to make an art piece using Zentangle.
- 7) Mrs. Planche presented a proposal for funding to update Metro Andrei’s music program
- Since last year the music program has been “a la cart”, Mrs. Planche goes class to class with carts containing different musical instruments (ukuleles, xylophones, etc.) because the music room has not been allowed to be open to classes because of cohorting requirements
 - Online, the students had been using software like SoundTrap, but they are ready to get their hands back on instruments!
 - Mrs. Planche has proposed a wish list of “a la cart” items as well as items for the music room
 - Junior/Intermediate Cart: 20 ukes (\$990, \$785), and 10 djembes (\$685)
 - Primary Cart: 20 portable xylophones w/ cases (\$900)
 - Total: \$3500 – Council has approved to allocate \$3500 for these items
 - Intermediate Band: \$3000-\$5000
 - Junior Orff Instruments: \$4000
 - Music Room: 2x flipforms, 10x guitars (\$80-\$100 each)
 - Council has decided that fundraising efforts for this year will go towards Metro Andrei’s arts and music program (last year’s efforts went to technology needs in the school)
- 8) Principal Report:
- Thanksgiving Food Drive: donations to go to Mississauga Food Bank / Sts. Peter and Paul Parish
 - Peel Region COVID-19 testing clinic taking place at Metro Andrei (after school) on September 30, 2021
 - Orange Shirt Day acknowledgement and activities school-wide
 - Eco-Schools – recycling
 - Coming up: front foyer displays, virtual assemblies, Learning Paths in the Kinder hallway (interactive paths)
 - Additional playground activities (painted lines for games)
- 9) Treasurer Report: Bank/Financial report not available in time for meeting – to be discussed at next meeting.