



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

June 7, 2023

6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.

Microsoft Teams

Attendees: Adriano Bomben, Tania Altieri, Kevin Sylvestre, Monique Napier, Kelly Joseph, Nancy Skerlan, Carol Glovers-McKnight, Caroline Ambrose, Marisol Avila, Nesha Ramdeen, Christine Ross, Ananda Myers-Clarke, Paula Lima, Neveen Khouzam, Justina Afegbua, Natasha Brown

Item	Highlights	Decision/Action Items	Assigned to
1.	Opening prayer and land acknowledgement delivered by Adriano Bomben.		
2.	Mr. Bomben welcomed all to the meeting and introduced Vice Principals Tania Altieri and Kevin Sylvestre. School council executives introduced themselves.		
3.	Attendance taken.		
4.	April minutes were approved by Nesha Ramdeen and seconded by Marisol Avila. June agenda was approved by Mr. Bomben and seconded by Nancy Skerlan.		
5.	<p>Chaplaincy Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students participated in retreats at the Sarah Elizabeth Centre, Centre Island, and the School Chapel• Students served meals at the Regeneration Soup Kitchen• Over 2000 school supplies were collected, along with clothing and monetary donations to help with the rebuilding of an elementary school in Gambia. Students facetimed with the teacher and the children in Gambia to learn about life in Africa.• Catholic Education Week and Mental Health Awareness Week activities were held during lunches, along with morning liturgies• Students had a successful visit from the therapy dogs during lunch• Chaplaincy students created a Sacred Heart of Jesus display and sent seniors inspirational messages		



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- Students held a toiletries drive to include in care packages for the Knight's Table and Regeneration
- The school year-end Mass will be on June 9.
- The Graduation Mass will be held on June 29 at 10am at St. Anthony of Padua Parish. The Graduation Ceremony will be on June 29 at 4pm.

Staff Report

- The Grade 12 Instrumental Class recital will be held in the evening on June 8.
- The Dance Fever Production is on Friday night at 7pm. Tickets are \$10 at the door.
- The track team is heading to Ottawa until Saturday for the OFSAA Championships.
- The Athletic Banquet takes place June 14 at 6pm.
- The Art Show will be held on June 15 from 5-8pm in the Library. Admission is by donation.
- Two trips have been approved:
 - Italy – visiting Florence, Venice, and Rome and is open to all students. The parent meeting for this will take place on September 19 at 6:30pm in Room 218. More information on this is coming.
 - Philadelphia – through the Social Science department, to look at sites relevant to American history.
- Question about parental notification of these events. Mr. Bomben will reach out to teachers running the events to provide information through School Messenger.

Principal Report

- At the May 2 Administration and Finance Committee meeting, trustees approved the motion that all Dufferin Peel schools will include the word Catholic in their official school name. Changes to all items with the school name will need to be updated.
- Vice Principal staffing is currently at four
- Teacher staffing is ongoing
- End of year pranks letter sent out asking the parents to have a conversation with their children about not participating in destructive or violent end of year pranks.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> June is Indigenous Education Month. Several resources will be shared with staff and students. 		
6.	<p>Council Reports</p> <p>Co-Chairs – School council grant will be used for 2 graduating students – two \$250 awards will be given out.</p> <p>Treasurer – nothing to report</p> <p>OAPCE – Attended meeting at Notre Dame Secondary School.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sacred Heart Novena started June 7. Reminder to parents to direct taxes to separate school board. OAPCE website is www.oapce.org for more information. Subcommittee – nothing to report 		
7.	<p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerns were brought forward about occurrences happening in the school. Mr. Bomben advised that a small portion of the student population is involved in these incidents and students involved in some of the incidents are no longer at the school. In addition, the Vice Principals are continuously monitoring the school. With regards to students not wearing proper uniforms, a hoodie will be available in the fall to wear with the uniform to give the students another option. Discussion was had about the importance of parent involvement in the school community and having more parent engagement events. Planning for these should start in the fall. Mr. Bomben announced that he is being transferred to St. Joan of Arc Secondary School in Mississauga and Mr. Peter Petruccelli from St. Marguerite d'Youville will be taking over as principal in September. 		
8.	Closing prayer by Adriano Bomben.		
9.	Adjournment 7:26 p.m.		

Next Meeting		
Date	Time	Location
TBD	TBD	TBD