

# St. Thomas Aquinas Secondary School

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## St. Thomas Aquinas School Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday October 5, 2022

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

### Location: Microsoft Teams

**Attendees:** A. Bomben, K. Sylvestre, L. Deme, C. Mallozzi, A. Castellano, M. Laviola, N. Skerlan, C. McKnight, K. Joseph

### Minutes :

- Opening Prayer/Land Acknowledgement was delivered by VP Kevin Sylvestre
- Principal Adriano Bomben welcomed all parents and guests to the first meeting of the 2022 school year

### School Reports

#### Student Council Report

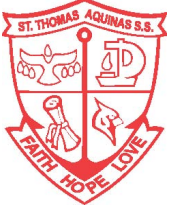
- The student PM reported on the many activities which have taken place since the start of the school year. Among the events discussed were the Orange Shirt Day, Girl's Rugby game, the Terry Fox Run
- She provided a look at upcoming Student Council events. There are plans for a junior and senior dance and Halloween activities

#### Staff Report

- Ms. Castellano provided information from the staff in regards to
- Planning for Independence making/selling pumpkins to/for staff and at the Montecasino event
- The Christmas showcase RAP is putting together for the community Saturday, December 17
- Grade 11/12 RAP students went to Stratford
- The Indigenous Studies class when to the Paramount Centre for the Indigenous celebration on the 30th of September
- The role of the Graduation Coach for Black students was explained along with the Black Student Alliance program at school

#### Chaplaincy Report

- Mr. Bomben provided the Chaplaincy report on behalf of Mrs. Novak who was unable to attend the meeting
- Grade 9 classes participated in faith talks on the CEW theme for the year in September with Mrs Novak. Lots of enthusiasm from our new Cardinals!
- Grade 11 religion students wrote letters to seniors with faith filled uplifting messages that were greatly appreciated.
- In October we focus on Mary and the rosary. Rosary will be held Friday mornings in the chapel at 7:30am.
- Chaplaincy students will be participating in making care packages for the homeless in October and delivering them to Knights Table and Regeneration.
- Chaplaincy club meets every Monday 2:30-3:30 and students can gain community service hours.



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- Students in grade 9&10 had the opportunity to train to be leaders with Mrs Novak for upcoming mass & liturgies including readers and alter serving.
- HEAL bereavement group will begin with Mrs. Novak & Mr. Rousseau end of October. Students who have lost a parent or sibling will be invited to participate in healing retreats throughout the year.
- Looking ahead, Prayer group will be held on Monday mornings at 7:30am in the chapel in November remembering all souls who have gone before us, All Souls Day & All Saints Day Nov 1&2.

## Principal Report

- Mr. Bomben began by discussing the role of the Catholic School Council and addressed those who put forth nominations
- There were fewer than 15 nominations so each parent who put their name forward was acclaimed as members of the School Council
- It was explained that the position of Chair/Co-chair, treasurer, OYAPCE Rep, Parish Rep, and Secretary were available to those interested. An email will be sent to those who put their names forward and the voting process would be shared if needed
- Numerous questions from the parents of students in the Regional Arts Program were asked throughout the meeting. Mr. Bomben did his best to assure parents that the RAP students are receiving the necessary supports
- Concerns about fundraising for RAP were addressed. RAP parents are free to form a sub-committee to raise funds for the Regional Arts Program to pay for items such as new instruments, repairs for the dance studio and music room floors
- There was discussion regarding the purpose of School Council and what could be expected for future meetings
- A discussion began regarding the nature of the meetings and whether or not they would be in person or remote or a hybrid. A consensus could not be reached and was as an agenda item for the next council meeting to be held virtually via MS Teams

## Vice Principal Reports

- C. Mallozzi, L. Deme, K. Sylvestre introduced themselves, their roles, and the alphas for which they are responsible
- Literacy and numeracy plans were highlighted

## 2022-2023 School Council Elections

### Positions:

**Co-Chairs:** Monique Napier & Kelly Joseph

**Treasurer:** Marisol Avila

**OAPCE Rep:** Carol McKnight

**Secretary:** Nancy Skerlan

**Proposed Meeting Dates:** November 9, January 18, April 5, June 7