

## St. Teresa of Avila Catholic School Parent Council Meeting

**Meeting date:** May 22, 2024

**Location:** St. Teresa of Avila Catholic School Library

**Start time:** 6:00 pm

**Attendees-** Cristina Roda- Principal, Ken Jim- parent at large, Bobbi Wilson- Secretary, Michelle Thompson- Chair, Claudia Coniglio-ERW, Stacey McLeod- Treasurer and Fundraising rep, Ola Salvador- Parent Rep, Hilda Firempong- parent

**Virtual-** Brenda Morales- OAPCE rep

**Absent-** Brea Corbett- Trustee, Linda Marcuzzi- Vice Principal, Jen Ballard- Teacher rep, Nathaniel Boateng- parent, Tara Chappu-parent, Gillian Elango- Parish rep, Ida Lotesto- Teacher rep, Madymba Noord-parent, Nina Graham- Fundraising, Ms. Pimentel, Teacher rep

**Introductions**—Welcome everyone!

**Opening Prayer**

**Land Acknowledgement**

We would like to acknowledge we are on the sacred ground of the indigenous territory and thank the Mississauga's of the First Credit Nation for being stewards of this land.

**Review of the previous minutes-** Approved by Michelle Thompson, Seconded by Bobbi Wilson. Unanimously approved.

**Chair report** – Continuing to explore the possibility of utilizing Pizza Nova for pizza lunches for the next school year.

**Parish Report-** No update

**Treasurer report-** Bike racks still need to be installed and the library will be painted over the summer. Funding will be saved for the ice-cream truck in June and the BBQ family night held in September. It is anticipated that at least \$3000 will be leftover and the balance will be used to help with the Student Nutrition program start up in the new school year.

**CCCSC-**no updates

**OAPCE-** AGM was held in Kingston on April 22, 2023, and was a huge success. There were proposed by-law amendments passed during the meeting, they can be found here: [OAPCE-Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education](#)

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OAPCE is celebrating 85 years- To highlight this important milestone anniversary we have created our OAPCE position paper “Empowering Parents and Preserving Catholic Education: Ensuring Student Success and Well-Being in Ontario” which emphasizes the critical importance of publicly funded Catholic education in Ontario to ensure the success and well-being of students. The position paper can be found on the website.

OAPCE confirmed that it has a not-for-profit status, and that School Boards pay a \$70 annual fee to be members.

### **Principal’s report-**

#### **Catholic Faith Life**

- St. John of the Cross-Sacraments – All information with regards to sacraments will be communicated through the church, school newsletter, and school email.
  - Daily morning prayers are held at 8:35am each morning.
  - Staff liturgies held monthly through Adult Faith Ambassadors
  - Monthly Virtue assemblies- each grade/division asked to sign-up.
  - Monthly in-person visits from the Rosary Apostolate (3rd Wednesday of each month)
  - Hope Stone Retreats coming in for Grades 5 & 6 on May 3rd, and for Grades 7 & 8 May 29th, 2024.
  - Earth Day- Stewardship of the Earth- students participated in an assembly, and then took turns cleaning up the yard.
  - Peel Health is partnering with the school and provided all staff and students with reusable bento-style lunch boxes.
  - Catholic Education Week: We are all Called to Love (May 6- May 10)
  - Monday-Coding Gallery, Journey into Learning (pm)
  - Tuesday: Mental Health Awareness Day (also Mental Health Week)
  - Wednesday: Multicultural Showcase- 1pm- all parents invited, Provincial Mass (AM)
  - Thursday- Shining Stars
  - Friday: Avila Day! - activities planned for the day, as well as a special treat of freezies!
  - Our Lady of Guadalupe Liturgy-May 17th, 2024 (supported by Rosary Apostolates & Classes)- 2 presentation- 1 for the Primary, and 1 for the Junior/Intermediates
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- **Instructional**
  - EQAO has been scheduled for the Grade 3 and Grade 6 classes.
  - Grade 3- June 5, 6, & 7
  - Grade 6- May 28, 29 & 30
  - Extracurricular

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### **Extracurricular**

- Intermediate girls' and boys' soccer is underway- tournament date is May 24, 2024.
- PALS continues to occur over lunch recess
- DPA club is happening in classrooms- intermediate students are representatives.
- Coding club and Hacker Girl is still happening, Event happening May 28, 2024
- Grade 7 & 8 Skills Ontario Career Awareness Workshops- May 6th. Free opportunity for students
- Track and Field Day took place on May 14, 2024 (students grades 5-8)
- Walking Wednesday Wellness Club happening each week supported by CYW, P. Brathwaite, and SW G. Grant. All invited to attend!

### **Youth Faith Ambassadors Social Justice Club**

- Came together to prepare our Multi-Cultural Showcase- Talent and Fashion Show
- Various staff involved- from all over the school.
- Slide deck shared with staff to use in their classrooms.
- CYW in classrooms did class presentations surrounding mental health and wellness.
- Social Justice emphasis- Portugal
- Slide deck shared with teachers- display of books in the foyer around the map.

### **General Updates**

- Weather continues to be closely monitored- making calls about whether the recess is indoor or outdoor.
- Peel Vaccine Clinic back in June for the Grade 7 & 8 vaccines
- DPA Committee- through the Peel Health Nurse
- PALS- up and running with the CYW and teacher support.
- Board game club for primary students
- Lunch options are popular- students have been taking advantage of all food options- pizza remains the most successful- Looking at other providers for next year- just to remain competitive.
- Breakfast club is alive and well! Staff and community volunteers support daily with cooking, cleaning, and entertainment- we have reapplied to PC School Lunches, and we hope to receive the funding again for next year.
- Ice-Cream truck has been booked and paid for through SGF for playday.
- M. Thompson is being recognized for her contributions to St. Theresa of Avila CS on June 20, 2024. Volunteer Appreciation- May 22, 2024
- Grade 8 Grad Trip- Thursday, May 23, 2024
- Co-Ed Soccer Tournament- Friday, May 24, 2024
- Hackergirl Trip- Monday, May 27, 2024
- Grade 7/8 Retreat- Wednesday May 29, 2024

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- FDK Family Day- Thursday, May 30
- Friday, May 31, 2024- Softball Tournament
- Family Track & Field Event- June 11, 2024
- End of Year Celebration- June 14, 2024
- Year End Mass- June 20, 2024
- Grade 8 Graduation- June 21, 2024- Trinity Hall

### Upcoming Events:

- Catholic School Council Meeting- Thursday, September 19, 2024
- Open House/ BBQ- Thursday September 26, 2024

**Meeting ended:** 7:30 pm

**Next meeting dates:** 6 pm at the library- Next meeting: September 19, 2024.