

St. Teresa of Avila Catholic School Parent Council Meeting

**Meeting date:** September 20, 2023

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

**Start time:** 6:00 pm

**Attendees-** Cristina Roda- Principal, Linda Marcuzzi- Vice-Principal, Stacey McLeod- Treasurer and Fundraising rep, Jennifer Ballard-Teacher rep, Bobbi Wilson-Secretary, Brenda Morales-OAPCE rep, Michelle Thompson-Chair, Ken Jim- parent at large, Nina Graham- Fundraising rep, Gillian Elango- Parish Rep

**Absent-** Brea Corbett- Trustee, Claudia Coniglio-Non-teaching rep, Lisa Pimentel-Fagundes-Teacher rep, Ola Savador- parent rep

**Introductions**—Welcome

**Opening Prayer-Faith**

Let us pray for the grace and strength to be people of faith. People who can truly believe that God’s plan for our children includes the right to be safe at school.

**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-** Unanimously approved.

**Chair report** – No report

**Parish Report-** No report

**Treasurer report-**

St. Teresa of Avila  
TD Canada Trust  
School Council

Trial Balance (Category Date Range)  
Sort by Category Name

Report #9

9/1/2022.....8/31/2023

Date ... Range

2022-2023

Categories		Balance Forward	Expenses	Revenues	Balance
Bank Service Charges	7030		\$48.40	\$48.40	0.00
Grant - Parent Involvement	7317		\$500.00	\$500.00	0.00
Over/Under	7189		\$254.00	\$254.00	0.00
Pizza Days	7205		\$31,114.55	\$31,114.55	0.00
School Council General	7000	\$8,467.49	\$15,666.87	\$19,986.97	12,787.59
	Total	\$8,467.49	\$47,583.82	\$51,903.92	\$12,787.59

**Teacher report-**

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- June costs for Grade 8 graduation and the ice cream shop were a success.
- Parent council will investigate municipal support to clear the wooded space behind the school so that it can be accessed by students.

**Wish List-** Parent council to consider providing funds for:

- Recorders for C. Rodrigues and J. Ballard
- Budget for the Ride/Walk to School- money for prizes.

Parent council voted and approved these expenses.

### **Principal's report-**

#### ***Catholic Faith Life***

- Virtue Presentations will be displayed at St. John of the Cross
- St. John of the Cross-Sacraments –All information with regards to sacraments will be communicated through the church and school email
- Virtual daily morning prayer at school is occurring.
- ShareLife Spirit Weeks – will happen during Halloween, Christmas, Easter, Spring
- Rosary Apostolate – Back in person! Third Wednesday of each month beginning in October
- Terry Fox: Walk- Thursday, October 5, 2023
- Orange Shirt Day Acknowledgement-Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023

#### ***Assessment For, As and of Learning***

- Progress Reporting: November 7th
- EMPOWER & Lexia Reading program will take place this year. Intensive reading support program targeted for struggling readers.

#### ***General Updates***

- Current enrolment 380 students, that is an increase this year!
- PD Day on September 18th, 2023, to support reorganization.
- Re-organization Process-focussed on provincial primary class cap sizes, remote learning option, new registrations, student moves, all have affected enrollment.
- All grade 7 & 8 students have received their EDWIN device and it is supported through our EGLT-Ms. Maggie Lillicrop
- School Generated Budget is now available and a request for additional painting to refresh the hallways will be made. May also consider requesting funding for a new roof.
- Traffic Enforcement: safety reminder message will be sent to the community with regards to Kiss N Ride & parking
- See Newsletter / school communication / Twitter for school related updates

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- Individual Picture Day-September 27, 2023
- Lunch Options- Lunchbox, Sub & Pizza -offered 5 days per week.
- Open House BBQ September 28- families pre-ordered and provided a nominal fee to help offset costs. County of origin will be collected and added to the map at the foyer to help visualize and recognize the amazing school diversity.
- The school will have 'math facilitators' available to support students who want extra help.
- Breakfast club will be starting at the end of September in the gym, all are welcome.
- Students and staff are enjoying a changed softer bell tone this year.

**Meeting ended:** 7:30 pm

**Next meeting dates:** 6 pm at the library- First meeting is October 25, November 22, 2023, January 24, 2025, March 27, 2025, May 22, 2025.