

# St. Daniel Comboni Catholic School Council

March 20th, 2024 – Meeting Meetings  
Time 6:30pm

M. Thompson  
J. Dimaapi  
A. Marchao  
R. Maamari  
V. Bachoo  
N. Hakimi  
J. Freitas  
R. Boreal Jr.  
M. Dimatteo  
K. Melo  
D. Samaroo  
C. Parani

1. Opening Prayer (Hail Mary) / Acknowledgement of First Nations- Mississaugas of the Credit.

2. Welcome (New attendees Intro to group).

3. Approval of the Agenda / Minutes of January 10th (approved by J. Freitas and R.Borel)

4. Principal's Report:

## **Catholic Community, Culture and Caring**

- For the month of February, we celebrated Black History Month. We highlighted important and famous Black Canadians during our morning announcements.
- SocaCize was here on February 9th. Students and staff had a fun time learning about Soca and Reggae tunes. We enjoyed dancing and spending time with one another while learning and listening to cultural music.
- Continuing to celebrate Black History all throughout the year, Duane Gibson, a Canadian rapper and motivational speaker was invited to speak to our grade 4-8 students. He shared his story and his love for Rap music. Students were in awe of his skills and the famous people Mr. Gibson collaborated with.
- Our BHM committee - intermediate students also created and presented cultural dance pieces for the whole school.
- During the week of Feb 12-16, we celebrated Valentine's day early - Thank you to our CSC for their support in Valentines with a Treat!

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- Another Huge thank you to our CSC for their support with Shrove Tuesday. We were able to donate \$430 to Guardian Angels
- We celebrated Ash Wednesday with a whole school liturgy - families joined and were able to receive ashes with our staff and students. Thank you to Mrs. Ciacico, Mrs. Manning for leading our choir and Mr. Barbosa for accompanying our choir with our new piano - thank you to our CSC for that!!
- Successful Book fair - Mrs. Sandey was able to purchase more books for our school library. Thank you to our community for supporting this initiative.
- Our primary and Junior teachers have been receiving board math and literacy support (Literacy Lead, Math lead)
- Our Intermediate classes continue to receive support from our EGELT and participated in an Int film festival - the winning video will represent our school this Friday at the family level showcase.
- Our Mental Health Warriors lead our Pink Shirt Day Spirit week and lead our Pink Lemonade stand . They also planned and ran our Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week activities - A huge thank you to Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Marchildon and Mrs. Doyle for leading this initiative
- Our Grade 1 classes hosted a virtual virtue assembly for February on Respect
- The grade 8 grad hoodies arrived this week and were distributed to the students - another huge thank you to our CSC for your generous donation
- Teachers received confidential tentative staffing letters for next year
- We are asking families who would like to request a specific class for their child next year to do, by indicating their child's learning strengths and needs. Specific teacher names will not be accepted.
- Teachers will ask each student to list at least 3 friends for next year. We will try to honor at least 1 friend request

**Spirit Week** - Random Act of Kindness week - Feb 12 - 16

- Pink Shirt Day Spirit Week (Feb 26 -Mar 1) in support of Anti Bullying

**Masses:** April 11: School Mass Gr 1-7 - 9:30am

**Sacraments:** Communion and Confirmation April 20-21

**Presenters/ Field Trips:**

**Peel Water Safety (Gr 2&8)**

**Equity Conference (Gr. 7)**

**Duane Gibson (Gr. 4-8)**

**BHM Dancers (whole school)**

**BHM Real Alouds (Kinders)**

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**Crawford Lake (Gr. 3)**

**Silver Creek (Gr.4)**

**Sheridan Trades and Tech Day (Gr.8 Girls)**

## Clubs and Sports:

- Choirs: primary and junior
  - Junior Soccer Tournament (End of Jan)
  - Jr and Int – grades 4-8 - Basketball tournament - family and Invitational  
Jr -Girls placed 3 at the family tournament and Jr boys 1st place Boards
  - Primary Games club - meets once a week
  - Chess Club
  - Health Hearts
  - Badminton
  - PALS
  - Pickle ball
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- What's new? What's coming?
    - March 22** - Kinder will put on a live virtue assembly
    - March 25th - 29th** - Holy Week
    - March 27/28** - Grade 1 Safety Village Trip
    - March 28th** -Stations of the Cross - Presented by Grade 8's.
    - March 29th** - Good Friday - No School
    - April 1** - Easter Monday - No school
    - April 4th** - E.L.L Trip
    - April 9 - Sacrament buddies at the church hall Grade 2 and 7 “Beading Buds. Faith Activities and Lunch provided.
    - April 10 - 12** - Grade 8 Graduation Trip to Camp Muskoka
    - April 11** - School Mass Gr 1-7 - 9:30am
    - May 29 - STEAM Day for Girls for Brampton West - Gr 6-8. Each school can bring 5- 6 girls

## 5. Treasurer's Report -

- Balance of approx. **\$12,545.05**
  - Grad sweaters were purchased
  - Piano to be paid out
- Lollipops grossed \$869.35 (-254.90 cost)= net **\$614.45**
- Future spending:
  - Approximately \$5000 allocated for technology (set of 10 chromebook \$3310.96). Need 20 chrome books.

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- Outdoor learning environment, 2-3 year phase. Looking at quotes on stone work, approx. \$20,000

## 6. OAPCE Report

- Conference held on Apr 13, 2024
  - Marketplace, speakers, mass, resources for Catholic education.
  - Great way to connect with other parents
  - Mr. Borel to attend the conference. It is open to other parents to attend. CSC to cover conference fee for OAPCE Rep.
- Mr. Borel shared feedback on Catechism classes
  - It is a new program
  - Waiting on feedback from other schools

## 7. Future Fundraising Ideas

- April 26th, Movie night: Grade k-5
  - Pizza/patty dinner (5:45pm)
  - Limited number of guests by google form
  - Movie is Migration (1h22mins) (7:00pm)
  - Snacks: popcorn, chips, coffee, hot chocolate, water, glowsticks
  - On sale beginning April 2nd-19th
  - Grade 6-8 to watch The Little Mermaid during school hours
- June 14th, End of year dance:
  - Mr. Borel to look into DJ volunteer
  - Next meeting to decide the cost of the dance (donation, free?)

## 8. Chair's Report

- Catholic School Council Meeting Presentation @ Campion TBA in May
- Math scores have lowered
- Resources are being allocated to support math instruction.
- Revamping Math curriculum

## 9. Review of Upcoming Parent Council Meeting Dates:

- May 15, 2024

## 10. Meeting adjourned approximately 8:11pm

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