

St. Daniel Comboni Catholic Elementary School

Catholic School Council Minutes

Meeting Date: November 24th, 2022 @ 6:30pm (Virtual)

Attendees:

M. Thompson,
K. MacDonald,
A. Marchao,
M. Sousa,
R. Maamari,
L. Toste-Marchao,
M. DiMatteo,
D. Boutilier,
C. Forte,
D.Samaroo,
R. Borel Jr.,
C. Onaolapo,
H. U (Guest),
O. Olusakin,
I. Olukayode,
H. U,
L. Brown,
S. Benedict,
L, (Guest)
M. Shaneakque,
Damola,
Ana

1. Opening Prayer – Our Father.
2. Land Acknowledgement – We would like to acknowledge that our meeting is taking part on the Treaty Lands of the Mississaugas of the Credit and thank them for being the ongoing Stewards of this traditional territory.
3. Agenda – Anthony Marchao presented.
4. Special Motion – Addition of New Voting Member (Mr. Borel)

5. Approval of Minutes – Screen Shared Approved By: A. R. Maamari and D. Samaroo

6. Treasurer’s Report – Presented by M. Sousa

- Bank Balance Oct 31st , 2022, **\$10,123.82**
- Bank Charges \$7.50 and O/S Cheque \$300.30 Glow Bracelets.

7. Principal’s Report – Presented by M. Thompson

Catholic Community, Culture and Caring

- X Movement was here from Oct. 24-28. Each class had three sessions with them on the X Other program that focused on Problem Solving, Community Building and Communication Strategies. Community event on May 4th during CEW.
- We had a Halloween dance run by Mrs. Rhule’s Grade 8 class. Funds raised will be put towards subsidizing the Grade 8 overnight trip to Ottawa. Amount raised TBD.
- Youth Faith Ambassadors went into classrooms discussing Halloween, All Saints and All Souls Day from our faith perspective. They did a great job.
- YFA also planned and ran our Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week activities. They did a great job with putting up hands, cutting out t-shirts and creating and presenting scenarios for each division.
- Saidat Show was this week, and the focus was on being the best person you can be. She discussed having a positive attitude and how your attitude impacts others.
- We had the Grade 2½ and 3 classes do a virtue assembly focusing on empathy. Thank you to Mrs. Calautti, Mrs. Sylvestre, Mrs. Skyvington and Ms. D’Silva. The Primary Choir also sang at this assembly and did a great job. We have one next week with a focus on Conscience (Online), which was November’s virtue. The virtue for December is Hope (Assembly).
- **Treaties Recognition Presentations**
 - Bases – Our school has one of the largest populations that self identify as indigenous within the DPCDSB.
- Remembrance Day Assemblies were beautiful - put on by Mrs. Monteiro, Ms. Gialanella, Ms. Altobelli, Ms. D’Silva and Mrs. Skyvington

5. **Spirit Week** - Great week after Halloween. Then also for Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week. Grade 8 students looking at possibly selling Jamaican Patties. School will be continuing cookie day as well as Pizza Days,

6. **Masses**

- Dates: Advent Mass December 5th 10am - Father Jan to come to school.

- Grades 2 to 8 to participate while K – Gr.1 will come down after to receive a blessing.
- Due to the size of the school and capacity limits parents will not be able to attend.
- Looking at possible streaming options.
- Mass in the spring will likely be a walk to the church. Logistics under review.

7. Sacraments

- Classes for first communion Grade 2 and 3 will be mandatory - church has emailed families as such.
- Dates:
 - 1st Communion Reconciliation – April 7th at 7pm
 - 1st Communion Sacrament – April 30th at 3pm
 - Confirmation Reconciliation – May 11th at 7pm
 - Confirmation Sacrament – May 23rd at 7pm

8. Tutoring

- After school tutoring continues on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:45-4:45 for grades 3-8 students who were recommended by the teacher in consultation with resource staff and last year's teacher.
- Each class was given a cap of 10 to 15 students to participate.
- In school tutoring will continue to take place for designated students in K-2 where they will be pulled out to work in small groups of 5 students with their classroom teacher on literacy and/or math skills.
- Both tutoring sessions will take place until December.

9. Presenters

Saidat Show

X-Movement

Scientists in the School

Mississauga Arts – FDK – All about me. -Diversity/Uniqueness

10. Clubs and Sports

- Choirs: primary and junior

- Cross Country – grades 4-8 - some students went on to the boards
- Volleyball – Intermediate– Girls played well - lost in the mini
- Volleyball - Intermediate Boys - did well in mini today but lost in the end
- Chess Club
- Up and Coming Clubs
 - Coding – Funds to be requested from Council TBA.
 - Board games

11. What's new? What's coming?

- Group photos coming in January along with Grad Photos in March.
- Nutritious snacks program being offered (Yogurt, Fruit, granola).
- PA Day tomorrow - November 25th - No school for students
- Newsletters
- Nov 28th - Science presentation Gym Grades 4-6
- Advent
 - Starting Sunday Nov 27th
 - Initiatives within the school
 - Food Drive
 - Family and Staff Gift Cards
 - Toy Drive
 - Youth Faith Ambassadors – running Class based challenges.
 - Hat and Mitts Drive
 - Decorating
 - Handmade Cards and Letters to seniors.
 - Various other Faith based activities.
 - Advent Night will be held December 12th

8. Teachers Report - D. Boutilier and V. Bachoo

- Nothing to Report.

9. Parish Report – C. Forte

- Nothing to Report

10. OAPCE Report – R. Maamari, M. DiMatteo

- OAPCE is on social media so feel free to follow them on Twitter - @OAPCE_DP
- As different webinars and events come up that could be of interest to the school community, we will share them.
- The Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association is running a video contest for students from grades 4-12. OCSTA invites students in grades 4-12 where they're asked to create a 2-minute video highlighting acts of Christian service to others that give witness to our faith. There are prizes like a **\$300 Best Buy gift card** for first place. Here's the info for that

<https://www.ocsta.on.ca/about-ocsta/2022-short-video-contest-guidelines/>

- We have a shared document where representatives are including any fundraising ideas and events for all of us to see and get inspiration from. These are the ones that seemed to stand out which we could talk about on our fundraising agenda:
- Parents donate household items like soaps, purses, jewellery, etc. to the school to create a market for students where they can come and shop for their families. The gifts get wrapped by volunteers and then the students have something to gift their family members
- Large Christmas Baskets were put together to Raffle at the holiday family night. We can see what donations can be provided from the school community
- Gingerbread house kits are available on family holiday evenings for students to purchase and decorate or bring home. Again, perhaps we can get these in bulk from the manager at the No Frills...
- There was also mention of a \$500 grant given to schools for parent engagement so maybe we can use that to come up with a fundraiser specific to the parents.

11. Fund Raising Ideas

- Parent Engagement Night
- Christmas Ideas
- Big Box
- Bagel Day or Pita Day or Subs or Meat Patty Day – Dairy Free options must be available.
- Movie Night – Possible Jan 20th, 2023, or 2 separate nights due to capacity limits.
- Pancake Day – Feb 21st, 2023 – Possible donation of pancakes.

- Student Market – Families donate items that students can purchase for their families for a \$1 or \$2.
- Advent Gift Basket Raffle. – Local family run business may donate baskets to advertise their business. Council raffles them off to raise funds.
- Gingerbread kits purchased in bulk. Sell during advent for families to take home and build with their families.
- Bring back the Big Box of cards – Digital reach out.
- Valentine’s Day Dance.
- Celebrating Ethnic Diversity by collecting family recipes and making a digital book to be sold.
- Culture Day – Market.
- Other Fundraising Ideas
 - i. 1 Major Fundraiser and 2 Minor

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12. Upcoming Virtual Council Meeting dates Thursdays:

- November 24th
- January 12th
- March 9th
- May 18th

13. New Business

- Movie Nights
- Spring Fundraiser – Brainstorm new Major fundraising ideas. Ex. Cards, Chocolates, Cookies etc.
- Culture Day
- Spring Family Day.

14. Meeting Adjourned – 7 :44pm