



# CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## Corpus Christi Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: **Wednesday, October 4, 2023**

Time: 6:30 pm – 8.56 pm

### Staff Attending:

Principal                      Matthew Di Fiore  
Teacher Rep                    Vacant

### Attendees:

Chair: Leela Johnson  
Treasurer: Iwona Rudnicki  
Secretary: Sharini Wijeyesekera  
OAPCE: Joseph Prem  
Parish Rep: Kimberly Torrijas  
Visitors: Valerie, Varsha, Julia  
Regrets: Catholic School Trustee Luz del Rosario, Catholic School Trustee Stefano Pascucci

### Items:

1. Opening Prayer & Land Acknowledgement	Matthew Di Fiore read the Opening Prayer and Land Acknowledgement.
2. Welcome	Catholic School Trustees – Luz del Rosario & Stefano Pascucci sent their regrets.
3. Approval of Agenda	Approved by Leela Johnson and seconded by Iwona Rudnicki.
4. Approval of May 24, 2023 Minutes	Approved by Leela Johnson, Seconded by Kimberly Torrijas. Minutes will be published on the school website on October 5, 2023.
5. Catholic School Council Members 2023-2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Chair: Leela Johnson</li><li>● Treasurer: Iwona Rudnicki</li><li>● Secretary: Sharini Wijeyesekera</li><li>● OAPCE: Joseph Prem</li><li>● Parish Rep: Kimberly Torrijas</li><li>● Principal: Matthew Di Fiore</li><li>● Teacher Rep: to be decided</li><li>● Parent Rep: Julia Troina</li></ul>

<p>6. Future Dates for Catholic School Council Meetings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nov 15, 2023</li> <li>• Jan 10, 2024</li> <li>• Feb 28, 2024</li> <li>• Apr 10, 2024</li> <li>• May 22, 2024</li> </ul>
<p>7. Parish Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Celebration of First Confession for Grade 2s and some Grade 3s on December 7, 2023</li> <li>• Celebration of First Communion for Grade 2s and some Grade 3s on April 20 or 27, 2024 (exact dates to be informed by the Parish)</li> <li>• Celebration of First Confirmation for Grade 8s on April 21 or 28, 2024 (exact dates to be informed by the Parish)</li> </ul>
<p>8. Treasurer's Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of Current Year School Generated Funds and School Council Accounts School Council Balance: \$187.02 School Generated Funds Balance: \$13,227.00</li> <li>• The Council encourages parent involvement in school fundraising activities as well as other activities. Mr. Di Fiore hopes that the Council encourages continued parent support and participation in Open House, Virtue Day Celebrations, Mass, and other school activities.</li> </ul>
<p>9. OAPCE Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OAPCE Dufferin-Peel Website: <a href="https://dufferinpeel.oapce.org/">https://dufferinpeel.oapce.org/</a> shared. The next regional meeting will be held on October 18, 2023.</li> </ul>
<p>10. Administration/School Updates</p>	<p>Mr. Di Fiore informed of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome the new staff – Ms. Barak (FDK), Ms. D'Urzo (ESL/PT/SERT), and Ms. Castillio (ERW). One teacher retired, one being J. Yuschyshyn who had many years of experience, and her service was greatly appreciated. The school is planning a retirement party, which the council will be kept abreast of.</li> </ul>
<p>a) Catholic Community, Culture, and Caring</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Virtue of the Month (September -Faith, October -Empathy, November – Conscience)</li> <li>• Terry Fox Marathon of Hope - \$2,685 highest amount ever raised. The goal was \$2,250 but with T shirt sales and donations the school was able to exceed the target.</li> <li>• Thanksgiving Food Drive – last day tomorrow – will be split into both Cristo Rei communities in need and Food Banks Mississauga.</li> <li>• Rowan's Law Day – Concussion Awareness – Wednesday, September 27.</li> <li>• Thanksgiving/Open School Mass celebrated by Father Carlos with the participation of students, teachers, and parents.</li> <li>• National Day for Truth and Reconciliation: Saturday September 30, students were encouraged to wear Orange Shirts on Friday, September 29.</li> <li>• Thanksgiving Day – Monday, October 9</li> <li>• World Mental Health Day – Our CYW, Mr. Nazar, to Coordinate some activity for the students on Tuesday, October 10</li> <li>• Dental Screening November 8, 9, and 13. More information will be sent out shortly.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Remembrance Day – Liturgy and Virtue of Conscience Assembly on Friday, November 10.</li> </ul>
b) Learning Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mathletics and Reading Eggs – Excellent resources for students in the areas of Language and Mathematics. Received great feedback from all.</li> <li>● PA Day Friday, October 6, 2023.</li> <li>● School Bus Safety Presentation Tuesday November 7 – Students have volunteered to be Bus Monitors.</li> <li>● Progress Reports Sent Home – Tuesday, November 7, 2023</li> <li>● Parent Teacher Interview Evening – Thursday November 9, 2023</li> </ul>
c) School/Community Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CCCSC Calendar Dates Shared – October 19 and November 30. Mr. Di Fiore and Leela Johnson will be participating at a training on October 19 at St Francis Xavier Secondary school. Training for Catholic School Council Members on Thursday, November 30 at 7:00 pm (Virtual Meeting).</li> <li>● Athletics: Cross Country – Family Meet on October 13 at Centennial Park. Junior Volleyball - POD one day tournament on October 19 - No spectators allowed.</li> <li>● Extra-Curricular Activities – Choir, ECO Club encouraging walk to school days.</li> <li>● Pizza Day (Wednesday), Corleone’s (Thursday), Pita Pit (Friday) – Positive response from families and there is a range of good healthy choices. Hoping to perhaps introduce Subway or Mr. Sub in the future.</li> <li>● Tuck Shop on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays – Parents will be able to purchase through school cash online.</li> <li>● Open House – Wednesday September 27, Great turnout everyone loved the funnel cake.</li> <li>● National Custodial Workers recognition day – Monday, October 2 – Erwing Aro and Enrique Rebagliatti will be recognized.</li> <li>● World Teachers Day – Thursday, October 5 – The teachers will be receiving a small treat.</li> <li>● Photo day - Thursday October 12 – Parents informed.</li> <li>● Childcare worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day – Tuesday October 17 – Ms. Guerrero and Ms. Raposo will be appreciated.</li> <li>● Canadian Library Workers Day – Friday October 20 – Ms. Tome will be appreciated.</li> <li>● Halloween Dance-a-Thon takes place on Tuesday, October 31</li> <li>● Photo retake is Monday, November 6</li> </ul>
d) Physical Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Eco Schools – received platinum status.</li> <li>● Improvements being made to Room 111 for Spec. Ed. students – Calming/Sensory Room.</li> <li>● The fence by the school buses was just repaired.</li> <li>● Need to get mulch for the garden.</li> </ul>
10. AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Movie night will be organized this year.</li> <li>● Circles of Rosary will be returning this year. Ms. Davidson is coordinating the scheduling with Cora Bryce.</li> </ul>
11. Next Meeting	Wednesday, November 15, 2023
12. Closing Prayer	Mr. Di Fiore read the Closing Prayer.
13. Adjournment	Motion Carried – Julia Troina and Kimberly Torrijas