

# MINUTES

## St. Marguerite d'Youville Catholic Secondary School Catholic School Council Meeting

*Wednesday, May 17, 2023 6:30 p.m |*

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### In Attendance

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Council Chair – Sunny Kanabe  
Principal - Rob Weatherbee  
Vice Principal - Peter Petruccelli  
Vice Principal - Sophia Maloney  
Chaplain/Teaching Rep - Tony Whelan  
Non-Teaching Rep - Terri Caroleo  
Parish Rep – Nicole Bailey  
Secretary - Tamara Miller-Lee  
OAPCE Rep – Lorenzo Coward  
Member – Marcia Cameron  
Student Rep – DPCDSB - Adrea Rajshankar  
Student Co-Prime Minister – Rhea Roberts  
Student Co-Prime Minister - Kingslea Yale  
Black Student Alliance President - Nevon Golding  
Black Student Alliance President – Jordan Dale  
Black Student Alliance Vice President – Randy Amankwaan  
Black Student Alliance Vice President – Keshawn Ward  
Black Student Alliance Incoming President - Victoria Uyere

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### Apologies

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Treasurer – Rasheed Akhigbe

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### Opening Exercises

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Meeting was called to order by Council Chair, Sunny Kanabe at 6:45 p.m.

Conflict of Interest: None declared by members present

Opening Prayer led by Chaplain Tony Whelan

Land Acknowledgement by the Principal, Rob Weatherbee

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### Approval of Agenda

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Agenda for the meeting was approved as proposed

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## Approval of Minutes

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Minutes of March 22, 2023 meeting approved as amended.

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## Matters Arising From Minutes

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- Final figures from Domino's Pizza fundraiser will be tallied by the end of the week. Final fundraiser day is Wednesday May 17.
- Monica Gomes' name has been submitted as a nominee for Volunteer of the Year Award. A total of 22 nominations were received by the Award Committee. The Award ceremony will be held on June 15.

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## Staff Representative Reports

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### **Chaplain/Teacher Representative Report - Tony Whelan**

- School Walkathon to Parish took place on May 4 and it was very successful. The success of the event was due to the collaborative efforts between many teams in the school.
- Father Rogers' message about the 'Power of Silence' resonated with many.
- The Walkathon fostered elements of community, food, fun, faith, life and high energy. The students were highly engaged throughout the entire event.
- 3 more retreats to be held before the end of the school year

### **Non-Teacher Representative – Terri Coroleo**

- Tickets are still being sold for Prom. Approximately 200 tickets have been sold so far.
- Deadline for ticket sales is approaching but may be extended.
- Prom Committee is requesting support of \$500 from the School Council towards purchasing complete centre pieces.
- Graduation plans are ongoing.

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## CCCSC Report

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The Chair reported on activities of the Central Committee for Catholic School Councils (CCCSC) as follows:

- The last meeting was held on May 11
- The final meeting of the school year and the Volunteer of the Year Award ceremony will hold on June 15.
- 22 nominations were received for the Volunteer of the Year Award on the deadline of May 2.
- The wrap up meeting of the Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) will hold on May 25.

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## Student Representatives Report

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- Students have been very pleased with all they have been able to accomplish this year, building school spirit.
- No other events planned at this time as students will move into preparation or CPTs and Exams.
- Students are looking forward to Graduation Ceremony.

- Students are pleased with the successes they have been achieving which are recognized through the Academic Awards
- Student council focused on encouraging students to complete the school year successfully.
- Cultural Day is on May 18, 2023. Students are encouraged to wear cultural attire. This event enhances school spirit and sense of community. Will have cultural dances in the Cafeteria during lunch.

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### Parish Rep Report

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- Birthright Brampton Bottle Campaign is ongoing.
- Stitches Program continues.
- Summer School registration forms due on June 7, 2023

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### Principal's Report

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Principal, Rob Weatherbee provided the following updates:

- Areas that requires some adjustments have been identified. Lunch periods is one such area where adjustments are being proposed. The school is proposing 2 set lunch periods instead of the current 3. This has been piloted and seems to work well for students and staff. There may be a few challenges but overall the feedback is positive and seems to be more beneficial for attendance and instruction than the current structure. Student representatives present at the meeting provided valuable feedback on the lunch times and menu options for consideration by school admin.
- The school will also try to limit the number of Phys Ed classes using the gym over the lunch periods in the next school year. This gives the opportunity to students to participate in activities.
- Chaplain, Tony Whelan will be retiring at the end of the school year after 20 years of service to St. Marguerite d'Youville. Interviews will be conducted to find a replacement. Existing Chaplains at other schools are interested in the position.
- There will be work done on the electronic sign at the front of the school to solve the problem.
- 35 new desktop computers have been placed in classrooms and 25 new Chrome books are also in the school as part of the Technology Refresh.
- Currently building next year's timetable.
- McMaster University will be hosting the Black Outreach Stem Series (BOSS) event at the school on June 9. There will be workshops in the morning and afternoon. This will be a great opportunity for students interested in STEM to be introduced to and exposed to McMaster Programming.

Vice Principal, Peter Petruccelli presented on the following:

- VPs are focused on keeping the building running smoothly while addressing concerns. The next few weeks are critical as the school year winds down.
- Many of the sporting events are also winding down.

Vice Principal, Sophia Maloney presented on the following:

- The school is offering a Summer Mental Health Support program for students in need. Flyers were given out to students.
- Social Worker will be offering support over the summer.
- The school is a site for the Night School and Summer School programs.
- There is a senior Peer Support Group
- Extra support is available for stress management.

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## Questions from the Floor

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What supports are in place for students during exam period?

The Admin team responded as per below:

- Resources are available to assist students.
- There will be a moratorium for 1 week prior to the start of exams. At that time, no new instructions, tests or assessments should be given to students. Students will have a chance to review work and catch up, as well as pay attention to their wellness.
- Initiative of Wellness Wednesdays introduced to assist students focus on their wellbeing and monitor stress.
- Peer tutoring is available to students.
- Students are expected to have a level of self-advocacy and communicate with their teachers to let their specific needs be known,

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## Finance/Fundraising

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- Terri Coroleo moved a motion for School Council to support the Prom Committee with \$500 towards expenses for centre pieces. The motion was seconded by Tamara Miller-Lee. Thereafter, Council unanimously approved the sum of \$500 to support the Prom Committee towards the centre pieces.

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## Any Other Business

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### **Amendment of Uniform Policy**

- The School Uniform Policy was presented for review. The review is to address concern regarding some words and phrases that are not in tune with current reality. Upon deliberation, it was unanimously resolved that the Uniform Policy of the school be and is hereby amended by deleting the affected words and phrases from the existing policy.

### **Next Meeting**

Monday June 12, 2023 at the School Library – Social Meeting with Potluck

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## Adjournment

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- Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.