

MINUTES

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

Wednesday, October 4, 2023 6:30 p.m |

In Attendance

Principal - Rob Weatherbee
Vice Principal - Sophia Maloney
Chaplain/Teaching Rep – Andrew Selvam
Non-Teaching Rep - Terri Caroleo
Sunny Kanabe - Parent
Tamara Miller-Lee - Parent
Lorenzo Coward - Parent
Samantha Francis – Parent
Gifty Owusu – Parent
Lola Adeoye - Parent

Opening Exercises

Meeting was called to order by Principal Rob Weatherbee
Opening Prayer led by Chaplain Andrew Selvam
Land Acknowledgement by the Principal, Rob Weatherbee
Welcome and Introductions conducted.
Approval of Agenda

Principal Comments

- Goal has been to create stability with leadership at the school.
- Safety is a priority for administration.
- An adjustment has been made to lunch schedules for the school. Now 2 lunch periods and not 3.
- Gym has been opened during lunch periods to allow students to play games - this has increased engagement of the students and lessened possibility for incidences.
- Library received a computer refresh with all new computers.

Election of Council Members

Nominations were accepted and nominees confirmed to positions as follows:

Sunny Kanabe – Chair

Tamara Miller-Lee – Secretary

Gifty Owusu – Treasurer

Lorenzo Coward – OAPCE Rep

Lola Adeoye – Parent Member

Samantha Francis – Parent Member

Staff Representative Reports

Non-Teacher Representative – Terri Coroleo

- There will be a Clubs Day at the school on October 5th – Clubs and teams will have displays in the Matrix to showcase their programs.
- Snr boys Volleyball team will have a buyout to raise money for needy families in the community.
- Various School teams have been formed and are actively training or playing.
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Chaplain/Teacher Representative Report – Andrew Selvam

Chaplaincy Team

- Initiated a new chaplaincy team under the motto “ To Love, To Serve”
- Goal is to foster family, fun, fellowship and service in the school and local community.
- Over 130 students registered in Chaplaincy Google Classroom.

Retreat Program

- Grade 9 Retreat – September 28 at Save Max Centre and this was a great success.
- Grade 10 Retreat Facilitated by Hopestone at St Marguerite D’Youville Parish
- Grade 11 Retreat – Places of Worship – Chapel, Mosque, Gurudwara, Coptic Orthodox Church
- Grade 12 Retreat done through street patrol in Downtown Toronto.
- Orange Shirt Day – Had students decorate orange shirts and write messages and place on the door. There was a display in our sacred space
- October Food Drive – all Month – to serve needy families in the community, St Vincent de Paul Society at St Margurite d’Youville
- School Mission Room – Will be using portables to place food and clothing and other donations for local families to be able to access.
- Salesian Leadership Retreat – This is being brought back to d’Y. This is a great opportunity for students to build leadership skills, make life long connections

Vice Prinicipal Report

Mr Weatherbee reported that a temporary Vice Principal assignment of Mr Benson Amun was made with the departure of Mr. Petrucelli. Mr Amun is a retired VP. The Vice Principal recruitment process will begin shortly at the Board Level. The goal is to have new Vice Principals in place by December 1st, 2023

Vice Principal Sophia Maloney reported:

- Grade 8 open house will be held November 9th

- Parent teacher Interviews will be held later this year after Mid term reports, approximately mid-November.
- Meeting with Dufferin Peel Champions – students support Mental Health Support & programming.
- PD Day for teachers will have focus on Mental Health Awareness for staff and students.
- Student Council presently going through elections.
- Student representatives will be at future meetings.
- Black Student Alliance (BSA) is flourishing – growth in membership has seen group meetings move from a classroom to the theatre.
- BSA organizing senior sunrise.
- There has been a proposal for a Southeast Asian Club
- There has been an overall great start to the year with students having a positive approach.
- There is a planned automation of Parent teach interview appointment booking process.
- 40 new computers in staff room.
- EQAO – grade 9 will be happening this year. There will be a change to the format for the test to be done in the classroom – scheduled for end of January.
- Cafeteria contract renewed with previous provider.

Any Other Business

Discussion amongst group on various ideas of how to further engage parent and students. Various fundraising ideas discussed and to be pursued by the School Council.

Next Meeting

Monday November 15, 2023 at the School Library

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.