

MINUTES

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

Monday January 18, 2022 6:30 p.m |

In Attendance

Council Chair – Sunny Kanabe
Principal - Rob Weatherbee
Vice Principal - Peter Petrucelli
Chaplain/Teaching Rep - Tony Whelan
Non-Teaching Rep - Terri Caroleo
Secretary - Tamara Miller-Lee
OAPCE Rep – Lorenzo Cowards
Parents - Leonie Rattigan and Marcia Cameron

Apologies

Treasurer – Rasheed Akhigbe
Parish Rep - Nicole Bailey

Opening Exercises

Meeting was called to Order by Council Chair – Sunny Kanabe at 6:36 p.m.
Welcome extended to the new Principal – Rob Weatherbee
Conflict of Interest: None declared by members present
Opening Prayer and Land Acknowledgement led by Tony Whelan

Approval of Agenda

Agenda for the meeting was approved as proposed

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of November 28, 2022 meeting approved as presented

Staff Representative Reports

Chaplain/Teacher Representative – Tony Whelan

- Staff meeting was held on Monday, January 16 with new the Principal
- Students were excited and hopeful for the new semester/new year
- Advent Liturgy was done in holiday period and next liturgy will be on February 22 - Ash Wednesday.
- Reflections for the season are on Peace and the Beatitudes

Non-Teacher Representative – Terri Coroleo

- There is lot of activities in the Library, many students were utilizing the space for their studies.
- Library was shut down for 2 days due to EQAO

Principal's Report

Principal, Rob Weatherbee provided the following updates:

- Has been at the school for about a week and still observing for a better understanding of the school environment
- A big priority is to ensure that the school is a safe learning and working environment.
- There will be some focus based on already observed issues. Students will be expected to obey reasonable requests from staff and administrators. Attendance and being attired in proper uniform will also be a priority.
- There are great and positive things about the school and will work hard to minimize conflicts
- School Hall Monitors are needed.
- Structure and firmness as well as setting of high expectations will be part of his focus.
- There will be opening assemblies at the beginning of 2nd Semester to review expectations and some standards, also as a medium to introduce self to students
- Will be establishing a Principal Advisory Committee as a high value is placed on student voice.
- Principal Advisory Committee will be a combination of representatives from various committees. Will be meeting with a wide group of students to get their perspectives.
- On the Family Improvement Team for Family of Schools, work is being done regarding Literacy and Numeracy. Teachers are being coached to ensure that feedback is given before marks are finalized. Teachers will also meet with others in the elementary panel to share best practices.
- Jobs have been posted for 2nd Semester.

Vice Principal, Peter Petrucelli presented on the following:

- Guidance Department proposing a date of February 16 to have an information night for parents
- Virtual Assemblies will be 2nd week of February
- Guidance Department recommending guest speakers to support student success
- Graduation is on June 30 at Powerade Centre
- Prom is on June 28 at Royal Ambassador Event Centre
- Report Cards will be distributed on February 10.
- Night School application due on February 14.

CCCSC Report

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

- The last CCCSC meeting was held on December 8, 2022.
- The \$500 CSC fund has been remitted to all the schools
- Members should endeavour to promote the Volunteer of the Year Award scheduled for June 15, 2023.
- Parent Engagement Feedback – Members should identify topics and/ or areas of interest they will like the Board to present or address. Feedback should reach CCCSC by February 6.
- The next CCCSC meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2022

Appointment of OAPCE Rep

- A representative was still required for the Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE).
- The member will represent dY CSC at OAPCE and will share information from OAPCE accordingly.
- Lorenzo Coward volunteered to hold this position.

Other Business

1. Question from the Floor:
 - What is the prevalence of fights/conflicts? There has only been 1 conflict in one week. The school Admin is actively dealing with any issues around the circumstances.
 - How are issues addressed when students have issues with certain teachers? - Bring forward concerns to school Admin and encourage self-advocacy with students
 - How are issues of cell phone usage in class addressed? Students are only allowed to use cell phones in class when approved by the class teacher. Parents can assist by reinforcing the rules.
 - It was suggested that some events, such as Alumni Night and/or Post-Secondary Night should be organized to get more parents involved school council meetings and activities.
 - On enquiry, it was confirmed that several volunteer opportunities are available for students in the school.
2. Other Suggestions:
 - Tony Whelan suggested that the City of Brampton should be approached to install traffic lights at Countryside Road and Heart Lake Road intersection. It was agreed that Tony should come up with recommendations on the specific steps to be taken and provide feedback at the next meeting.
 - The need for a small project for the students was discussed and it was resolved that the Principal should be given time to settle and thereafter make a recommendation to council at the next meeting.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at the School Library.

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.
- Tony Whelan led the closing prayer.