



Father Michael Goetz School Council Meeting
Monday October 7th, 2024 @ 6:00pm – Library/Virtual

Name	Attendance Confirmed	Position
Sharon Allegretto	Y	Principal
Vincenzo Angaran	Y	Vice-Principal
Dr. Ekwutosi Odozor	Y	Vice-Principal
Betty Hrvatin	Y	Teacher Rep
Angelo Minardi	Y	Chaplin
Kaedee Florendo	Y	Student Rep
Bruno Iannicca	N	Trustee
Stefano Pascucci	N	Trustee
Luz Del Rosario	N	Trustee
Rosa Louro	Y	Co-Chair
Rosaria Nogueira	Y	Co-Chair
Rosaria Nogueira	Y	Parish Rep
Maria Scupham	Y	Secretary/Treasurer
Simone Croft	Y	OAPCE Rep



Father Michael Goetz Catholic School Council

October 7th, 2024, Meeting

Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father, we come to you today asking for your guidance, wisdom, and support as we begin this meeting. Help us to engage in meaningful discussion; allow us to grow closer as a group and nurture the bonds of community. Fill us with your grace, Lord God, as we make decisions that might affect the members of the Father Michael Goetz Community, continue to remind us that all that we do here today, all that we accomplish, is for the pursuit of truth for the greater glory of You. Amen.

Welcome and Acknowledgement

“We would like to acknowledge that we are on sacred indigenous territory and thank the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation for being stewards of this land.”

Approval of Previous Minutes

Approved by M. Scupham, 2nd by S. Croft

Updates and Reports:

Student Rep (Kaedee)

- We had a great response to applications to the Goetz Crew team, 60 students were all accepted!
- Elections for gr. 9 reps on council
- Activities for Halloween being prepared for students.
- Looking to request some help from school council on fundraising options are being discussed.

Teacher Report (Ms. Hrvatin)

- Grade 12 OUAC/OCAS Assembly October 3
- Thanksgiving Food Drive October 7 -10
- Terry Fox Marathon of Hope October 10
- Parent-Teacher Conferences October 16
- Senior Sunrise October 17
- University/College University night October 30
- Academic Awards November 6
- Take Your Kid to Work Day November 6
- Photo re-take day November 8
- Remembrance Day Liturgy November 11
- Grade 8 Open House November 13
- Grad Photos November 18-29
- Gade 11 Semi-Formal November 21
- Semester 1 OSSLT November 5 & December 3
- Advent Kick Off December 2
- Christmas Baskets Drive December 2 – 13
- Kaleidoscope Arts Showcase December 11 – 12

NEWS FROM CLUBS AND SPORTS

- Goetz Crew off to an amazing start this year! We had 60 applicants, and all were accepted to the club.
- Goetz Crew supports our leadership class and Student Council with major events in the school. Students will receive volunteer hours for their participation.
- Experience the thrill of competition at Father Michael Goetz Athletics! Our dynamic teams are actively engaged in a range of sports, including Girls Flag Football, Senior and Junior Boys Volleyball, and Varsity Cross Country. Each team is dedicated to excellence, fostering teamwork and athleticism.
- Join us in celebrating our athletes as they strive for victory and embody the spirit of being a Gator. Get in on the action with Father Michael Goetz Intramurals!
- Our volleyball and basketball programs are in full swing, providing an exciting opportunity for students to engage, compete, and build lasting friendships.
- Whether you're a seasoned player or just looking to have fun, our intramural sports are the perfect way to stay active and connect with your peer's news!

NEWS FROM TEACHING STAFF

- Did you know that Goetz has a peer tutoring program? Students are required to fill out a Google Form (using their school account).
- Two options include: one for students to receive tutoring support or one to become a tutor.

Chaplin Report (Mr. Minardi)

- Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive in support of Dr. Simone's Warehouse, our Mission Room, as well as St Vincent de Paul Society at Cristo Rei Parish Drive runs from Monday October 7 to Friday October 11.
- **We are in need of the following donations:** Grocery Gift Cards: No Frills, Fresh Co., Metro, etc.
Nonperishable food items: pasta, pasta sauce, rice, crackers, soup, peanut butter, tuna, macaroni and cheese, canned beans, etc.
- Also, the top individual donor will receive a gift card of their choice to McDonalds, Starbucks, Popeyes. The top homeroom will receive a dessert buffet.
- If we reach a school goal of 4000 donated items, students will have the opportunity to pie the face of staff at Goetz.
- Community Mass will take place in the Chapel Wednesday, October 9.
- Our grade 10 retreats have begun, the next one will take place October 10 @ Dr. Simone's Warehouse.
- Canonization Feast Day of St. Andre Bessette takes place on October 17.
- Our grade 9 retreats will be taking place over 3 days this semester.
Our last scheduled date is October 22.
- Campus Ministry meets every Thursday at 2:30pm.

VP Report (Mr. Angaran)

- Parent Council meeting. Please find below information as it pertains to meeting notes:
- EQAO Math- no exams for Grade 9 students in Mathematics across DPCDSB. EQAO will be written during exam week (January 22-27; contingency day January 28).
- Spectator Policy- Both ROPSAA and OFSAA have provided DPCDSB and others with conduct expectations as well as governance of sports as it applies to spectators.
- Open House- Grade 8 Open House at Father Michael Goetz C.S.S. will take place on November 13, 2024 @ 6-8 p.m. Information evening, showcase and tour.
- Post-Secondary Fair- Information evening for students wishing to pursue post-secondary education will be hosted in conjunction with Philip Pocock C.S.S. on October 30, 2024 @ 6-8 p.m.
- PD Day- October 11, 2024. Day is centered around Provincial Priorities in a Catholic Context.

VP Report (Dr. Odozor)

Fall 2024 OSSLT

- The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) will be written Nov. 18 - Nov. 28 at Goetz
- The plan allows students who will be writing to have preparatory time in class before writing the test
- Students who will write OSSLT in their English and ESL classes
- Eligible Students who have IEPs will write in the resource room with the support of the ARD teachers
- Targeted lessons will be offered to rewrites in grade 12
- We will be offering After-School Literacy lessons (Monday, October 28, Wednesday, October 30, Monday, Nov. 4 and Wednesday, Nov. 6)
- Students can pick up registration forms from their English or ESL classes, the library, or the main office.
- Completed forms must be returned to the office by Monday, October 21, 2024
- International students pay \$150 fee to attend the after-school literacy lessons

Parent-Teacher Conference Night (Semester 1)

- Scheduled for Wednesday, October 16, 2024
- Time - 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm
- Parent communication with appointment booking instructions have been sent to the community
- Conference Locations - Cafeteria and Library; Guidance counsellors will be meeting parents in the guidance offices and Admin will float
- **CPT/Exams dates:**

Semester 1 exams dates - January 22 - January 28, 2025

- Students are to avoid vacation the last 5 weeks of the semester.

Dec. 4, 2024 - January 30, 2025 May 13, 2025 - June 21, 2025

Early Progress Communication/Mid-term Report Cards:

- Teachers have been notified to send progress communication to parents.
- The focus must be on learning skills, work habits, and attendance.
- No focus on marks
- Communication options (phone, mark book printout, progress communication template)
- Midterm is November 6 - half credit courses switch.
- Midterm Report Card Distribution - between November 19-22, 2024

Term End/Start Dates (Semester 1)

- Term 1 End - November 6, 2024
- Term 2 Start - November 7, 2024

Principal Report (Ms. Allegretto)

School Goals – aligned with Board and Ministry

- **Faith Development** for students and staff and opportunities to serve and give to others in need.
- **Social Justice and Equity** – continuing to support affinity spaces, have conversations as a staff especially as it relates to curriculum and our classrooms, unity amongst our diverse cultural groups, continue to acknowledge and address intersectionality and allyship.
- **Mental Health and Well Being** – for staff and students
- **Culture of Kindness** – “Kindness is Love in Action” campaign for staff, *model and promote kindness*.
- **Student motivation, engagement and belonging (Mindfulness)** – direct correlation to student achievement, increased attendance, improved credit accumulation.
- **Math – addressing learning GAPS, board PLC, teacher PD.**
- **Assessment and Evaluation** – continue to implement Growing Success in our A&E practices.
- **Department Goals** – Equity and A&E

Enrolment

- Actual enrolment higher than projected which enables the school to potentially increase FTE by 2 teachers which equates to 12 sections – 6 this semester.
- We are beginning to look at our grade 9 and 10 classes specifically where class sizes are extremely large or larger than ideal especially for DE-streamed classes.
- Students this semester may be impacted by some “reorganization” which means that they would be moved from one class to another – their timetables or lunch times would not be impacted.

Initiatives

- Overseas Excursion Proposal to Board for March 2026
- Breakfast Program continues each morning – very successful.
- Parent Engagement Funding – start thinking about themes or topics, ideas
- CSC Information Table – PT Interviews,

Concerns

- Plaza at lunch times – behaviour – community and business complaints, police involvement
- Trespassers on school property and in school

Operational Changes/Updates

- Uniform – grandfathering a more consistent uniform that no longer includes a white shirt, blue pants, or full zip sweater.
- Spirit Days – changed to second Wednesday of the month.
- Civvies Days – one day a month historically, many schools no longer going with civvies days – safety and behaviour changes; will be sharing concerns with students before next civvies day – we continue to implement the wrist bands; faced with trespassers which makes them difficult to identify on these days.
- DPCDSB Dress Code – refer to letter – letter shared with student and parent community
- Opening Exercises/Prayer and Announcements – to improve student attendance/lates, moved opening exercises to the last 10 minutes of period 1 instead of first 10 minutes. We have seen an improvement, lates being addressed by teachers.
- Summer Building Updates: PA updates over the summer – improved safety (lockdowns), HVAC system and Clock Replacements
- Announcements – making more accessible to students, TV PPT, PA announcements, Instagram account and school website – link to TV PPT announcements.
- Communication with community – continue to do so through Newsletters, Website and Instagram account @fathermichaelgoetz

Focus – Increased Student Supports

- SST room – Power Hour Tutoring
- Math Extra Help
- Resource Teacher connection
- Weekly Team meetings

Yearbooks

- Have been distributing the 2023-2024 Yearbook to students

We will be communicating pre-order of yearbooks for the 2024-2025 school year \$40

Treasurer Report (M. Scupham)

- Nothing to report.

Parish Report (R. Nogueira)

- Fr. Carlos is now leaving mid-September.

OAPSE Report (S. Croft)

- All parents can register at oapce.org>dufferin-peel

Co-Chair Report (R. Louro & N. Nogueira)

- Chair/Co-Chair meeting Oct. 24th @ 6pm St. Francis Xavier SS

Closing prayer

Thank you, Lord, for your presence with us this day. As we depart from this space now, we ask you to bless us throughout the remainder of the day and guide us safely home. Do not let the learning and conversations of this gathering die, but instead, may they continue to ruminate within us and bear fruit in our ministries throughout the year, until we find ourselves together again. We ask this in the name of Jesus, and in the power of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Next Meeting Nov. 18th @ 6:00 pm

Adjournment