



Father Michael Goetz Catholic School Council February 6, 2023 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

Minutes of December 2022 meeting approved by Maria Scupham & Simone Croft

Updates and Reports:

Student Council Report

- Grade 9 interviews took place at the end of November, we have 7 new members
- We had a Christmas Spirit Week which included:
 - Santa scavenger hunt
 - Christmas Card decorating contest
 - Photo booth with Alvin the gator taking photos with students
 - Karaoke & Christmas movies in the café
 - PJ day
 - Candy guessing game
- February 14 we are planning to wear red or pink sweaters or shirts and a Valentine themed Cahoot in the café with a photobooth and Alvin taking photos with students
- We will be selling candy grams for Valentines
 - funds we raise will go to the mission room
- PIP students, our honorary school council members will help with the deliveries

Trustee Report (Stefano & Bruno)

- Discussion on possibility of updating the hold & secure system at the school
- Review of the procurement process and the importance of following protocol
- Presentation and Q & A on the procurement process in the upcoming months
- A concern was brought up about an immunization issue at one of our elementary schools
- All elementary & secondary schools have implemented the feminine napkin program, new dispensers are required in some of the schools and that is currently in progress
- Motion for technology support
- We had a voting issue this past year which many encountered, this is currently being resolved, your support should follow you if you move
- We will be putting in a motion for the province to continue to fund tutoring for our students

- We are waiting for the decision to be made of what will happen next year with online learning, we currently have 400 secondary & 120 elementary students online in Dufferin peel
- Every dollar from the government has been put towards chrome books and laptops
- We have been having a difficult time getting chrome books back from students
- Human trafficking discussion, Bruno would like to bring in a guest speaker to speak to parents and staff
- Stefano asked what the projections for ELL & ESL staff are
- Stefano also asked if we have enough computers

Teacher Report (Mrs. Fountain)

- Save the date for Menagerie Arts show on Wednesday May 17 & Thursday May 18
- Start up of semester 2 has begun
- Winter sports update
- Lenten season is upon us
- Youth arts show at Queens park, 13 students from Goetz are in the art show
- Shrove Tuesday, pancake Tuesday during both lunches
- Buy out event
- Teachers vs girls' volleyball game, nonperishable donations welcome
- Beautiful prayer cards are being distributed, students and teachers will have the option to send a prayer card to each other

VP Report (Mrs. Odozor)

- The poem "A new day" was played today to introduce Black History month
- One of our students made a short film adaption of the poem which the staff was very impressed by
- Black History month celebrations have begun, we want to see black history month in a different way and recognize Christ in one another, the prayer cards are a great way to help this along
- Spirit week February 13-17
- February 14 – BHM Art show by Ms Finlay's class
- February 15 – Classroom round table discussion about anti-black racism
- February 16 – Afrofest – Nanla jallof rice will be available for teachers and students to sample
- February 17 – BHM food sampling in the cafeteria
- 2022 Fall results are out, students who did not do well will have a chance to re write the test
- Exams took place and went well, we had a snow day on one of the days which was moved to the 31, teachers will reach out to the parents of the students that did not do well
- Report cards will go out on February 10
- Uniform Blitz to start, enforcing the uniform including shoes

Principal Report (Mr. Coccimiglio)

- The mission room has been set up in the library, this is a place for donations that will be in place all year round
- Skills Canada will be holding a competition at our school
- We will be having an event called "Power up: where grade 5 & 6 students will visit the school to give them a different perspective. We will continue with the same visits for the grade 7 & 8 students
- Failure rate numbers are up
- Our cafeteria opened today for the first time in 3 years and is being operated by Aramark

- New lunch schedule is in place, we now have 2 lunches and no more splitting of classes or rotation for assemblies. AB lunch is from 11-11:40 and BC lunch is from 12:20-1

Treasurer Report (Simone Croft)

- \$500.00 pro grant has been added

Parish Report (Elizabeth Pennant)

- Mardi Gras Assembly/ Buyout/ Pancake Tuesday- February 21
- Ash Wednesday Assemblies- February 22
- Staff Faith Formation- February 22- April 6
- Student Faith Formation Series- (March 1, 8, 22, 29, April 5)
- Ordinandi Youth Event/ Luncheon- (March 9)
- 2 Hour Fast- (March 24) Fundraiser for Covenant House
- Holy Week Assemblies- (April 6)

OAPSE Report (Maria Scupham)

- Maria attended the OAPSE conference which went well, Miguel Martinez was there, and Maria suggested we bring him in as a guest speaker

Chair Report (Maria Scupham)

- Deadline for the council to submit topics we would like to discuss, topics we decided on:
 - Human Trafficking
 - Well being
 - Resilience among adolescents
 - Embrace the challenge

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.

Upcoming Meetings

March 6th @ 7:00 pm

April 1st @ 7:00 pm

May 1st @ 7:00 pm

June 5th @ 7:00 pm

Adjournment