



2023-24 St. Helen Catholic School Council

Chair – Mrs. S. Tomaino &
Co-Chair – Mrs. M. Scott
Treasurer – Mrs. G. Tota
Secretary – Mrs. T Landriault
OAPCE Rep – Mrs. P. Tryfanow
Parish Rep – Mrs. P. Tryfanow
Principal – Mr. Furtado
Teacher Rep – Mrs. Kotic
Non Teacher Rep – Mrs. Webster
Member at Large – Mr. C. Adamiec, Mrs. J. Da Silva

Meeting Date: December 7, 2023

Attendees: Mrs. G. Tota, Mrs. S. Tomaino, Mrs. M. Scott, Mrs. T Landriault, Mrs. J. Da Silva, Mr. Furtado, Mrs. Webster, Mrs. Kotic

Regrets: Mr. C. Adamiec, Mrs. P. Tryfanow, Mrs. D. Knowles

Agenda:

1. Opening Prayer & Land Acknowledgement
2. Approval of Minutes & Agenda
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Parish Report
5. Teacher's Report
6. Chair's Report
7. Principal's Report
8. New Business
9. Other Business
10. Closing Prayer

Opening Prayer & Land Acknowledgement:

- Mrs. Scott completed

Approval of Minutes & Agenda:

- Approval of October 12, 2023 minutes seconded by Mrs. Da Silva
- Approval of December 7, 2023 agenda seconded by Mrs. Tota

Treasurer's Report:

- Last year's closing report ready for Chairs' and Principal's signature
- Closing balance as of June 30, 2023 was \$2,915 to be carried forward to September 2023

- Actual expenditures for 2022-23 were \$5,207.03
- Council to discuss future spending to be included in the budget for 2023-24

Parish Report:

- To be discussed at next meeting

Teacher's Report:

- Teachers have requested \$100/classroom teacher (11 classrooms)
 - Council voted to provide \$1,100
 - Teachers must provide receipts and spend by March 1, 2024

Chair's Report:

- Breakfast with Santa
 - Pancake supplies donated by Sunnyside Grill
 - Plan to send a thank you card for their donation
 - Sold 121 packages in 2023 (vs 139 in 2022)
- Funds Raised To Date
 - Dough Raiser - \$260
 - Greenery Fundraiser - \$279.01
 - Flip Give Fundraiser - \$690.15 (from last year)
- Fundraising Plans
 - Plan to do another dough raiser in January 2024
 - Will look into Krispy Creme for 2024
- Jingle Bell Dance-a-Thon Fundraiser
 - Providing two prizes to the school – movie pass and Toys R Us gift card

Principal's Report:

- 2024-25 Planned Spending
 - Items for Council to consider for current year and future year planned spending were discussed
 - 2nd basketball net for intermediate yard
 - Council asked if they can contribute towards \$3,679 cost
 - Grad composites – cost \$25 per composite for 27 grade 8 students
 - Council voted to contribute \$500
 - Awards wall
 - Need awards/plaques to put on the wall – cost to be determined
 - Other future needs
 - School tech is outdated and will no longer be supported, including ipads (approx. \$467.84 x 10 ipads), chrome books (approx. \$469.98 x 20 chrome books), smart boards (approx. \$3K each)
 - Gym mats needed to go against wall to protect students from injury (approx. \$10K)
 - The School confirmed that funds from the Jingle Bell Dance-a-Thon would go towards some of these costs and other school needs
 - Council discussed that upcoming spring fundraisers can go towards specific fundraising items

- Council voted that the spring fundraising can be directed towards the purchase of a 2nd basketball net for the intermediate yard
 - The School discussed other grants that have been obtained or are being explored
 - The outdoor grant has been reduced from \$4K to \$2K this year, and will be directed towards the Grade 8 grad trip and sports team uniform costs
 - Peel Healthy Living grant will be used towards painting the school grounds
 - Looking into a possible grant from Peel to support the purchase of two new bike racks for the school
- School Staff
 - New 2023-24 school staff were discussed
- Breakfast with Santa
 - Permit is ready
- Basketball Net
 - New net for intermediate yard ordered
 - Scheduled to be installed soon
- Grade 8 Trip
 - Meeting to discuss trip to Camp Muskoka held
 - Positive feedback received
- EQAO Results
 - St. Helen 2022-23 EQAO results were presented
 - Concerns with results were discussed
- Food and Toy Drives
 - Thanksgiving food drive was successful
 - Christmas food and toy drives will be held in December
- Sports Teams
 - School sports team successes were discussed, including the intermediate girls soccer championship and cross country team members finishing in the board's top 10
- Mental Health
 - Discussed activities being organized by the Mental Health Committee to promote mental health
 - Comfort corner on Mondays
 - Healthy eating on Tuesdays
 - Wellness Wednesdays
 - Thoughtful Thursdays (positive message)
 - Feel Good Fridays (positive body image)
- School Trips
 - Classes have participated in various trips, including Silver Creek, Clarkson Community Centre and public library, Downey's Farm, the Living Arts Centre, and Iona
 - Planning trip to Camp Muskoka
- Halloween
 - Dance and pumpkin decorating contest held in October
- Eco Team
 - Team has led various activities, including planing a butterfly garden, ban the bottle and lights out lunches

- Choir
 - Continues to be active in the school and supporting school activities
- Masses
 - Will be held at the school during the year
- Safe School
 - Bullying awareness and prevention activities taking place at the school
- Christmas
 - Upcoming events include a mass, spirit week and Christmas concert

New Business:

- Co-chairs to look at options for next set of fundraisers

Other Business:

- No items to discuss
- Council voted to get rid of this category

Closing Prayer:

- Mrs. Scott completed