



2022/2023 St. Helen Catholic School Council

Chair – Ms. S. Tomaino &
Co-Chair – Ms. M. Scott
Treasurer – Ms. G. Tota
Secretary – Ms. T Landriault
OAPCE Rep – Mr. K. Shipley
Parish Rep – Ms. Field
Principal – Mr. Furtado
Teacher Rep – Mrs. Pandullo and Mrs. Sousa
Non Teacher Rep – Mrs. Webster
Member at Large – Mr. C. Adamiec

Meeting Date: October 13, 2022

Attendees: Ms. M. Scott, Ms. G. Tota, Ms. T Landriault, Mr. K. Shipley, Mr. C. Adamiec, Mr. Furtado, Ms. Webster, Mrs. Pandullo

Regrets: Ms. Field, Ms. S. Tomaino, Ms. Keating

Agenda:

1. Opening Prayer & Welcome
2. Thank you to the 2021-22 St. Helen CSC members (highlights)
3. Review of By-Laws and Procedures
4. Positions and Duties
5. Introduction of Nominees
6. Announcement of 2022/23 Elected Catholic School Council
7. Principal's Report
8. Chair's Report
9. X-Movement Presentation
10. Round Table
11. Next Council Meeting
12. Meeting Adjournment & Prayer

Opening Prayer & Welcome

- Mr. Furtado completed

Thank you to the 2021-22 St. Helen CSC Members / Review of By-Laws and Procedures / Positions and Duties / Introduction of Nominees / Announcement of 2022/23 Elected Catholic School Council

- Thank you to last year's Council
- Council by-laws, procedures and positions were discussed. All members approved, listed above
- Within 2 weeks of the meeting, the meeting minutes will be posted on the school website after review and approval by Council

Principal's Report

- Updates are being sent out regularly to parents through e-mail. All communication will be electronic, except any forms requiring signatures
- BBQ caterer booked for Sept 2023 open house
- Board purchased chrome books for all grade 7 and 8 students
 - Waiting for sleeves for chrome books before they start sending home
 - Looking at how to assign to each student
 - Assumption of care form is signed by parent/guardian of the student
 - Confirmed health and safety for cords in class rooms is being monitored
 - School had to pay for these, would like to know if Council can contribute
- In School Tutoring (K-2) and After School Tutoring (3-8) have started. All of these are part of Ministry Initiatives
 - Ministry allocated Tutoring Supports Grant
 - Teachers identified students needing extra support
- Daily screening using Covid-19 Screening Tool. Masks remain optional for all staff, students and visitors
- Pizza days are taking place on Thursdays and orders are being taken on a month-by-month basis
- School store currently opening on Tuesdays
 - School store funds go back to the school for awards, grad, Valentine's event, sports teams, transportation, etc.
 - School will be mapping how the funds will be allocated
 - Store used to be open daily during instructional time. Opening days and times under review
- School Cash Online. Goals is to be at 100%
 - To take place over a multi-year period to allow time for transition
 - Cash process is highly administrative
- Lack of crossing guards raised, Mr. Adamiec to look into
- Parents in school yard (Blue lines, to enhance safety at arrival/dismissal)
 - Information comments from parents about how they felt it was a separation
 - Response was that was not the intent, communication to come out to explain the reason behind it (student safety for dismissal, etc.)
 - Preference is for parents to be off school grounds to reduce crowding in school yard and ensure teachers have clear visual throughout school yard for student safety
 - Rotation access to the field: grades 1-3 have it at AM and PM recess, grades 4-8 have it at lunch recess
- Pets on school grounds continue to be an ongoing issue
- Picture day on Oct. 18th (rain day on 19th)
 - Council raised concern that cross country on the same day, but it was noted that picture day was scheduled before the cross country meet
- School masses, sacraments, virtues assemblies have been shared with community
- Fire drills & lock down drills have started taking place
- Catholic School Council Chairs' Meeting is taking place on Thurs., Oct. 20, 2022 at 5:30 pm at St. Marcellinus Catholic Secondary School 730 Courtney Drive West, Mississauga

- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Masses and Virtues Assemblies
 - School Trips geared to support curriculum
 - Terry Fox Walk (We exceeded expectations. Goal was \$500 and we raised \$900). All proceeds went directly to the Terry Fox Foundation
 - Our Thanksgiving Food Drive has been very successful as well. Thank you!!!!
 - Baking Club Mr. DeMaestri (CYW)
 - X-Movement Presentation
 - Halloween Spook-A-Thon
 - Bullying Awareness Week November
 - Remembrance Day
 - Black History Month
 - Holy Week Activities
 - Speech Competition January-February (tentative)
 - Christmas Sing A Long
 - Catholic Education Week, May
 - National Indigenous Day
 - Graduation Ceremony
- **Other Upcoming 2022-23 Calendar Events:**
 - T1 IEPs Go Home, October 18, 2022
 - Picture Day, October 19, 2022
 - Cross Country Tournament, October 19, 2022
 - CCCSC Family of School Chair Meeting, October 20, 2022
 - PA Day, October 24, 2022
 - CSC Meeting, October 27, 2022 (Tentative)
 - Opening-Thanksgiving Mass: Monday, October 28, 2022 @10:00am
 - Spook-A-Thon, October 31, 2022

Chair's Report:

- Putting together budget for Spook-A-Thon for treats for approval
 - Option of offering items for purchase through school store was discussed
 - Council agreed that Spook-A-Thon items would be paid for through Council budget to ensure equal access for all students
- Voted yes to Laura Secord chocolates – event to be held in Feb
 - To decide budget and volunteers at next Council meeting
 - Propose to continue requiring families to purchase entire case
 - Discussed another option for families to “donate” the profit portion of a case to the school, instead of receiving a case of chocolates to sell; school to double check options
- Voted yes to holiday fundraiser selling Christmas wreaths and poinsettias
 - Parents can pick up at breakfast with Santa
 - To discuss volunteers at future meeting
- Breakfast with Santa – to plan for (who can be Santa?, who will cook?, etc)

X-Movement Presentation:

- X-movement representative Connor Dullard joined and provided overview of programs

- Materials provided to school re packages/cost
- Council to review options

Round Table:

- Q: What is the status of outdoor equipment that was funded last year by council? A: Mr. Couto is completing an inventory to see what there is and what is required
 - Discussed that hard soccer balls are used on the field only, looking for nerf balls on the pavement
 - Plan to continue having a bag of equipment for each classroom
 - School also looking at paving sand area of field, reducing overgrowth of trees, and involving Eco team to plant in back gardens
- Q: Has there been an ask for the teachers wish list fund again? A: School to report back.
- Q: Does the buddy bench still exist? A: School to look into it.
- Q: Will the Christmas Sing A Long be during the day vs. a night time concert? If day is only option, can there be a morning and afternoon concert to allow flexibility for parents to come? A: Mr. Furtado to discuss with teachers and report back to Council

Next Council Meeting:

- Requirement of a minimum of 4 per year
- Next meeting: Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 7:00pm

Meeting Adjournment & Prayer

- Mr. Furtado completed