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Minutes of Iona Catholic Secondary School Council Meeting
Thursday, June 1, 2023, at 7:00 pm
Iona Learning Commons

In Attendance: Justyna Czerepak (Chair), Oswaldo Emmanuel (Treasurer), Joanne Becke, Joseph Farias, Effie Farias, Kirsten Madsen, Marianne Carvalho, Andrew Selvam (Chaplaincy Leader), Emidio Santroni (Teacher Rep), Maria Pallotta (VP), Carl Cini (P).
Regrets: Nelen Visconti-Avila (Secretary), Nelly Morgado (OAPCE Rep),

1. Opening Prayer
2. Land Acknowledgement
3. Welcome and Introductions
4. Review and Approval of Meeting Agenda
 - Approved – O. Emmanuel, J. Czerepak
5. Review and Approval of Minutes from May 3, 2023, Meeting
 - Approved – O. Emmanuel, J. Farias
6. Business Arising from the Minutes
7. Chair Report – No Report
8. Treasurer's Report
 - Current balance –935. 73
 - \$500 Parent Involvement Grant was received.
 - Graduation Awards – Student Council Letter Award \$100, Iona Alumni Award 2 x \$200.
9. Parish Report
 - St. Christopher Bulletin - https://stchristophersmi.archtoronto.org/siteassets/bulletins/2023_05_28.pdf
 - St. Francis of Assisi Bulletin - https://stfrancisofassisimi.archtoronto.org/siteassets/bulletins/2023_05_28.pdf
10. Chaplaincy Report/ Teacher Report
 - Easter Mission ran from the beginning of Lent until the end of May
 - We collected approx. \$2000 - money will be going towards our Gambia mission as well as to the Legacy Project
 - Money came from PIP Cupcake Sales, Service Day and Evening Fast on May 12th and from Donors in our school community
 - Clothing, toiletries and sports items donated to Canadian Food for Children - three vehicles full
 - Retreats are now completed for all grades, as are Salesian Retreats

- A Salesian Reunion event is planned for Monday, June 12 at Fr. Michael Goetz SS for all students who attended Salesian Retreats this year
- Our Parish Project concluded at the end of May which saw students attending Mass at St. Francis of Assisi at the 12 pm mass and we then moved to St. Christopher's Parish to participate in a potluck with their parish community
- Year End School Mass will take place on Friday, June 9 at 10 am - celebrated by the pastors at both our parishes
- Graduation Mass - June 29 at 7 pm at St. Christophers
- Planning for Independence Retreat - June 15
- Relay for Life - raised 6, 837 - at the time of the report -fun activities during the day. Thank you to Elizabeth Becke for organizing a great event
- OFSAA Track and Field - Matthew Ponikvar qualified 400 m and 800 m
- Iona Boys Baseball made Playoffs - ROPSSAA Champs
- Jr. Boys Soccer made playoffs
- Get Ready Program for incoming grade 9's sign up
- Play Annie Jr. was a great success - All feeder schools came to Iona to watch the show. All night shows were a sell out. Over 600 students, parents, staff and alumni enjoyed the performance.
- Dance Show HER - June 2nd - Burlington Performing Arts Centre
- SHSM Trip to City Hall to Meet with Regional and Mississauga Councilor Alvin Tedjo - June 12th
- CPTS are beginning - Exam moratorium starts June 13th
- Prom is June 27 at Roma Hospitality

12. Principal's Report

- Exams are from June 20 – 26. Each day has one exam beginning with Period 1, 2, 3 then 4. Students will have access to the presentations provided in Semester 1 on our school website under the Learning tab. Teachers will provide subject specific studying information and direction. Further resources will be disseminated through social media, hard copy and morning announcements.
- Attendance is mandatory for exams. Missed exams must be accompanied by a doctor's note or a mark of zero will be assessed.
- Exam Moratorium will begin on June 13. After this date no new curriculum is taught. All homework will be directed to exam preparation.
- Concerns regarding boys washrooms were expressed. Students do not want to use the bathroom due to gatherings of students and vaping. The school has 2 bathrooms open daily with regular bathroom checks before school and during the school day. Students have been warned and suspended when caught vaping in the washroom. Students have expressed feeling like the washrooms belong to them as a private place to talk, get away from the stresses of school and meet with friends. Daily they are encouraged to use other places such the library, cafeteria or outside to meet. Vape detectors and cameras were suggested. These are not options we can go forward with as students have expressed to the board their feeling that they are over surveilled. The washrooms will continue to be monitored and students disciplined for misuse. Students are encouraged to complete the online reporting tool and provide detailed information to help us to manage this concern.
- A letter was emailed to all parents and grade 12 students regarding behaviour as we approach the end of the school year. Senior students (and others) sometimes participate in pranks or disrupt the school environment. Parents and students are reminded that any behaviour that is harmful, causes damage to school property or causes a safety concern (to name a few) will result in student discipline, not being able to attend prom or grad and in some cases will involve police. Please check your email for the full text of this letter.
- CPTs are in full swing. They are worth between 10 and 20 per cent of the final mark depending on that course. If a student is absent for a part of the CPT, they must verify it to have an opportunity to make it up.

- Grade 9 Math students will participate in the EQAO Math assessment on June 14 & 15. There will be no CPTs assigned on Math EQAO days.
- Report Cards can be picked up from the school on the morning of Thursday, June 29.
- The school will be closed from July 1 for the summer. The main office will reopen on Monday, August 28.
- The Get Ready Program for incoming grade 9 students is scheduled for August 29 – 30 from 9-1.
- We bid farewell to M. Pallotta, A. Selvam and E. Santroni who are off to the next stages of their careers at other schools. We thank them for their contributions to Iona and our Catholic School Council.
- Thank you for the support and participation of those who attended and participated in our Council and our meetings. In September, we will be electing a new council, and all are encouraged to participate and take on a position. All parents are welcome and urged to bring others with them.
- Please follow us on Twitter @IonaCatholic, on Instagram @ionacatholicmississauga and on YouTube at Iona CSS.

Adjournment

The meeting of the Iona Catholic Secondary Council was adjourned.