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Vision: Changing the world through Catholic education.*

APPROVED MINUTES

Catholic School Council Meeting

Date: February 7, 2024
Time: 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Location: Library
St. Joseph Catholic Secondary School
5555 Creditview Road, Mississauga, L5V 2B9

A. Routine Matters

1. Call to Order and Attendance
2. Opening Prayer
3. Land Acknowledgement
4. Approval of Agenda; Approved by Katharine Wieczorek, Seconded by Mike Smolders
5. Approval of Catholic School Council Minutes, (September 25th, 2023); Approved by Antonio Dsouza, Seconded by Rashmy Lobo
 - a. Business Arising from the Minutes – (List of items **OR** Nil)

B. Trustee Update (if applicable)

- nil

C. Standing Items

1. Student Council Report
 - October 12th, 2023 – Junior Dance
 - Hallowe'en Activities
 - November 23rd, 2023 – Semi-formal Dinner Dance
 - Christmas Spirit Week – Annual Talent Show
 - Valentine's Activities
 - Feast Day Celebration – May 8th
2. Co-Chair Report
 - Opening Mass: Mass to commemorate the beginning of the academic year was organized by the School Chaplain Ms. Simona Dei-Rocini and this was celebrated by Fr. Anish Alex and a visiting Priest at St. Joseph's Church on Sep 26 and Sep 27, 2023.
 - CCCSC Chairs Meeting: The Family of School Chairs meeting with Trustees, Superintendents and Principals was held on Thu, Oct 19, 2023, at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Secondary School
 - In this meeting among others the Volunteer of the Year award was announced and the CCCSC Representative elections were conducted.

- Pastoral Plan: The Pastoral Plan for the school was approved. This plan was devised collaboratively by Ms. Rosina Ariganello, Ms. Simona Dei-Rocini, and Father Paul Dobson.
 - CCCSC training for Catholic School Council Executive members: This training will be for all returning and newly appointed members of our Catholic School Councils and will take place virtually on Thu, Nov 30, 2023 @ 07:00 p.m. Appreciate if all School Council members can attend.
 - CCCSC Anti- Human Trafficking Presentation: This was held virtually on Thu, Jan 18, 2024 @ 07:00 p.m. The presenter was Matt Richardson and was very informative.
3. Treasurer Report
- Current balance is \$772.04. \$500 was provided for the Parents Reaching Out Grant.
4. Principal Report
- **Open House** – October 19th, 2023 – A great success! Many parents/guardians attended this event; School Presentation as well as AP Presentation; many students were present to showcase their Clubs and Athletic teams
 - **Parent-Teacher Interviews** – October 26th, 2023 – well attended by parents and guardians
 - **College/University/Apprenticeship Fair** – November 9th, 2024 – well attended by parents, guardians and students
 - **Academic Awards Night** – November 16th, 2023 – Celebration of the academic achievements of students with the highest mark in a course as well as students with the highest overall academic average per grade
 - OSSLT results – all Grade 10 and previously eligible Grade 11 students wrote the OSSLT in November 2023; overall success rate of 86%; unsuccessful students will have another opportunity to write the OSSLT in the spring; all reports were distributed to students
 - Black History Month and BSA – Guest speaker Matthew Jones from PEACE will present to all students on Wednesday February 7th; St. Joseph's Black Student Alliance will host the BSAs from the Mississauga South Family of Schools on the same day for an afternoon planning session with Matthew Jones
 - Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is in progress; **NEW \$45 activity fee** – does not include the cost of Yearbook or School Retreat
 - Yearbook – new cost will be approximately \$40 – will be sold in the fall and we will only be ordering the number of books that students have purchased
 - **New Agenda template to be used for all School Council meetings**
 - **New School Council general email box**
 - Peace Garden Revitalization – Cheryl McCaan
5. Chaplaincy Report

- The Ash Wednesday Liturgy will be on **Wednesday February 14** during period 1. We will be on an assembly schedule. Deacon George from St. Joseph's Church will be leading our liturgy.
- This year Easter is on Sunday March 31.
- The virtue for the month of February is respect. Morning reflections will incorporate the theme of respect.
- February is Black History Month. Our morning music and reflections will focus on Black History, and it is an opportunity to recognize, educate and learn from the personal experiences of our black community within our school and beyond.
- Religion retreats will be starting at the end of February. Our grade 12 classes will be going on retreat during the months of February and March. Grade 12 students go to Regeneration Outreach Community and learn about people facing homelessness. Students will have an opportunity to interact with clients that access the support offered at Regeneration.
- Our grade 9 retreats will be starting in April. Grade 9 students go to Riverwood Conservancy and focus on appreciating God's creation and reflecting on stewardship.
- Our grade 10 retreats will be starting in April. Grade 10 students go to Dr. Simone's warehouse (Canadian Food for Children). The focus is on serving the poor in various parts of the world.
- Our grade 11 retreats will be starting in May. Grade 11 retreats are at run at St. Joseph's Church by Hope Stone Ministries. The focus of the retreat is recognizing that we are all children of God. Connections are made to Catholic Social Teaching.

6. Parish Report

- **ASH Wednesday – Day of Fasting & Abstinence: Holy Mass at 8:30am, 12:15pm and 7:30 pm**
- **Lenten Day of Confessions: Tuesday March 12th from 7:00 p.m. onwards.**
- **The Coldest Night of the Year February 24th** - Catholic Women's League is participating by walking and fundraising to support Armagh House, a transitional supportive housing facility for women experiencing domestic abuse. To join CWL team or donate visit <https://walk.with.me/CWLStJoseph>.
- **Two upcoming one - day Lenten retreats at the St Joseph Parish, all are welcome:** Saturday March 9, 2024; 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Speakers Fr. Paul and Fr. Dominic Borg, charge \$10 with meals; Saturday March 16, 2024; 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Speaker Fr. Michael Corpus, charge \$10 with Breakfast and light Refreshments
- **March 19th** – Feast day of St. Joseph – special musical presentation at Masses
- **CWL Scholarship** – more information will be forthcoming; volunteer opportunities for Mother's day will also be provided
- **Knights of Columbus** – scholarship information will be forthcoming

D. Information/Updates (if applicable)

1. Central Committee for Catholic School Councils (CCCSC) Report - N/A
2. Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) Reports



- Conference April 13th – information will be forthcoming via the newsletter

E. Action Items

1. N/A

F. Future Meetings

Wednesday April 10th, 2024

Wednesday May 29th, 2024

G. Adjournment