



ST. JOSEPH SECONDARY SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
Approved Minutes

Monday May 1, 2023
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Item	Highlights
1.	Opening Prayer (Simona), Welcome, Approval of Agenda and Minutes
	Approval of Agenda; approved by Katharine Wieczorek; seconded by Shamin D’Souza;
	Approval of March 27 th , 2023 Minutes- approved by Donna Bozzo; seconded by Antonio
2.	Report from Student Council: 1. May 3 rd – Feast Day celebrations 2. Semi-formal – May 31 st , 2023 – Grade 11 and 12 students 3. Student Council Elections – May 2023
3.	Report from the Co-Chairs: 1. Knights of Columbus Credit Valley Council Fish Fry: A Fish Fry event was held at St. Joseph’s Parish on Friday, Mar 31, 2023. Thank you to Ms. Ariganello for mailing a notice of this event to the school community. This event was well attended and enjoyed by all. We had a Guest Speaker who spoke on ‘The Real Impacts of MAiD’. The proceeds of this event were donated to ‘Mississa8ga - Right to Life’. 2. CCCSC Parent Engagement evening on We are Many, We are One: Weaving the Catholic Partnership is scheduled on Saturday, May 13, 2023 @ 08:30 a.m. The keynote address will be delivered by Teresa Hartnett who is the Director of Family Ministry for the Diocese of Hamilton. Our school is hosting this event and I would appreciate and encourage all School Council members to attend this event. 3. CCCSC Volunteer of the Year Award: This award recognizes one individual who exemplifies volunteerism in Dufferin-Peel. The annual award has been developed to acknowledge the dedicated individuals who make a significant contribution to supporting Catholic education. The award process is also a means to thank volunteers for their continuous years of commitment and dedication. If you are aware of an individual who fits the criteria, please nominate.
4.	Reports from Council Members:
	Treasurer: There is a balance of \$772.04. School Council will support 2 graduating awards this year. Parish Rep: 1. March for Life: Thursday May 11 th March. 6 am Holy Mass and Bus leaves at 6.25am. Adults - \$40, youth are free.

	<p>2. Friday Adoration – May 5 for Mothers & Vocations. Mass at 7.30 pm followed by one hour adoration at St Joseph Streetsville.</p> <p>3. TotusTuus Camp July 30 – Aug 4. For grades 1-6 daytime \$120 per child for the entire week and for grades 7-12 evening program \$25.</p> <p>OAPCE Rep:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. April newsletter was shared with parents. School will send it to parents/guardians. 2. OAPCE Conference was occurred last week.
<p>5.</p>	<p>Report from the Principal:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Report cards: distributed on Thursday April 27th, 2023. 2. Academic Awards Night: Held on Wednesday March 29th was a great success! We distributed close to 200 Academic Awards to students who achieved the highest mark in a subject. Many parents, guardians, and friends attended the event. 3. Valedictorian Assembly and Vote: Held on April 26th with 7 candidates. Each candidate had an opportunity to say their speech and voting occurred after the assembly. Voting was open until 2:30 p.m. Congratulations to our Valedictorian Dante Bozzo. 4. Catholic Education Week and Mental Health and Well-being Week, May 1-5th: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday May 2nd – Period 3 Mental Health and Wellness Fair – Part 1 • Wednesday May 3rd – FEAST DAY – Civies day; Period 2 Dodgeball, Period 3 Art Battle; 1:30 Provincial Mass • Thursday May 4th – Art Battle Silent Auction • Friday May 5th – Closing Liturgy during Periods 1 & 2; Period 3 – Health and Wellness Fair – Part 2 5. Upcoming Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - May 17th – MADD Presentation - May 24th – Coffee House - May 25th – Guest Speaker Paul Davis - May 31st – Semi-formal dance - June 7th – Athletic Banquet - June 20th – 26th – Final Exams - June 26th – PROM - June 28th – Graduation Mass and Graduation Ceremony - June 30th – Report card distribution 6. June 5th Meeting: Moved to 6:00 p.m. in Hospitality class for year end dinner.
<p>6.</p>	<p>Chaplaincy Update: This week we kick off Catholic Education Week and Mental Health Awareness Week. There are various activities organized throughout the week as well as morning prayers and reflections to highlight the importance of Catholic Education and the connection to our mental health. The theme for Catholic Education week is: WE ARE MANY WE ARE ONE.</p> <p>Staff Updates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The track and field team had their first meet in Port Colborne on Friday April 28. 4 male athletes placed either second or third overall in both sprinting and long distance events. Several students also made personal bests in various events.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The schools Color For Coats Club (Health Care Advocacy Club) held a Karaoke Cafe Fundraiser for the Canadian Cancer Society. They were able to raise nearly \$400 while over 80 students had a great time singing their favorites songs. 3. This week (May 1-5) is Mental Health Awareness and The Mental Health Awareness Club (MHAC) is planning several events including a community information fair on Tuesday May 2nd and Friday May 5th in our atrium. This includes community organizations like Every Mind and the Peel Nurse, our youth minister Megan and a visit from a therapy dog. 4. Green Team – During the week of April 17- 21 the Green Team raised awareness about climate change through various activities in our community like the GOOS (Good on One Side) Box decorating contest. There was also a school yard clean up. Staff and students also donated gently used or new clothing for St. Vincent de Paul and were made aware of how to keep clothes out of the landfill and the impact fast fashion has on the environment. Mr. Spongale who runs the Green Team submitted The Eco School application, and there are enough points to apply for Platinum Status. 5. On Thursday April 27 our youth minister from St. Joseph Parish came to our school to speak to our grade 9 and 10 religion classes. There were fun activities and discussion to make students aware of the support and programs that are available at the church. This was to kick off Catholic Education Week. 6. Deacon George will be visiting our grade 11 and 12 religion classes on Thursday May 4 and discuss vocations and ethical issues with our senior students. 7. Our closing school liturgy and Feast Day liturgy will be on Friday May 5th. Deacon George will be with us. 8. On Thursday May 11th a few students from our school and Ms. Dei-Rocini will be joining St. Joseph Parish at The National March for Life in Ottawa. 9. Soma - A huge congratulations to the Model UN team that competed in SOMA for the past 3 days at University of Toronto. With hard work and confidence, Jamiel Tabud, Joanne D'Souza, Sidd Nittala, Tehreem Raza, Anirudh Kashyap, Mehreen Syed, Eyaad Syed, and Lizbeth Sam proudly represented St. Joseph at every conference with a delegate, Sidd Nittala bring home an award for honorable mention within his committee! Way to go Model UN SOMA team! 10. We have Senior Badminton Players that qualified to play in the ROPSSAA Championship that took place today (Monday May 1st) *Our junior badminton team is up and running and preparing for their season. 11. Varsity Boys Baseball Team has their first double header to start off their regular season on Wednesday. 12. Our Varsity Girls slo-pitch team is participating in D'Youville's Invitational Slo-pitch Tournament on May 12th in Brampton. 13. Last Wednesday our Senior Boys and Junior Boys Soccer teams won their games. 14. Ultimate Frisbee also won their games last week. 15. Holocaust survivor, business man and entrepreneur; Elly Gotz, did a virtual presentation on his life to all the grade 10 's on April 17, organized by the Social Science Department.
7.	Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Meetings Dates:
Monday November 7 th , 2022 – changed to virtual
Monday December 5 th , 2022 – changed to 6:00 p.m. in-person
Monday February 6 th , 2023
Monday March 27 th , 2023

Monday May 1 st , 2023
Monday June 5 th , 2023

Attendance:

Position	Name	May 1, 2023
Principal	Rosina Ariganello	Present
Vice Principal	David Parisotto	Absent
Vice Principal	Antony Pallotta	Absent
Co-Chair	Antonio DSouza	Present
Co-Chair	Michael Smolders	Present
Treasurer	Katharine Wieczorek	Present
Secretary	N/A	N/A
Parish Rep	Shamin DSouza	Present
OAPCE Rep	Rashmy Lobo	Present
Teacher Rep	Simona Dei-Rocini	Present
Member	Donna Bozzo	Present
Member	Sandy Felizardo	Present
Member	Nicole Mills	Absent
Member	Alice Thalachira	Present
Sara Khan	Student Council Prime Minister	Present
Maria DSouza	Student Council Deputy Prime Minister	Present
Luz del Rosario	Trustee	Absent