

Mary Fix Catholic School

Wednesday November 15, 2023

Catholic School Council Meeting

In Attendance:

Sonja Harasimowicz
Amanda De Sousa
Joe Emanuele
Jaime MacNeil
Barbara Szeliga
Filomena Figueiredo
Melissa Porto
Sofiya Goncalves
Natasha Scaramuzzo
Cathy Sforza - Principal
Cory Cornwall – Teacher member
Jennifer Telfeyan - Teacher member
Rebecca Valentine - Teacher member
Bruno Iannicca – Ward 7 Trustee (absent)

Meeting start – 6:35pm

Opening Prayer

Read by Filomena

Land Acknowledgement

Read by Melissa

Bruno Iannicca - Trustee

Bruno was absent due to another meeting and couldn't attend.

Review and Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved by Barbara and Sonja

Review and Approval of Previous Minutes

Previous minutes approved by Filomena and Jaime

Financial Review

Joe advised chocolate sales generated \$5,600 profit.

Mary Fix SGF account has approximately \$14,000 as of Nov. 15. Second week of December approval of spending funds will be posted on the school website.

Principal Report

Service for Quesada lunch program is a little questionable. All others are operating nicely.

2 smartboards were delivered and 1 more ordered. First smartboard was installed in room 109 for approx. cost of \$4,700.

Chromebooks are also needed.

Nov. 25 – First Reconciliation and First Communion retreat for parents and children.

Advent mass was changed to another day. Pending confirmation from Father Gabriel on new date.

Remembrance Day Liturgy which was held on Nov. 10 and prepared by Grade 7 & 8 students.

Confessions for Grade 3-8 will be on Feb. 26, 2024 @ 9:30 a.m. in the gym.

Catholic Education Week is May 5-10, 2024.

Mary Fix has been deemed a priority school due to EQAO math results. A math facilitator will be working with Grade 6 Mr. Cornwall's class and Mrs. Telfeyan's Grade 3 class.

We have been assigned a Literacy Lead starting Dec. 4 until Feb. 24, 2024.

P.A. Day on Nov. 24.

We have a teacher candidate from OISE working in Mr. Cornwall's Grade 6 class.

Easter Mass bussing to church has been cancelled.

Life Touch is a possible new photographer for next school year. They present better packages and options than Edge, whose picture quality has not been the best this year.

Intermediate Co-Ed Soccer team to the Paramount arena. Congratulations to the whole team and their coaches.

Mr. Chornous and Mr. Cornwall started tryouts for the Intermediate Volleyball Teams. Their tournament is on Nov. 21 and Nov. 23.

Lock Down Drill will be on Nov. 21 and the Hold and Secure Drill will be on Nov. 23.

St. Martin Catholic Secondary School held their Open House for Grade 8 on Wednesday November 8, 2023.

Tuck shop is open and pizza days are back as of Nov. 6.

Crock-a-doodle Christmas ornament making is on Nov. 29 and cost is \$10 per ornament.

Dental screening for students in JK, SK, Gr. 2, 4, 6 and 8 is on Nov. 16.

Dec. 13 – Santa community engagement night from 6-8pm. Gym set up will be on Dec. 12 afternoon/evening.

Dec. 14 – Christmas Shop hosted by Grade 8s. Proceeds will go towards 10 families in need and Christmas baskets. Donations of wrapping paper and bags/labels are welcomed.

Dec. 21 – Christmas concert will be held during school hours.

Halloween dance was a big success and positive feedback was received from staff and students.

School Wish List:

1. 3 Smartboards for Room 205, 202, and the library. Approximate cost of purchase and installation (\$4900.00 each).
2. Grade 8 Graduation-\$2500.00 and council to provide refreshments for the reception after the grade 8 grad awards in the library.

Parish Report

Natasha went through the church bulletin.

Dec. 8 – Christmas concert at the church and tickets are available for purchase.

Nov. 17 - Bishop Camalleri will be visiting at St. Catherine of Siena. Cathy will be attending.

Vicky from the parish visited our school and spoke with the kids.

Brother Andrei also wants to become more engaged with our school.

OAPCE Rep Report

Sonja read through material received via email. Pamphlet received will be put up in the hallway for anyone interested to read and attend next meeting if they wish.

Chair Report

Melissa discussed upcoming Santa engagement event scheduled for Dec. 13 evening. Pictures with Santa and face painting will be available. Light snacks and hot chocolate will be provided. No charge for families to attend but donations are welcomed to support 10 families we have committed to help out.

Mr. Cornwall will look into the possibility of having scientists in the schools. It's a program that offers grants and would be beneficial to students.

Teachers wish lists:

Possibility of creating class-specific gift baskets. Vote passed with cost up to \$125 per basket. 11 total baskets will be made.

Agreement by council to fund 2 smartboards passed unanimously.

MacMillan's Frozen Cookie Dough fundraiser will be moved to Easter time due to time constraints before Christmas.

Closing Prayer

Read by Filomena

Meeting Adjourned

9:00pm

Dates for Upcoming Meetings:

-January 17, 2024

-March 6, 2024

-May 8, 2024

-June 5, 2024

Mary Fix Catholic School Parent Council 2023/2024

Chair-Melissa Porto

Co- Chair-Filomena Figueiredo

Treasurer-Joseph Emanuele

Secretary- Barbara Szeliga

Parish rep -Natasha Scaramuzzo

OAPCE representative -Sonja Harasimowicz

Additional Voting members:

Amanda De Sousa

Jaime MacNeil

Stacey Aguiar

Sofiya Goncalves