

Mary Fix Catholic School

Wednesday October 18, 2023

Catholic School Council Meeting

In Attendance:

Sonja Harasimowicz
Daniella Raposo
Amanda De Sousa
Jason Amaral
Joe Emanuele
Jaime MacNeil
Barbara Szeliga
Filomena Figueiredo
Melissa Porto
Cathy Sforza-Principal
Jennifer Telfeyan- Teacher member
Rebecca Valentine- Teacher member
Bruno Iannicca – Ward 7 Trustee (virtual)

Meeting start – 6:40pm

Opening Prayer and Land Acknowledgement

Read by Melissa

Bruno Iannicca - Trustee

Bruno Iannicca joined remotely and addressed council first due to another meeting. He discussed fundraising hurdles our schools face in regards to raffles. It was proposed for Dufferin-Peel to request 1 permit, valid for 1 year to cover all schools. More updates are coming when they are received from the school board and city of Mississauga. He also discussed upcoming presentation on Human Trafficking for parents and possible dates of Nov. 29 or Dec. 7. More details coming soon on this topic.

Review and Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved by Joe and Sonja

Review and Approval of Previous Minutes

Previous minutes approved by Filomena and Melissa

Financial Review

Joe and Principal Sforza discussed chocolate fundraiser. Total sales = \$13,594.30

TD Bank made an error and incorrectly deposited \$2263.95 into the Council account instead of School account.

This was addressed and is being handled by TD and Debby.

\$500 Parent Grant needs to be spent during the year it was allocated to and can't be transferred to following year as per school board finance dept.

\$500 for current school year was received on Oct. 6, 2023

Parish Report

Natasha was absent. Principal Sforza went through the Parish bulletin.

Teacher Report

Mrs. Telfeyan is taking over as Teacher Rep for Mrs. McCracken for the next couple of months.

Principal Report

15 out of 23 grade 2 students have registered for First Communion. Registration is open until Oct. 22. Parent-child orientation for Mary Fix is Saturday, Oct. 21 at 2pm.

Dec. 13 – Christmas/Advent Mass at 9:30am.

Feb. 26 – Confessions for grades 3-8 at 9:30 in the school gym.

Apr. 8 – Easter Mass at 10am at the church for the whole school

Apr. 30 – 1st Reconciliation at 7pm

May 11 – 1st Communion at 2:30pm (photo at 2pm and at 3:30)

May 29 – Confirmation at 7 pm

EQAO reports went home Oct. 18. EQAO schedule for 2024 is May 8 – June 12, 2024.

CCAT testing for Grade 4 students took place October 23, 24, 25, 2023.

Nov. 14 – Progress report cards go home and parent interviews are Nov. 16.

Based on EQAO results, a Math Facilitator will be working with Grade 6 and with Grade 3 classes.

Girls Volleyball team went to the Semis. Boys Volleyball team went to the family tournament.

Cross country – 42 students joined and 1 student (Sophia G.) advanced to the boards.

Terry Fox annual walk was on Oct. 5 and raised \$1,400.

Halloween Spirit Week for ShareLife starts Oct. 23.

Photo retakes are Nov. 9.

St. Martin Open House for Grade 8 students and their parents is Nov. 8 at 6:30pm. St. Martins guidance dept. rep will visit Grade 8 class on Nov. 23.

3-4 Korean exchange teachers will be joining staff at Mary Fix from Oct. 24 to Nov. 3.

Next PA Day is Friday, Nov. 24, 2023.

Pizza days start on Nov. 10 and Tuck shop starts Nov. 6.

Grade 7 class went to Living Arts Center and participated in Hip Hop seminar on Oct. 17. Grade 8 will be going in November.

Pumpkin decorating contest planned at the school for each class. Thanks to Mrs. Vieira and her efforts, pumpkins were donated by the Superstore.

Region of Peel Immunization clinic for Grade 7 and 8 students was held on Oct. 10.

Nov. 15-16 Dental Screening for students JK, SK, Gr. 2, 4, 6 and 8.

School Wishlist:

- 2 smartboards are needed. Approximate cost to purchase and install is \$4,900 each.
- Cost to transport all kids from school to Easter Mass on April 8 at St. Catherine of Siena is estimated between \$1,500 and 1,800.
- Grade 8 graduation - \$2,500 + est. \$1,000 to be provided by council to cover refreshments in the library (we have 20 boys and 9 girls this year).
- Chrome books are also needed as many are at end of life and will be collected back by the board. Grades 1-6 currently share chrome books.
- Cost for proposed Interactive hallway is est. \$4,500. \$500 will be received from Region of Peel. Principal Sforza will discuss further with the board on options to substitute or use students and save on cost for this project.

Chair Report

Melissa discussed Halloween dance/game night. We may buy an inflatable decoration and keep for future use. Grade 8s will DJ the dance. Cost for the event is est. \$300 for glow sticks, decorations, etc.

Vote passed unanimously.

Lunch program options were discussed and decided on. As per confirmation from the school board, food programs are allowed as of right now and can proceed. Melissa to follow up with vendors and confirm if orders will arrive pre-packaged by class and sealed due to allergy concerns.

- Mondays: Lunch Box – Quesada
- Tuesdays: Lunch Pail
- Wednesdays: Lunch Box – Lunch Lady/Kids Kitchen
- Thursdays: Lunch Box – Osmows
- Fridays: Pizza Day

.50 cents will be added to each price for profit.

MacMillan's Frozen Cookie Dough sale was proposed for Christmas time. Vote to proceed with Cookie Dough sale passed unanimously.

Closing Prayer

Read by Filomena

Meeting Adjourned

8:30pm

Dates for Upcoming Meetings:

-November 15, 2023

-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