

**Mary Fix Catholic School**

**Wednesday September 27, 2023**

**Catholic School Council Meeting**

**In Attendance:**

Sonja Harasimowicz  
Daniella Raposo  
Amanda De Sousa  
Joseph Emanuele  
Natasha Scaramuzzo  
Jaime MacNeil  
Stacey Aguiar  
Barbara Szeliga  
Sofiya Goncalves  
Filomena Figueiredo  
Melissa Porto  
Cathy Sforza-Principal  
Sina McCracken- Teacher member  
Rebecca Valentine- Teacher member

**Prayer,**

O Canada and Land Acknowledgement- Principal-Cathy Sforza

**Welcome & Introductions:**

Principal -Cathy Sforza took a few moments at the opening to allow all attendees to introduce themselves and explain a bit about how all are connected to the Mary Fix Catholic School community.

**Greetings:**

Cathy Sforza passed along greetings from Catholic School Trustee Bruno Iannicca, Mississauga Ward 7.

## **Code of Conduct:**

Cathy Sforza spoke about the Catholic Code of Conduct and the conduct appropriate for parent council meetings. These meetings are our place for creative ideas, questions, and concerns. All people are to be treated with dignity and respect.

## **Catholic School Council Mission Roles:**

Cathy Sforza spoke about the various roles that there are to fill in our Catholic School Council. Cathy Sforza read each job description for the Catholic School Council and asked three times if anyone would be willing to volunteer. Cathy Sforza noted there are 6 positions that need to be filled to form the committee.

Cathy Sforza asked for volunteers for the position of Chair of Catholic School Council

**Melissa Porto** was the sole volunteer to be Chair.

This was seconded by Joseph Emanuele.

**Filomena Figueiredo** was the sole volunteer to be co-chair

This was seconded by Melissa Porto.

Cathy Sforza asked for a volunteer for treasurer

**Joseph Emanuele** was the sole volunteer.

This was seconded by Melissa Porto.

Cathy Sforza asked for a volunteer for Secretary

**Barbara Szeliga** was the sole volunteer.

This was seconded by Filomena Figueiredo.

Cathy Sforza asked for a Parish rep for School council

**Natasha Scaramuzzo** was the sole volunteer

This was seconded by Melissa Porto.

Cathy asked for an OAPCE representative

**Sonja Harasimowicz** was the sole volunteer

This was seconded by Melissa Porto.

Cathy then asked which parents would like to be parents at large- voting members of the committee. She reminded these parents that a criminal reference check is required.

The following attendees volunteered:

**Amanda De Sousa**

**Jaime MacNeil**

**Stacey Aguiar**

**Sofiya Goncalves**

## **Meeting Format:**

Cathy Sforza asked the council if they would like to have Catholic School Council meetings in person or hybrid. All unanimously voted to have in person meetings.

## **Allergy Concerns:**

Cathy Sforza discussed a severe allergy in the school and some changes that will need to be made to best ensure the student's safety as directed by the family doctor.

Parents expressed concerns regarding the safety measures, cost of snacks for the other families in the fdk class and limited fundraising options ( due to allergy).

Cathy Sforza then informed all parents that all lunch days will be on hold until we receive confirmation from the school board.

## **Catholic School Council Bylaws**

Reviewed by Cathy. Cathy offered to email the complete set of bylaws to all members of the committee.

## **Dates for Upcoming Meeting:**

Newly appointed chair of the Catholic School Parent Council, Melissa Porto suggested the following dates for upcoming meetings.

-October 18,2023

-November 15, 2023

-January 17, 2024

-March 6, 2024

-May 8, 2024

-June 5, 2024

## **Closing Prayer**

Read by Cathy Sforza

## **Next Meeting**

Wednesday October 18, 2023 at 6:30pm

## **Meeting Adjourned**

8:15pm

### **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



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