

St. Michael Catholic School Council Hybrid Meeting

Thursday April 27, 2023

6:00 – 7:30 pm

“We would like to acknowledge that this is the sacred territory of the Mississaugas of Credit First Nation, and we thank them for being stewards of this land “

In Attendance: Mr. Tantalo, Kathleen Prochilo, Tania Vincent, Maria Moran, Gabriella Di Pietrantonio, Francesca Nosotti, Diane Borelli, Mike Brunetto, Vanessa Eliseo, Natalia Agostino, Debbie Famele, Heather D’Ambrosio, Eliana Morizon, Ava Ambtman and GianMichael Tedesco, Heather Pletcher, Sonia Augello, Laura Bizzarro

Opening prayer – Tania Vincent (5min)

1) Updates on Community Programs at Town of Caledon - Kathleen Prochilo Supervisor, Community Programs at Town of Caledon (5min)

- Recruitment going on regular basis, employment fit for all areas of interest, looking for inclusion facilitators; Town provides opportunities in certification incentives, flexible schedules, and competitive wages. There are 75 students from St. Michael working for Town of Caledon
- Programs available for many different groups, Town offer both inclusive and adapted opportunities in all program areas, including aquatics, fitness, skating, camps and general interest
- Volunteers positions available regularly, apply online; looking for volunteers help on One-off events i.e. Caledon Day, June 17 etc.
- Town launched no-cost aquatic leadership courses for swim instructors and lifeguards, great opportunity for students to obtain up to 8 provincially recognized certifications and get a high school credit; free aquatic leadership as a credit-based program currently available in York and Upper Grand school boards, with support of Mississauga and Brampton; students from Robert F. Hall participating as well
- Programming/partnership always opens for any specific programs of interest, facility space, sports, info, etc.
- and Drop-In programming after school hours

*Question from parent, Gabriella: what are criteria for certification program for student to be accepted? -- Kathleen: none, accept everyone, all students, registration covered by Town, but some program may cost about \$100~

2) Student Voice: E.Morizon (5min)

- Students Senate is going on;
 - Mental Health week next week, we received \$1000 from the Board for activities and initiatives at school;
 - Ms.Galvao and Ms.Leggo preparing activities as a Longest Walk on school property, meditations, walk-and-lemonade students to bring reusable cups;
 - Announcement will be given each day for Mental Health week, all grades are included.
- * Maria shared info from OAPCE Conference, books to pass for Students Council - the Social Mental Health Ontario has big sources for students; the key is prevention, you will be happy to see this brochures.

3) Student Leadership: Ava Ambtman and GianMichael Tedesco (5min)

- Updates on Friday Night Lights: soccer game, raffle tickets, food will be organized, all money donations goes to Che-Place. Event takes place on May 19-th.
 - free entry for game, only pay for food;
 - got 6-7 sponsorship opportunities;
 - bubble soccer on the FaceTime;
 - looking for funds on entertainment
- *Mike, what funds you will start with? *Gabriella, how many people you're expecting? - Students: we made calculation for 75 burgers, and 75 hot dogs, aiming for about 150 people to come.
- *Mike, would you like to merge with event for Grad 2023 or keep it separate? – Students: to keep it separate; there is another day for Seniors, community event “Seniors Day” on May 25-th.
- *Mr.Tantalo: merge 2 events together;
- Mr.Stefano is pricing the food;
 - Entertainment – bubble soccer, students/teachers game, face painting, carnival games;
 - Athletic Banquet is in first week of June.

4) Chaplaincy Report: T.Vincent (5min)

- Next week is Catholic Education week:
- Monday is for Grade 12, Speaker “Keeping your faith”; Wellness Walk Grade 9
- Tuesday: Cookie for parents; Youth Minister visit during lunches; Wellness Walk Grade 10
- Wednesday: School Mass with Fr.Andrew; Street Patrol “Feed Homeless”; 1:30pm Mass at St.Michael Cathedral
- Thursday: Silver Creek Retreat for Wings of Faith students; Wellness Walk Grade 11
- Friday: Wings of Faith students are serving Speaker at St.Nicholas school for Grades 5-6-7-8; Wellness Walk Grade 12; Lemonade event: “When Life gives you Lemons, Make Lemonade!”

5) Teacher’s report: Ms.Eliseo (5min)

- Culinary program at the farm;
- Students visiting Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness;
- Listen/play music;
- Street Patrol

Teacher’s report: Ms.Sicoli sends her regrets

6) Principal Report: Mr.Tantalo (10 min)

- Wellness Walk, teacher/class by Grade for whole week except Wednesday, Wednesday is School Mass;
- Reflect on your final 30-ty, prepare for your finals;
- Parents/teacher interview went well; students were helping to navigate through the school;
- next Thursday is Music Fundraiser at 6-8:00pm; School Cash online open;
- Maria sent info about this Music Fundraising;
- Any questions about Prom/Grad ceremony parents are welcome to ask; almost everything been set, at 2:00pm PreShow, Stream or Prerecord will be available;
- Church is on Monday, Grad Mass at 1:00pm June 26-th, some Awards will be given there;
- Grad Committee is fantastic here at St.Michael school;

- Wellness room is running now, 10 students at the time with staff supervision, first come first served; they come and leave, doors locked between visits; works during 3C-lunch; students can't eat in the Library or Chapel, but they can eat in Wellness Room; room is not to socialize, but to be quiet as other places #cafeteria, matrix get busy. Room is #142 here on the first floor; kids who visited room are those who don't want to be in the big places, who having panic attack etc.

- Car-wash on May 16-th;

- Planning \$50 gift-card for Student School Council Leader; what do you think as a council?

*Natalia added: Elaine is an excellent example of leadership, great job during the year, she did a way more compare to other Student Council leaders in the past; I think Elaine deserves more.

*Heather had a question, if you're part of SHISM here (ICT, Hospitality, Sports) you get t-shirt, do you have to pay for? – Mr.Tantalo, will find out.

*Mike asked, do we have a choice for dates on Grads 2023 retreat? – Mr.Tantalo will find out.

Mike continued regarding funds and profits on Grads 2023 retreat:

Speducci proceeds – goes to Students Council;

Food proceeds – goes to Parent Council;

Cotton Candy/ and Lemonade's 10% profit we will pass it on for Student Council;

All members agree (Mike, Debbie, Gabriella, Dianne, Heather D'A, Heather P., Maria, Natalia):
Vote in favour (all members)

-Live Music for event, Mr.Tantalo to find out.

*Debbie asked, if any financial needs from student for the Prom dress or for the suite, can we as Parent council fund it? – Mr.Tantalo, first request goes to Social worker, and then pass it on for Council. School also provide lunches for those who can't buy lunches, vouchers provided by social workers.

*Maria asked, would you like to have Paul Davis event for students next year, students group target for Grade 9/10 – Mr.Tantalo, yes that's great to have a session; needed to see if it's fits in the calendar.

7) Treasurer report: Dianne Borelli (5min)

Receipts:

- \$767.11 opening balance
- \$166 Parent-teacher night raffle baskets
- \$727.95 Christmas event basket raffle (\$390.95 online + \$337 cash)
- \$1,699.32 Raptors tickets
- \$500 Gabriella
- \$500 Parents Engagement Grant
- \$1,471.92 Krispy Kreme fundraiser
- Total: \$5,832.30

Disbursements:

- Caledon Recreation Centre - \$162
- Krispy Kreme Owend - \$600
- St.Michael Award Night - \$100
- Refreshments - \$225

Total: \$1,417

Closing Balance: \$4,415.30

Balance as per bank statement: \$4,320.03

Cash that has to be deposited: - \$95.27

*Gabriella suggested to direct some money for the bank for deposit, to provide needs.

8) Chair/Co-Chair Report: Maria (5min)

Maria's report on Conference OAPCE in Kingston: conference was a successful event filled with information, speakers, and faith focused.

The key notes: Prayer effect has leading effect on the brain as self regulation;

- Zoom meetings/presentations as a source for education and parents;
- May 2 - July19 Zoom courses;
- Teresa Kennedy from School Mental Health Ontario is working on help for our schools; sometimes when we look at the picture - when student is sitting alone, to promote and build strategies for students as a parent role is the most important educator
- 2022/2023 Plan starts as support for our kids, as pandemic brought a lot on our kids, isolation, remote learning; we need to empower parents as parents-educators group, to collaborate together for kids benefits;
- Miguel Martinez speaker on Peer-Pressure, shared YouTube videos and games

Next Meeting June 8-th

Approval of Previous Minutes February 9-th / March 23-d (Heather, Debbie, Maria)

Closing Prayer: Gabriella

Questions/Answers / Adjournments