



**St. Michael Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, December 6, 2023**  
**School Library**  
**6:30 - 8:30 pm**

**In Attendance:**

School Staff – Josie Lorenzon, Catherine Lindsay, Tino Malta, Greg Firth, Ivan Skoko (via zoom)  
Regrets - Sandy Sicoli

Student Voice – Luca Quatela

Parents – Mike Brunetto, Debbie Famele, Diane Borrelli, Gabriella DiPietrantonio, Mary D’Adderio, Giovanni Borrelli, Maurizio Famele, Laura Bizzarro, Heather and Mark Prechner, Maria Moran (via zoom)  
Regrets – Francisco De Vacas

Opening Prayer – Mary D’Adderio

Land Acknowledgment – Gabriella Di Pietrantonio

Approval of Minutes – Motioned Diane Borrelli, seconded Debbie Famele - Motion Passed

**Student Report - Luca Quatela**

- Colour Wars was a huge success with \$2,300.00 raised for SickKids
- Grade 12 was the winning grade, for the first time in history of Colour Wars
- Grade 10 did get an honourable mention for raising the most in donations
- December Spirit Week will be held the week of December 18 to 22  
(tentative planned activities include: pictures with Santa, cafeteria Karaoke, Festive sweater and Cozy Day, Christmas Hats & Accessories Day)

**Teacher Report – Luca Quatela on behalf of Sandy Sicoli**

- Grade 11 Semi Formal was a big hit, fun had by both students and event organizers; pre-midnight snack station included cheeseburgers + poutine brought in (was well received)
- December 2 Bolton Santa Parade – town was lucky to have the Thunder Bus + "Bolt" walk the parade, along with Staff and Student Council reps
- December 6 school mass to begin the season of Advent
- December 14 "Let's Clause A Scene" Annual Arts Christmas Showcase; tickets (via Cash Online) sent out
- St. Michael Catholic School Council will have table setup for raffle on evening of showcase, and tickets available on Cash Online
- Grade 10 Civics Class hosting "Out of the Cold" - accepting gently used outdoor clothing/jackets/hats/mittens for those in need in community
- Mike Brunetto asked about plans or events for Easter; Luca mentioned how plans do not start until at least a month prior

**Chaplain: Ivan Skoko**

- December 6 whole student body Advent mass held
- December 7 last of retreats taking place (last two Grade 10 classes at Holy Family Church)

- Collection of winter clothes for ReGen being collected with last day to donate being December 21
- Chapel masses: Period 4 Advent masses week of December 11 for Grade 12 and PIP students; Grades 9-11 students will have masses for lent
- Candy Grams week of December 11 – distribution week of December 18 – money raised will be donated to Exchange
- Wings of Faith meetings held on Thursdays after school – Ivan trying to make them student led and on topics that they relate to; structured like a mass, with opening and closing prayers while tying in to biblical verses
- Matrix is decorated (chapel has tree too) for Christmas
- Lorenzon mentioned pastoral plan delivered

#### **PIP & Student Resources – Greg Firth**

- School Council members thanked for support to the students, both staff and students appreciate the support
- Confirmed Caledon Centre booked for activities with funding provided by School Council
- PIP still running the Breakfast Club – PIP taking on initiative and leadership
- Both ECO Council and Pathway Room continue their work and support for students and groups
- Basketball tournament – team did well until meeting Aquinas and unfortunately lost
- Mentioned how community feedback mentions how wonderful the student body of St. Michael is

#### **Vice Principal(s) Report – Tino Malta**

- Assessment committee finalizing Exam Preparation Checklist – checklist to ensure all teachers can be consistent across all departments and provide students a consistent plan on how their finals will be structured
- Exam + CPT make up final 30% of marks // CPT happens in class to minimize stress on students (not to be loaded with CPT to be done at home, aside from perhaps some final touches; CPT reflects on the course content
- CPT is not an exam but it is a ‘task’ which is broken, or sectioned into parts so that there is always room to improve and gain marks, not lose any
- Highly recommend NOT TO PLAN vacation during exams OR CPT timing; concessions may be made if student has to be away due to a high-level sporting/team event (with proper notes from the Club or Organization)
- J. Lorenzon noted that Board Policy clearly states that an absence for CPT will result in a zero mark and no rewrites will be allowed
- List of Key Dates provided for last month and a half of First Semester (final assessment date is January 16, 2024 with January 17<sup>th</sup> last day for CPTs)
- Weekly blitzes for Grade 10 literary tests (as preps) have been taking place; second semester looking to hold a parent engagement event so parents know how to prep/where to look for info
- April 2024 is date set for Grade 10 Lit Test

#### **Principal Report – Josie Lorenzon**

- Anti bullying week: program ran for every Grade 9 homeroom; Grade 10s are next group (workshops to be run by an outside approved specialized company); Grade 11s will have workshops during Semester 2; G. Borrelli asked what the course/workshop will include (topics etc)
- Online tool was explained to Grade 9 on how to report any incidents they see; open for parents to use as well; found on website (right hand side of site)
- MAAD provided a virtual presentation; J. Lorenzon wanted this to take place before Grade 11 Semi Formal and Grade 12s were included
- Pastoral plan was returned December 6; Librarian to post it on website; I. Skoko will be reviewing it at next meeting in February; a note will be sent in next newsletter when link is ready

### **CHAIR/Cochair – Mike Brunetto**

- February 7, 2024 next in person meeting
- November 30, 2023 online training for School Council positions held virtually, summary notes to be presented at next meeting

### **TREASURER – Diane Borrelli**

- Christmas Raffle Draw on December 18 (tickets on sale on Cash Online, and will be available on December 14) 5 for \$10 and 10 for \$20
- As learned through training on Treasurer position, tap machines not allowed to be used but idea of a QR code which links directly to school's cash online account is acceptable
- Issue of using tap machines (not board approved) brought up in Chair and Treasurer training portions
- SJP2 Year End Carnival set for June 7, 2024
- Suggestion of May 30, 2024 with a rain date to be set as well for Annual BBQ; final date to be determined

### **PARISH REP – Mary D'Adderio**

- Holy Family link is not working on St. Michael website – C. Lindsey will investigate
- St. Nicholas Feast at Holy Family went well over December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend
- Beautification of Holy Mary statue – will work, or come up with a plan in the Spring with EcoCouncil

### **QUESTIONS**

- L. Quatela – for Student Council to request for reimbursements for costs incurred for anything, what is process/procedures? Brunetto mentioned to bring it up as soon as they could and include a pitch/explanation; if possible, to avoid last minute requests so that School Council can make a decision with enough time
- Follow up from L. Quatela, costs incurred for Parade might be an item Student Council asks for reimbursements on

### **Closing Prayer – Famele**

### **Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm**

### **Future Meeting Dates**

- Wednesday evenings, with the following dates confirmed:
  - Wednesday, February 7, 2024
  - Wednesday, March 6, 2024
  - Wednesday, April 10, 2024
  - Wednesday, June 5, 2024