



**ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL
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Full Name	Email Address	Sept 28	OCT 19	NOV 16	DEC 7	JAN 25	MAR 1	APR 19	JUN 7
Caroline Athaide (Principal)		X	X	X	X				
Stephanie lassogna (Teacher Representative)		X	X	X	X				
Luisa Medeiros (Teacher Representative)		X	X	X	X				
Claudia Filipe (Co-Chair)		X	X	X	X				
Julia Van de Kraats (Co-Chair)		X	X	X	X				
Andrea Gavrilovic (Treasurer)		X	X	X	X				
Nelly Xavier (Co-Secretary)		X	X	X	X				
Monika Serpa (Co-Secretary)		X		X	X				
Steve Starcevic (Parish Representative)		X		X					
Melissa Agius (OAPSI Representative)									
Mario Pascucci		X	X	X	X				
Caleigh Dale		X							
Jonathan Dale		X							
So Jin Jung		X	X	X	X				
Lubna Nemeh		X							



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1st order of business	Opening Prayer/Land Acknowledgement Agenda Approval: 1 st : Nelly 2 nd : Julia Meeting Minutes Approval for October 19, 2022 1 st 1; Andrea; 2 nd : Julia	
Trustee Report	Mario Pascucci joined meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Wished everyone present and the community a Merry Christmas ➤ Advised that post Board elections that the Board is trying to find its feet, the new Board is going through their objectives and pillars of where the Board is now and when it wants to be in five (5) years. ➤ Next meeting Mario will be returning to the table to ask as parents what we would like to see the Board achieve in the upcoming years ➤ He will be starting a new initiative where he sends out a News Letter to the community – goal is to send one out at the beginning of every month ➤ Any questions – No 	
Principal's report	1) Monthly Virtue: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The virtue for the month of December: <u>Hope</u> ➤ November 25th at 1:15 p.m. Virtue Assembly hosted by Mrs. Beach's Class was a success 2) Fundraising Initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sincere thank you to the parents for following contributions: Angel of Giving; Winter Clothing Donation; Cookie Fundraising ➤ Eco Team also promoting winter clothing drive as part of their objecting of reuse/recycle 3) School Mural: Follow up on last month's proposal of Parent Council funding a new School mural <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ School is looking to replace the 10 virtue posters which are in poor condition along the hallway by the library ➤ Proposal for new mural to be a virtue tree in which kids selected monthly for the virtue award would have their names posted on the tree each month and it would remain for the year. 	<p>Mrs. Athaide to follow up and ask for clarification on final costs of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ T-shirt for all students ○ T-shirts for YFA <p>*Samples to be shown at next meeting</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mural is a celebration of STOCs Catholicism and virtues and will be a focal point for area at the front of the school ➤ Approximate cost is \$4700.00 ➤ Request placed on hold until Council has a separate Finance meeting <p>4) School T-Shirt Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mockup of sample t-shirt completed includes school crest and name in royal blue however the Vendor returned with different price ➤ Pricing and request for Parent Council Funds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$9.40/ per T-shirt with school crest only on the front ○ \$13.25/per T-shirt with crest on front and logo on the back ○ Next parent council meeting in January principal to return with clarification on prices and sample t-shirts <p>5) Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) have released their scores for Grade three (3) and six (6):</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="277 1140 1005 1262"> <thead> <tr> <th>Grade 3</th> <th>Reading</th> <th>Writing</th> <th>Math</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Ontario</td> <td>73%</td> <td>65%</td> <td>59%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>STOC</td> <td>64%</td> <td>71%</td> <td>43%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <table border="1" data-bbox="277 1299 1005 1421"> <thead> <tr> <th>Grade 6</th> <th>Reading</th> <th>Writing</th> <th>Math</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Ontario</td> <td>85%</td> <td>84%</td> <td>47%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>STOC</td> <td>89%</td> <td>94%</td> <td>56%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>6) Literacy Lead Teacher</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Teacher for Literacy will be coming into the school for seven (7) weeks ➤ Ms. Sarah Battista – her focus will be primary grades Kindergarten to grade three (3) ➤ She will be working with the staff- co-teaching and co-planning using the Heggerty Resource that was purchased by the Board and interacting with students <p>7) Grant received for Parents</p>	Grade 3	Reading	Writing	Math	Ontario	73%	65%	59%	STOC	64%	71%	43%	Grade 6	Reading	Writing	Math	Ontario	85%	84%	47%	STOC	89%	94%	56%	
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<p>Parent Council Update:</p> <p>Julia Van deKraats and</p>	<p>1) Cookie Fundraiser Recap</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Final sales = \$2938.00 – not as high as planned but in current climate (inflation, cost of living, etc.) still very good 	<p>Mrs. Gordon to advise parent</p>																																		



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<p>Claudia Filipe</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Question regarding parents who choose to donate online versus purchasing cookies – these funds are to be included in above number ➤ Winners of Contests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ First Place – Mrs. Iassogna ○ Second Place – Mrs. Neiva ○ Third Place – Mrs. Scarpelli ○ Fourth Place – Mrs. Cascairo ➤ Learning lesson – More parent engagement – word of mouth ➤ Suggestion for next year – at open house have a booth for the parent council with objective/goal of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Introduction ○ Fundraising Initiatives ○ Engagement <p>2) Spring Fundraising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Next fundraising initiative to be decided at January’s meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Suggestion made for chocolate – as it is a high revenue item. Challenge is that it’s very labor intensive for council. 	<p>council of funds collected through online donations.</p>
<p>Treasurer’s report</p>	<p>Currently the Parent Council has the following Funds: \$10,822.45</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pizza Day Revenue \$1531.25 ➤ Pizza Day Expenses \$1539.62 <p>Question raised: Why did pizza cost council more than revenue if intention of pizza program is to raise funds?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Confusion around dates associated with revenue and expenses of pizza program. Council to have a separate finance meeting with Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. Athaide. ➤ Also council is purchasing boxes to place the pizza in – question raised if we need to continue placing pizza in box? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mrs. Athaide advises that yes due to health concerns need to keep safety measures in place ○ Mrs. Gordon advised via messenger as she was having technical difficulties that the boxes were not an issue 	<p>Separate Finance meeting to be held between Mrs. Gordon, Chairs of parent council and Treasurer.</p>



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<p>Teacher's report: Mrs. lassogna and Mrs. Medeiros</p>	<p>1) Request for funds for Christmas Concert:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Teachers are using the funds requested to purchased something small for each child to wear at concert <p>2) For future consideration – increase amount Council provides to each teacher for classroom supplies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Due to increase in cost of supplies the money provided to Teachers does not yield many supplies ➤ Historically teachers provided approximately \$150.00 future request to increase to \$250/per teacher to reflect rising cost of supplies <p>3) Audio update required for school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Current audio equipment is outdated and as a result it is challenging to have presentations, assemblies, and mass. ➤ Need to take stock of all audio equipment and determine what school has and what needs to be updated ➤ Ticket to be placed with school IT technician to conduct a review and provide recommendations ➤ Any new audio equipment recommended needs to be ordered from School tender 	<p>Mrs. Medeiros to provide Mrs. Athaide of a list of all audio items that need to be updated and ordered.</p>



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ROUND TABLE	<p>1.) Claudia – request to look at the price of a score board for the gym</p> <p>2.) Mrs. Medeiros – request to add an additional screen in gym</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Challenge when there is mass or presentation and the middle screen can't be used, as a result the side of the wall is used. <p>3) Claudia – Possibility of bringing in an art program or music program to the school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Question raised of whether or not there be any consideration to have a teacher with instruments teach music ➤ Challenge is there are no instruments – very costly to bring in instruments ➤ Mrs. Athaide also advises that the school needs to follow a curriculum ➤ Claudia found a math program through DJ'ing for grade 5-8 when the individual comes into the school – need more details costs, dates, supplies, etc. 	<p>Mrs. Gordon to look into the cost for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Scoreboard for gym ➤ Additional screen <p>Claudia to look into details re Math program through music.</p>
Next meeting date:	January 25, 2023	