



**ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL
APPROVED MINUTES
February 1, 2023**

Full Name	Email Address	Sept 28	OCT 19	NOV 16	DEC 7	FEB 1	MAR 1	APR 19	JUN 7
Caroline Athaide (Principal)		X	X	X	X	X			
Stephanie lassogna (Teacher Representative)		X	X	X	X	X			
Luisa Medeiros (Teacher Representative)		X	X	X	X	X			
Claudia Filipe (Co-Chair)		X	X	X	X	X			
Julia Van de Kraats (Co-Chair)		X	X	X	X	X			
Andrea Gavrilovic (Treasurer)		X	X	X	X	X			
Nelly Xavier (Co-Secretary)		X	X	X	X	X			
Monika Serpa (Co-Secretary)		X		X	X	X			
Steve Starcevic (Parish Representative)		X		X		X			
Melissa Agius (OAPSI Representative)						X			
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 December 6, 2022 1 st Nelly; 2 nd Andrea	
Trustee Report	Mario Pascucci - not present	
Principal's report	1) Monthly Virtue: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The virtue for the month of January was Self-Control. Appreciative for Mrs. Pereira and her class who hosted the virtue liturgy /assembly for the school on January 24, 2023 ➤ The virtue of the month for February is Respect 2) ShareLife Campaign/Initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ This month's ShareLife initiative will be Candy Grams ➤ Mrs. Beach and Mrs. Felice class are promoting Candy Grams ➤ Option to purchase candy grams will close on February 7th ➤ Sales are going well, once all the orders are placed, school will review the orders to ensure that each child receives a candy gram 3) Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Grade 6/7 and 7/8 will be performing a dance piece in lieu of not participating in Christmas Concert. Performance is on February 2 at 9:30 all parents are welcomed 	



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	<p>4) Ministry Grant – Teaching and Learning Innovation Allocation Grant Both STOC and St. Alfred’s applied for a joint grant (Grade 3, 3/4, 4/5 teachers with Mrs. Chan and Mrs. Shepherd and the staff from St. Alfred’s school) – Grant covers an allotment of supply days per school so teachers can meet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Focus for the grant is stem and science curriculum ➤ Teachers from both schools will be collaborating ➤ Grant was for \$4000.00 <p>5)Equity – Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ School Board provided STOC with a number of books that are representative of various cultures ➤ Teachers are all reviewing these books and have found them as a valuable resource that is reflective of diversity ➤ Staff are participating in book study – current focus in on anti-racism <p>6) Embracing our Catholicism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ This month our focus is on Respect the virtue of the month <p>7) CSILC – Catholic School Improvement Learning Cycle As a school we will focus on High Yield Instructional Strategies - Descriptive Feedback, Learning Goals and Success Criteria</p> <p>8) Extra Curricular Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Chess Club – for junior and intermediate grades – tournament is scheduled for the end of March ➤ Games Group – for grade three (3) meets once a week. Focus of the group is to learn through games conflict resolution. Grade three was selected as the group for this extracurricular activity because of several instances of conflict occurring during recess. Goal is to help children 	



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	<p>navigate challenging situations and resolve conflict amicably.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mindfulness Monday's – intermediate kids leading mindfulness Monday's – which involves weekly announcement with tips and tricks to be mindful i.e. breathing techniques. Madame. Galle is the lead teacher on this initiative <p>8) Issues/Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Student Tardiness – students arriving to school late is becoming a challenge. School does not believe in using detention as a punishment; as the reason for the tardiness can be out of the student's control i.e. their parents. Alternatively, tardiness was addressed in February Newsletter and at Council ➤ After School – kids are staying around after school and there have been some issues – as there is no Teacher Supervision students are not to stay after school with or without their parents. <p>9) T-shirts for students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mrs. Athaide showed sample image of T-shirt and advised that all T-shirts would cost \$13.25/per T-shirt ➤ Mrs. Athaide made request to have council cover the cost of all student t-shirt – 245 students plus 10 extra ➤ Claudia advised that Mrs. Gordon gave her an updated quote for the t-shirts \$8.65 plus tax = \$10./per t-shirt ➤ Request made for Council to cover the cost for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 252 T-shirts for students ○ 35 T-shirts for YFA ○ 20 T-shirts for Teachers ○ 6 T-shirts for YFA Teachers (there is an addition of one more) 	<p>Council approves up to the proposed amount \$3120.00</p> <p>**Mrs. Gordon advised post meeting of the following: There will be a surcharge to use School Cash Online and there could be shipping, the vendor was not able to provide the shipping cost until the order is received. I will know the final total when I receive the invoice and advise you.</p>



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	<p style="text-align: center;">○ Total of 313 T-shirts X \$10.00 = \$3130.00</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Council approves this request ➤ Mrs. Medeiros asked question of how kids will get sorted with the correct size? i.e. via email or paper form being sent home. Mrs. Athaide advised that a size chart will be provided and parents will have to advise what size their child is through a paper submission <p>10) Recap of Important Dates: February 2023 Feb. 1 Winter Walk to School Day Feb. 2 World Day for Consecrated Life, Presentation of the Lord (Feast) Feb. 2 National Sweater Day Feb. 2 Grade 6/7 and 7/8 classes performance at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 3 Interview conference request forms are due Feb. 4 World Cancer Day Feb. 7 Candygram sales end Feb. 11 World Day of the Sick, Our Lady of Lourdes (Memorial) Feb. 11 International Day of Women and Girls in Science Feb. 14 Valentine’s Day Feb. 14 Term 1 Reports are sent home Feb. 15 National Flag Day Feb. 16 Reporting Evening Feb. 17 P.A. Day (Reporting Day) Feb. 17-20 Great Backyard Bird Count—Count birds you see Feb. 20 Family Day Feb. 21 Shrove Tuesday Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday Feb. 22 Pink Shirt Day Feb 23 ShareLife Spirit Day– Tropical Day (wear your Colourful shirts/straw hats and beat the cold)</p>	



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<p>Parent Council Update:</p> <p>Julia Van deKraats and Claudia Filipe</p>	<p>1) Spring Fundraising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Looking for a Spring Fundraising event and open to suggestions. Winter Fundraised – Cookies raised just under \$3000.00 ➤ A Parent suggested Mcegar Meats as it is a great product, however, concerns over the STOC community and current economic climate and whether or not this suggested would result in raising a significant amount of funds ➤ Alternatively suggestion to sell chocolates as it is low and cost and easy to sell. ➤ Steve asked if Parent Council had or would consider of having a sample size type meeting with the community to see what kinds of fundraising initiatives parents would be likely to participate in. Julia advised that this exercise did occur at the beginning of the year at the Open House. Melissa further advised that she was responsible for engaging parents for their feedback on fundraising and that chocolate was the number one favorite amongst parents. ➤ Agreement made that Spring Fundraiser would be chocolate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Claudia will look chocolate fundraising options and return to Council table with options. Hope is to launch fundraising so it aligns with Easter.
<p>Treasurer's report</p>	<p>Andrea shared report provided to her from Mrs. Gordon for December still waiting for the January report:</p> <p>December 2022 Opening Cash Balance: \$10,822.45</p> <p>Revenue:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Cookie Fundraiser: \$2938.00 ➤ Parent involvement grant: \$500.00 ➤ Pizza Day (monthly): \$1474.40 ➤ Total Revenue: \$4912.90 <p>Expenditures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Cookie Fundraiser: \$226.54 ➤ Pizza Day (weekly): \$1762.34 	<p>.</p>



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	<p>➤ Total Expenditure: \$ 1988.88</p> <p>Funds Remaining: \$13,746.47</p> <p>*Julia advised that pizza revenue/expenditure is reflective of parent purchasing cycle</p> <p>*Steve raised question where does funding for parent grant come from? Mrs. Athaide advised that it is a provincial grant.</p> <p>*Nelly raised question – does the grant have to be used solely for parent engagement? Mrs. Athaide confirmed that it does.</p>	
<p>Teacher's report: Mrs. Iassogna and Mrs. Medeiros</p>	<p>1) Mrs. Medeiros Request for funds for Shove Tuesday:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ YFA running shove Tuesday for the entire school ➤ All day event for entire school ➤ Pancakes provided to all students ➤ Mardi Gras theme embedded with Catholic Beliefs ➤ Two classes at a time in the Gym ➤ YFA will be making pancakes with the assistance of Parent Volunteers – Mrs. Medeiros will send out an email in future re volunteering ➤ Request made for \$600.00 ➤ Parent Council approves this request <p>2) Claudia advised that Mrs. Gordon advised that she did look into the request for large screens for gym (follow up item from December meeting). Cost of screens range from \$3500 to \$6000. Mrs. Medeiros will follow up with Mrs. Gordon for all the details and put in formal request at next meeting.</p>	<p>Council approves up to the proposed amount of \$600.00</p>



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ROUND TABLE	<p>1.) Steve – raised question of whether or not there is an interest in inviting other parishes to come into the school i.e. Croatian Church on Cawthra.</p> <p>2.) Nelly – raised question regarding what the school does if anything for students doing the sacrament of Communion</p> <p>- Mrs. lassogna advised in previous years STOC would hold an evening event to celebrate, however, due to COVID this hasn't happened in a few years. Mrs. Athaide advised that she would need to speak to staff to decide what they will do.</p>	<p>1) Mrs. Athaide advised that Father John Facey is STOCs representative and he would need to be consulted.</p>
Next meeting date:	March 1st, 2023	