

St. Paul Catholic Secondary School

Catholic Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 30th, 2022

Catholic School Trustees:

-Bruno Iannicca and Mario Pascucci will focus on meeting with Mississauga councillor Stephen Dasko and MPP Rudy Cuzzetto about the proposed turf facility. Updates will be provided at the next Catholic Council meeting.

-They will continue to advocate for the STP school community, ensuring educational needs are met, money is spent on school building upgrades and renovations, and creating a safe school environment (masks, bullying, and building relationships).

STP Student Representative Report:

-Cassandra Stevens shared the many sports and school club activities being offered this semester to STP students and shared how students are preparing for exams.

-January exams will focus on mental health. Students are encouraged to speak to STP staff members and access resources from the Dufferin Peel School Board website.

CSC Meeting Wednesday, October 5th, 2022 minutes were approved; minutes are posted on the school website.

School and Community Updates:

-Chaplaincy Plan is uploaded on STP website. Students participated in retreats and in leadership roles within the community.

-OAPCE meeting was held on November 23. The meeting shared information about OAPCE and its role within the school council. The Central Committee for Catholic School Council will host a “Virtual Workshop” for parent representatives Thursday, December 1st @ 6:30 pm.

-Please follow OAPCE on Twitter @oapceontario and @oapce_dp

-Virtual meeting and elections for OAPCE Dufferin Peel executive team will be held on, December 14, 2022 from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm.

-Parent Engagement speaker, Sara Westbrook- date TBD

-Council Donation Fundraiser for St. Paul Arts program- timing to be discussed at February meeting (aiming before Easter).

-School Advent Mass December 7th @ 9:15 am.

Parish News:

- St. Dominic's parish community held the Lasagna night and raised a net of \$3,050.
- Choir: practices will be held on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm (information can be found on the church's website). High school students looking for community service hours are welcome and the hours will count toward their total number of hours.
- Information on First Holy Communion and Confirmation Sacraments are on the church's website.
- Sunday missals for 2023 are available at the main office for \$5.
- Advent day of Confessions is on December 13th from 6-8 pm. Christmas mass schedule is available on the church's website.
- Christmas Giving Tree- all gift cards be returned by Dec. 10th. St. Vincent de Paul Society will ensure the cards are distributed to our community families in need.

Upcoming Events:

- EQAO Grade 9 Testing will be in January 2023. More information will be shared with students.
- OSSLT Grade 10 Testing will be in December 2022 for both in-person and remote learners.
- Many more activities and events are planned for STP next semester. **Follow St. Paul on INSTAGRAM @stpaulcss1 and TWITTER @STPaulCSS1**

Principal's Items:

- In preparation for exams, STP will prepare students with reviews, TIP sheets for both students and parents. Students will demonstrate their learning in the allotted time.
- Exam period runs from **January 23 to January 31**. If an exam needs to be postponed due to weather conditions, students will write their exam on January 31st.
- Exam review date is on Wednesday, February 1st.
- Thursday, February 2nd is a PD Day (no school). Second semester begins on Fri. Feb 3rd.
- Spirit Wear has been delivered.
- Safety procedures: each semester students will participate in fire and lockdown drills.
- STEM innovation will be staggered and focus on experiential learning.
- Mississauga East POWER ME UP will be on April 25th for local feeder schools – grade 6 students.
- 2023-2024 course selections will begin before the Christmas break, students are encouraged to make an appointment with their guidance counselor.

- Next Catholic School Council Meeting will be on Wednesday, February 8th at 6:30 pm. ALL ARE WELCOME😊.**