



St. Sofia Byzantine Catholic School School Council Meeting Minutes

**Monday, June 3, 2024,
6:30 PM**

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

Members in attendance:

NAME :	POSITION :
Oksana Shavel	Co-Chair
Olena Shklar	Co-Chair
Ewa Chalupa	Treasurer
Olga Meshko-Doubinska	Secretary
Nataliya Shved	Parish Rep
Victoria Kit	Parish Rep/alt
Oksana Sopotnytska	OAPCE Rep
Victoria Kit	Parent Rep
Kathryn Konnerth	Parent Rep
Motria Mielnik	Parent Rep
Oksana Volchuk	Parent Rep
Ulyana Polovka	Parent Rep
Nataliya Ryabchun	Parent Rep
Katerina Minaeva	Parent Rep
Yuri Shavel	Parent Rep
Ola Holyk	Teacher
Fr. Tom Hrywna	Pastor
Sandra Donaghue	Principal
Rosina Cosentinino	Vice-Principal
Oksana Tkaczyk	Non-Teacher Rep

Regrets: Diana Zariczniak (Parent Rep)

1. **Opening Prayer: The Lord’s Prayer** led by Fr. Tom Hrywna
2. **Land Acknowledgement** led by O. Shklar
3. **Review and Approval of Minutes from last meeting on April 11 , 2024 -**
approved by E.Chalupa , seconded by K. Konnerth
4. **Approval of Agenda** for June 3 , 2024 meeting – approved by M.Mielnik , seconded by O. Volchuk
5. **Microsoft project update and remarks (O. Holyk)**
 - St Sofia School was chosen by the DPCSB to represent our board for the Microsoft project. Short presentation clip was run “ Girls Who Game “ project.

6. Principal’s Report (Pani Donaghue)

FAITH: Current Virtue – Fairness

- **June 10** – Project Team’s visit to Microsoft Headquarters in Toronto to showcase their work and check other opportunities in the field of Gaming .
- Virtue Assembly coming up
- Donations update to come to Dzerelo /Embrave/Parishes – final amounts will be finalized and posted on the SMORE

SCHOOL INFORMATION /ITEMS:

- Current school capacity remains at **622** students.
- Current Year 1s reg – 59.
- Cap is still on for now.
- Open spots in Gr.1 (3) ; JK (1)
- 27 classes this year
- 25 classes next year
- Retirements: D.Darewych , H.Ostapiuk , G.Batruch , L.Mazur, N.Vereschak
- New hires (Permanent Internal Postings)will happen , which , as always, come down to seniority and qualifications .

Principal explained hiring practice and process

- Ukrainian Language from K- GR 8 – (150min/week)- 1 straight group per grade.
Principal explained Ukrainian International language program & hiring

GRADE LEVEL EXPERIENCES PLANNED:

Grade	Activity
JK/SK	Music Program
Gr. 1	Pizza Nova Pizza sessions
Gr. 2	Beading Buds (connected to the sacrament)- Rosary Bracelets will be blessed Friday , June 7, 2024

Gr. 3	Swim to Survive swim program
Gr. 4/5	Skating
Gr. 6/7	Girls Night In /Boys Night In
Gr. 8	Overnight Trip
*** Super successful events ***	

CURRICULUM ITEMS :

- PA Days – June 10, 2024 ; - September 16 , 2024
- Math Professional Learning Community continues - focus on curriculum fidelity and math confidence.
- Clubs/Teams Photo Day
- Upcoming events :
 - Softball
 - Soccer
 - Track & Field- June 13th
 - Beach Volleyball – June 25th
- Thank you to all supporting and dedicated staff for creating these teams and supporting them!

SCHOOL SPIRIT UPDATES AND INFO :

- Swag Shop – coming back up in September – students can wear their St .Sofia Swag on Fridays throughout the school year.
- Student appreciation Week – last week of school
- June 24 – St .Sofia goes to Movies .
- June 25 – Olympic Theme Play Day
- June 26 - Graduation
- June 27 – Year -end Moleben & Ice -Cream Truck
- June 28 – Year -end Assembly saying Thanks to some of our staff & Grads vs Staff Game/Clap out

EXTRA CURRICULARS:

- ECO -schools
- Girls for Gaming

NEXT CSC MEETINGS:

- September 26 , 2024 @ 6:30 pm.

7. Co-Chair Report (O. Shklar)

- Thank you all for our last meeting .
- Meetings with administration to support community feedback and suggestions.

- Remaining Budget.
- Thanks to :Pani V. Kit and Pani N. Shved for years of service
- Council shared a Calendar of Events / Holidays/ Days of Recognition

Idea of Proposed Calendar
(everyone is welcome to add /suggest important events)*

2024-2025 school year

<i>Month</i>	<i>Event</i>
<i>September</i>	<i>-17th – Feast of St Sofia (1st Divine Liturgy at St.Mary’s</i> <i>-September 18th – St . Sofia Open House</i> <i>-September 26th - 1st School Council Meeting</i>
<i>October</i>	<i>Thanksgiving Celebration</i>
<i>November</i>	<i>HOLODOMOR</i>
<i>December</i>	<i>-Svichechka , St .Mykolay Concert , Confessions , Rizdvo</i>
<i>January</i>	<i>-Feast of Jordan (Water blessings)</i> <i>-Malanka – January 10th</i>
<i>February</i>	<i>-Stritennya – February 5th , 2025</i> <i>-Forgiveness Sunday (Syropusna Nedilia) -last week of February</i> <i>- Anniversary of War in Ukraine</i>
<i>March</i>	<i>- T. Shevchenko concert</i>
<i>April</i>	<i>-Pysanky writing</i> <i>-Easter (Velykden)</i>

May	-Vyshyvanka Day - First Holy Communion –May 3d , 2025
June	-Year-end Moleben

8. Review of Financials (E. Chalupa)

Summary of total funds raised and net profit is based on YTD Actuals as of 04/30/24:

- Add:** - \$ 67,084.70.00 – Pizza Fundraising
 - \$ 2,289.15 – Donations (BCU, UCU, board website, parent donations through Cash online)
 - \$ 500.00 – Grant (parent involvement)

Total Revenue : \$ 69,873.85

- Less:** - \$ 6,295.58 – Bussing
 - \$ 711.89 – Gr. 2 First Holy Communion
 - \$ 3,545.40- Gr.8 Graduation
 - \$ 6,041.67 – School Technology
 - \$ 6,227.49 - St. Nicholas gifts
 - \$ 591.80 – Christmas Crafts
 - \$ 823.57 – Teachers Gifts
 - \$ 488.50 – Open House Ice-Cream Truck
 - \$ 18,047.57 – Pizza Costs
 - \$ 683.85 – Miscelaneous Expenses (Holy Water jars)

Total Expenses : \$ 56,811.42

Total Cash on Hand expected (August 21, 2024YE) : \$ 16,223.73

COSTS of some additional equipment TO BE allocated between School and School Council Budgets :

Smart Board	\$ 3,800.00 /each
10 Chrome books	\$ 3,320.00
10 iPads	\$ 4,500.00

*****Final decision to be made mid-June regarding allocation of the funds.**

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned @ 8:47 pm

Next general SC meeting – September 26, 2024 @ 6:30 pm

