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ITEM	DETAILS	ACTION
<b>Meeting</b>	Minutes to the School Council Meeting	
<b>Date</b>	Oct. 4, 2023 6:30pm – 8:30pm School Library	
<b>Opening Prayer / Land Acknowledgement</b>		
<b>Introduction</b>	Welcome and introduction of all present  <u>In Attendance (12):</u> Cathrine Duke, Joy Lusk, Robin Patinios, Andrea D’Souza, Kathleen D’Souza, Alex Piasecka, Alia Vaz, Agnes Madej, Fred Mathews, Steffi Jose, Lorraine Pereira, Linda Marcuzzi, Kelly D’Souza, Michelle Main, Alia Vaz, Tamara Pereira, Monica D’Souza, Rachel Pinto, Sherry John, Michelle D’Souza  <u>Virtual:</u> Kathleen D’Souza	
<b>Guest speakers</b>	<p><b>1. Brea Corbet</b>, Trustee DPCDSB attended the meeting to introduce herself &amp; explain her role.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DPCDSB Trustee Mississauga Wards 9 &amp;10. C: (905) 301-9373 Brea.Corbet@dpcdsb.org</li><li>• Brea, talked about how she works closely with parent, educators, Trustees, school communities as well as our municipal and provincial elected representatives. She believes in a collaborative approach in partnering for our children and community.</li><li>• Trustees are responsible for the board budget. They bring school issues and concerns to the Board who in turn escalate these issues to the Province.</li><li>• Brea spoke about a changes to Procedural By-laws.</li></ul> <p><b>2, Sue McFadden</b>, Mississauga City Council – Ward10 Website: Mississaugaward10.ca Email: <a href="mailto:sue.mcfadden@mississauga.ca">sue.mcfadden@mississauga.ca</a> Telephone: 905-896-5010</p>	

	<p>David Raakman, Exec Assistant to Sue McFadden</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sue discussed road safety in school zones and what her team &amp; herself are trying to do to address the issue.</li> <li>• Forest Park Dr – Speed Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The speed camera has been knocked down 5 times</li> <li>○ The city is putting 3 speed bumps on this road in the coming months</li> <li>○ They have lowered the speed limit to 30</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Sue &amp; Cathrine Duke are meeting with Jaclyn Titanium to do a Safety Route review of the school and identify any issues.</li> <li>• Sue provided some updates on housing and community developments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 124 Single detached homes are being built near Lisgar Park</li> <li>○ Ninth Line housing development will include a Public school.</li> <li>○ Phase 2 of the Ninth Line Community centre has been approved (Cricket field, Indoor Tennis)</li> <li>○ Please subscribe to her monthly newsletter for updates.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p><b>Approval of Agenda</b></p>	<p>Agenda for the Oct. 4, 2023 meeting was previously distributed.</p>	<p><b>Motion:</b> “The agenda of the meeting held on Oct 4 2023 be Accepted”</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Robin Patinios <b>First:</b> Lorraine Pereira <b>Second:</b> Alex Piasecki <b>Carried</b></p>
<p><b>Approval of Previous Minutes</b></p>	<p>Minutes from the meeting held on May 10, 2023 were previously distributed.</p>	<p><b>Motion:</b> “The minutes of the meeting held on May 10, 2023 be Accepted”</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Robin Patinios <b>First:</b> Lorraine Pereira <b>Second:</b> Alex Piasecki <b>Carried</b></p>
<p><b>Council Elections</b></p>	<p><b>School Council Positions Elected for 2023-2024:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair – Robin Patinios</li> <li>• Treasurer – Tamara Pereira</li> <li>• Secretary – Agnes Madej</li> <li>• Fundraising Chair – Andrea D’Souza</li> <li>• Parish Rep – Steffi Jose</li> <li>• OAPCE Rep – Rachel Pinto</li> <li>• Non-Teacher Rep – Joy Lusk</li> <li>• Teacher Rep – Ms. Silva</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent at Large – Lorraine Pereira</li> <li>• Parent at Large – Fred Mathews</li> <li>• Parent at Large – Alex Piasecka</li> <li>• Parent at Large – Kathleen D’Souza</li> <li>• Parent at Large – Michelle D’Souza</li> <li>• Parent at Large – Alia Vaz</li> <li>• Parent at Large – Monica D’Souza</li> </ul>
<p><b>Treasurer Report</b></p>	<p>See attached Treasurer Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funds available as of Sept. 1, 2023 \$5,464</li> <li>• Funds available as of Oct. 4, 2023 \$6.00</li> <li>• There were a few June expenses that came in over budget which brought us to a low balance: Purchased 2 year supply of sacramental crosses, Chrome Books purchase, Grade 8 Grade.</li> </ul> <p><b>What action is required:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council will allocate which 2023-2024 activities they would like to fund in the November meeting.</li> <li>• Robin to send out a recap of commitments and for Council to consider prior to the November meeting so they can review.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Fundraising Report</b></p>	<p><b>Fall 2023 School Fundraiser: Dance-A-Thon</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Halloween Dance Oct 31st</li> <li>• \$5 per pledge, goal \$20 per child</li> <li>• Payment made: School Cash Online</li> <li>• Pledge forms returned by Oct 30<sup>th</sup> with payment</li> </ul> <p><b>Prizes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pizza Party for top class per division</li> <li>• Every child who makes 1 donation gets a Ballot to win 1 of 5 - \$25 Gift Cards</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal: Raise \$5,000.</b> (Approx 275 Families = 355 students)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$20 x 250 students</li> </ul> <p><b>What action is required:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pledge forms and parent information letter sent home- <b>Oct 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup></b></li> <li>• Joy to set up Cash Online by October 16<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Cathrine to incorporate All Saints Day into the Halloween Spirit Week – Dress up as your favourite Saint 😊</li> <li>• Fundraising Committee – if anyone has any ideas or would like to assist in this Dance-a-thon please reach out to Andrea D’Souza.</li> </ul>
<p><b>OAPCE Report</b></p>	<p><b>OAPCE = The Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “As we begin a new school year, let us hold onto hope and prioritize the health and well-being of our children. Together, with faith as our guide, we can navigate any challenges that come our way and ensure a bright future for our children.” <i>A. Crudo-Perri and J. Perri, Co-Executive Directors, OAPCE.</i></li> <li>• One of the ways you can get involved is by becoming an OAPCE representative. As per Section 612 of the Education Act, every local parent school council whose board pays membership is required to have an OAPCE representative who acts as a link between the school council and the provincial association.</li> <li>• This position provides an opportunity for you to engage with other parents, share your views and concerns, and play a part in shaping the future of Catholic education in Ontario. Consider becoming a representative and making a difference in your child’s school community.</li> <li>• <b>NEXT MEETING:</b> TBD <a href="https://www.oapce.org/regional-meetings">https://www.oapce.org/regional-meetings</a>.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Parish Report</b></p>	<p>The <b>CWL</b> invites you to a 1-HR Zumba/ Bollywood Dance Based Workout Fundraiser on Thursdays starting October 5th, 7-8pm at St. Teresa of Avila Elementary School Gym. \$5.00 per session.</p> <p><b>The St. Vincent de Paul</b> Society is collecting gentle used clothing, shoes, beddings, etc. on <u>October 14th &amp; 15th</u>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They will not be able to accept Food Donations until the basement renovation is complete. However, they are accepting <i>Grocery cards and Store cards</i></li> </ul> <p><b>St. John of the Cross Youth Group</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meets <u>every</u> Sunday 6-8pm</li> <li>• Check out their Instagram page @ <b>sjoc_ym</b> for events.</li> </ul> <p><b>International Festival of Foods:</b> Celebrate our cultural diversity through food, entertainment, customs and traditions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Saturday October 28th</b> following the 5:00pm Mass in the church hall</li> <li>• Asking for donations of food items from your county, and are also looking for traditional dances, traditional dress. Please contact Julia D'souza at (416) 275-5646 or <a href="mailto:sjocmississauga@gmail.com">sjocmississauga@gmail.com</a></li> </ul> <p><b>CHOIR:</b> Council raised whether we should get gowns for the St. Therese choir?</p> <p><b>What action is required:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Steffi to ask St. John if they have a Flyer for the Youth Choir &amp; Youth Group so that we can hand out to our students.</li> <li>• Cathrine to build an altar boy schedule so that we can ensure those students who want to volunteer are given a change.</li> </ul>

## Principal Report

### ***Catholic Faith Life***

- Virtue Presentations & student acknowledgement will take place monthly both online and person
- St. John of the Cross-Sacraments – All information with regards to sacraments will be communicated through the church and school email
- Virtual daily morning prayers held at 9:20am each morning
- ShareLife Spirit Weeks – will happen throughout the school year
- Rosary Apostolates – will take place every second Wednesday of the month beginning in October and ending in May
- Feast Day/Open School Mass: Friday, September 29th @ 10am
- Terry Fox: Thursday, October 5th at 1:10pm (liturgy to start in the gym)
- Truth & Reconciliation Week: September 25th – 29th. Each day there was an acknowledgment and presentation

### ***Assessment For, As and of Learning***

- **NEW** Literacy curriculum this school year. Staff will be receiving information on the program at the next upcoming PA Day – Oct 6th
- Math UP – Year 2 will continue to be implemented for all grades K-8
- EQAO results will be posted shortly for grades 3,6 & 9
- Progress Reporting: November 7th
- CCAT Testing will take place October 10th to 12th – Grade 4 students
- Reading Mastery & Lexia Reading program will take place this year. Intensive reading support program targeted for struggling readers
- School Based Rehabilitation Services: will continue this school year and we will be supported by an additional Occupational therapist, Speech and Language and Physical therapist. Parents will be notified if a therapist will be visiting the classroom to observe students. This will take place in early primary class

### ***Mental Health & Wellness:***

- Four intermediate students participated in a Wellness Conference to learn about how to promote positive mental health and wellness within our “*Each one called by name.*” Isaiah 43:1 school; student proposal is to initiate a Wellness Club-more information to follow
- Peel Health in collaboration with our Child and Youth Worker will initiate the PALS program to promote positive play and conflict resolution with primary students at recess. It will be run by intermediate students with equipment provided during last recess

### ***Equity & Diversity***

- Each month teachers receive information about highlighting Social Justice: equity and best practices. Each practice is centered around the virtues of the month

### ***General Updates***

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current enrolment 355 students</li> <li>• Sports: Jr Boys &amp; Girls Volleyball, Cross Country currently underway</li> <li>• We have 3 student monitor positions allocated to our school this year and we welcome back: Mrs. Khouri, Mrs. Omer, Mrs. Jessome &amp; Mrs. Tomazic</li> <li>• We now have student office helpers over the lunch hour and last recess</li> <li>• Newsletter / School Messenger communication / Twitter</li> </ul> <p><b>Wish List</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Artists in the school programs currently looking in to a dance program for all students – cost approximately \$800 for one day</li> <li>• Scientists in the school programs – cost is approximately \$250 per session</li> <li>• Outdoor recess equipment for junior and intermediate students</li> </ul> <p><b>What action is required:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council will vote on 2023-2024 commitments in the Nov 8<sup>th</sup> meeting once we finalize our fall fundraiser.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Chair Report</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Thank You</b> to all the parent volunteers who helped out at last weeks Open House.</li> <li>• <b>Welcome</b> to all the new Parent Council Members and new parents joining us tonight.</li> <li>• <b>Pizza Volunteers:</b> We currently have 10 parent volunteers</li> <li>• <b>All Star Reading Program:</b> We will be asking for volunteers to join this years team. (1 day a week for 1.5hours)</li> <li>• <b>Math Night:</b> I would like to recommend we plan this for November verse May. We have been given a \$500 grant to put towards Parent Engagement events.</li> <li>• <b>Spirit Wear:</b> I would like to ask that we allow students to order Spirit wear in Nov/Dec so they can wear it through out the school year.</li> </ul> <p><b>What action is required:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Robin to assist Cathrine in getting parent volunteers for the All Star Reading Program</li> <li>• Robin to work with Cathrine on a venue for Grade 8 Graduation – we only have 56 students.</li> </ul>

**NEXT MEETING:**

***Wednesday Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 6:00pm***

***Wednesday Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @6:00pm***

***Wednesday Mar. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @6:00pm***

***Wednesday May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 @6:00pm***