



**St. Margaret of Scotland  
Catholic School Council  
October 15, 2024**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Catholic School Council Meeting for St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Elementary School**

**Date: Tuesday, October 15, 2024**

**Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**Location: St. Margaret of Scotland Elementary School, 2266 Council Ring Road,  
Mississauga, ON, L5L 1C1, Library**

The following 12 people (in alphabetical order) were elected to the 2024-2025 St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic School Council.

- Adele Del Bono
- Melodie Freiria
- Michael Hickey
- Chris-Ann Jansen
- Lisa Lucchetta
- Lisa Marroquin
- Chike Mofunanya
- Elizabeth Moniz
- Monica Pereira
- Diane Teixeira
- Julie Webster
- Deidra Wong

Additionally, the following positions were filled:

- Co-Chairs: Michael Hickey & Deidra Wong
- Treasurer: Chris-Ann Jansen
- Secretary: Julie Webster
- Parish Rep: Elizabeth Moniz
- OAPCE Rep: Chike Mofunanya
  
- Teaching rep: Katrina Wasenda
- Non-teaching rep: unfilled

**Attendees:**

In Person: Kelly Marsi, Chike Mofunanya, Deidra Wong, Elizabeth Moniz, Adele Del Bono, Julie Webster, Melodie Freiria, Michael Hickey, Chris-Ann Jansen, Lisa Marroquin, Monica Pereira.

Online: Lisa Lucchetta, Krystina Koops, Parth Bhavsar, Trina Yap

## **A . Routine Matters**

- 1. Call to Order and Attendance**
  - 6:54 p.m.
- 2. Opening Prayer**
  - Hail Mary led by M. Hickey
- 3. Land Acknowledgement**
  - Led by K. Marsi
- 4. Approval of Agenda**
  - Motion to put forward – C. Mofunanya
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion – M. Freiria
- 5. Approval of June Minutes**
  - Motion to put forward – A. Del Bono
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion – L. Marroquin

## **B. Trustee Update**

- See recent newsletter for updates

## **C. Standing Items**

### **Chair/Treasurer's Report**

- Treasurer's updates (Lisa Marroquin): pizza days continue to be largest fundraiser (\$14,000+)
- Subway, Krispy Kreme and Night out with Santa also brought in revenue for council
- Items funded by council included: taxis for student teams, technology, Ice Dawgs, Scientists in the School, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Fun Fair (down payment was \$3000.00. Remaining balance still due)
- \$12,035.26 balance to begin 2024-2025 school year

### **Principal's Report – K. Marsi**

- No reorganization of classes, school population at 412
- Snack program resumed
- September 26: Open House, Book Fair, Fun Fair – all successful events
- September 30: Truth and Reconciliation day, assembly by D. Shanks and his class, created a Truth Tree to be hung in the front hallway
- October 2: Photo day – new provider Lifetouch
- October 4: City of Mississauga School Walking Routes launch day, Rosary Apostolate begins
- October 9: Grade 6 classes to Silver Creek
- October 15: Terry Fox Walk
- October 25: Dress Purple for Children's Aid
- November 5-11: Treaty, National Veteran's Week
- November 6: Photo retake day
- November 6: Take our kids to work day, grade 9s to work, grade 8 students to Loyola Secondary School
- November 11, Remembrance Day, assembly at 10:30am by Youth Faith Ambassadors and K. Owens/A. Khan's class
- PALS training
- November 12, Progress Reports go home
- November 14, Parent Teacher Conferences, as necessary. All booked online through <http://www.schoolinterviews.ca> (more information to follow)

**Sports**

- Cross Country meet, October 16, 2024, 40 students attending
- Junior Girls and Boys Volleyball pod tournaments held here, boys advanced to family tournament October 17, 2024
- Intermediate Flag Football tournament, October 29, 2024

**Clubs**

- Choir, Youth Faith Ambassadors, jogging club, Rosary club
- Sept 15: Intermediate Well Being Team to Mindfulness day

**Curriculum**

- Intermediate students to HopeStone religious retreat at St. Francis of Assisi parish
- CCAT testing window for grade 4 students, November 4-15
- Acadience training (reading screening tool) for teachers grades K-2
- Blessed and Beloved Family Life program training for grade 1 teachers

**School Lunch Program**

- Subway (office)
- Pizza (council)
- Tonino's pasta and sandwiches (office)
- Seasonal cookies

**Outreach**

- Terry Fox Run
- Geronimo's Dream

**Sacraments**

- First Reconciliation, November 21 or 23 at 6:30pm
- First Holy Communion, May 25, 4:00pm
- Holy Confirmation, June 8, 4:00pm

**Parish Report – no report****Teacher and Non-Teacher Report – no report****Fundraising Report – Adele Del Bono**

- Pizza sales continue to be successful
- Considerations for 2024-2025 fundraising: (attendees were invited to offer ideas)
  - Poinsettia sales (many left over in the past)
  - Nothing Bundt Cakes (can be a costly option)
  - Dance-a-thon (consider hiring a DJ to make it more appealing for older students)
  - Box of greeting cards (some other local schools offer this fundraiser)
  - Chocolates (this brings in a good return, but should we be considering something that is not food related and aligned more with our healthy living goals)
  - Santa Night (tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, December 10). Consider additional activity options (e.g. nativity craft, Holy Family craft, live Nativity outdoors, gingerbread decorating)

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Adele will continue to explore fundraising opportunities for this year; future subcommittees will be formed to help support these fundraising initiatives
- Julie will reach out to former administrator to see if he can be Santa and connect with live Nativity animal vendor

**D. Information/Updates (if applicable)**

1. Central Committee for Catholic School Councils (CCCSC) Report
2. Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) Report

**E. Action Items****1. Fall Initiatives**

- Snack bins (can future budget be supported by council?)
- Other initiatives noted during the fundraising report

**2. Funds Allocation**

- \$10.00 /child field trip funds (per grade);
- Art Funds per class (almost 80% of classrooms used these funds)
- Safe Space (Special Services staff room off the office). Funds to purchase much needed items to support students experiencing anxiety and/or requiring a quiet, calming space within supervision of school staff.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- K. Marsi to cost out suggested items for room from Supply Chain catalogue/vendors (3 bean bags, lights, sound machine etc.)

**F. Future Meetings**

**Meetings are scheduled for 6:30pm on the following dates:**

- Wednesday, November 13, 2024
- Wednesday, January 8, 2025
- Wednesday, April 9, 2025
- Wednesday, May 14, 2025

**Items to Discuss:**

- Revisit council by-laws
- Budget proposal

**G. Adjournment**

- Motion to end the meeting @ 7:54 p.m. – A. Del Bono
- 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion – M. Freiria