



**St. Margaret of Scotland
Catholic School Council
January 8, 2025**

MEETING MINUTES

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

Date: Wednesday, January 8, 2025
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

Attendees:

Kelly Marsi, Deidra Wong, Adele Del Bono, Julie Webster, Melodie Freiria, Michael Hickey, Chris-Ann Jansen, Lisa Marroquin, Lisa Lucchetta, Diane Teixeira, Elizabeth Moniz

A . Routine Matters

- 1. Call to Order and Attendance**
 - Led by M. Hickey and D. Wong
 - Call to order 6:31 p.m.
- 2. Opening Prayer**
 - Led E. Moniz (Jubilee Year prayer)
- 3. Land Acknowledgement**
 - Led by K. Marsi
- 4. Approval of Agenda**
 - Motion to put forward – C. Jansen
 - 2nd Motion – M. Freiria
- 5. Approval of November 13 Minutes**
 - Motion to put forward – C. Jansen
 - 2nd Motion – D. Teixeira

B. Trustee Update

- See recent newsletter for updates

C. Standing Items

- **Chair's Report – M. Hickey**
 - Attended Catholic School Council Virtual Meeting Training for Chairs. The following updates came from this meeting:
 - Catholic School Councils must meet a minimum of 4x per year

- 3 consecutive meetings missed by council members need to be approved by council
 - If there is a hybrid meeting – council members can vote virtually (agreed by SMOS council)
 - Reminder that all purchases need to be preapproved by Principal
 - Reminder that all contracts need to be preapproved by Principal
- **Treasurer's Report – C. Jansen**
- Opening cash balance (month end: November) = \$19,350.64
 - Sources of revenue (Christmas market, Christmas night and food package, parent engagement fund (\$500) and pizza days) = \$5,780.30
 - Expenditures (bus trip, misc. council supplies, pizza days, Santa Night supplies, Toninos) = \$3,074.02
 - Funds remaining = \$22,056.92
- **Principal's Report – K. Marsi**

	December
3	Dental Screening – only took one day
5	Advent Mass for grades 3-8, visited with K-2
6	Immunization clinic for grades 7 & 8. Letters from Peel Region went out in December for those students who are behind in immunizations, school suspensions resume
10	Grade 2 students went to the Peel Children's Safety Village to learn about personal and pedestrian safety
	Santa night was very successful. Thank you to all the council members and staff members who helped make the night a success
18	Choir travelled to the CEC, large turnout of parents/grandparents to watch. Program Department at the board provided a pizza lunch for the choir members and we combined it with a celebration for Maria Dimperio who retired December 31, 2024 after 32 years of service in Dufferin Peel

	January
13	National Rubber Ducky Day – Program Department has developed math and literacy challenges surrounding the day
15	Grade 1 students travel to the Peel Children's Safety village to learn about Community Helpers and 911
20	PA Day – Term 1 Assessment and Evaluation of Pupil Progress
21	Youth Faith Ambassadors to Dr. Simone's Canadian Food for Children warehouse
24	Rosary Apostolate
29	Gifted Identification Information session event flyer
31	Term 2 begins

	February
	Black History Month
4-6	Ray Kingsmore Drumming Clinic
5	Winter Wonderland Walk with the City of Mississauga for grade 1 & 2
11	Report card term 1 sent home
13	Term 1 Interview Evening – reporting to parents

14	PA Day – Reporting to parents
17	Family Day, no school
26	Pink Shirt Day

News

- Melodie Freiria begins as the teacher in grade 5, taking over for Ada Kozak who is expecting a child in early February. Lily Lyall begins as the DECE in Julia Bushby's FDK class, taking over for Lisa Notaro who is expecting a child at the end of January. We wish them both the best of luck.
- Acting Vice Principal, Colleen Klein, is scheduled to finish on January 31, 2025 – we thank her for her work here at SMOS.
- Gently Used Toy and Game drive running January 6 to 17, 2025, supported by the ECO team

Sports

- Intermediate Girls' and Boys Volleyball' – both teams did not advance past the pod tournament
- Junior Girls' and Boys' basketball has started – pod tournaments scheduled for February 19 and 20, 2025

Clubs

- Rosary Club, Lego club, Student Voice, Choir

○ Parish Report – E. Moniz

- For 2025, the Catholic Church is celebrating a Jubilee, and the theme for this Jubilee year is Hope- we are all called to be Pilgrims of Hope. Stay tuned for various parish events throughout the year.
- Knights of Columbus will be holding a food drive for two weekends (Jan 18th-19th and Jan 25th-Jan 26th). All donations will go to Eden Food for Change.
- Fr. Damian will be celebrating his 30th anniversary of priesthood this May, and preparations are underway for a big celebration at the parish. More details to follow.
- Regarding First Communion and Confirmation at St. Francis of Assisi - this year there are 83 First Communion candidates with 26 from St. Margaret of Scotland, and 72 Confirmation candidates with 23 from St. Margaret of Scotland.
- St. Francis of Assisi is always in need of more volunteers in the various ministries!

○ Teacher and Non-Teacher Report – N/A

○ Fundraising Report – A. Del Bono

- No Dance-a-Thon this year
- Consider alternate options for fundraising: Cobs Gift Cards - All Saints school has run this fundraiser in the past (\$25 card = 3 visits to Cobs but only 100 cards available. This is not a good option for a school our size)
- Talent Show – students booked a meeting with K. Marsi, with a PPT presentation, to convince her to run a talent show at the school. Staff will need to be involved to help support this type of school event.
- C. Jansen – suggested a company that sends paper and supplies to families; students create an image which is then turned into a product for families to purchase (e.g. pillow)

- Gift Card boxes – fundraising option suggested
 - Cookie company fundraising – MacMillans – Adele will look into pricing and ordering requirements ***This option seems the most appealing for another school fundraising opportunity.
 - Mitchells Soup fundraising option suggested
 - Walk-a-thon (pledges are required)
 - Shrove Tuesday – contact Stacked (inquiry about quote for 700 pancakes) – L. Lucchetta will connect with the restaurant for a quote
- **Information/Updates (if applicable)**
 1. Central Committee for Catholic School Councils (CCCSC) Report
 - N/A
 2. Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) Reports
 - January 29 next meeting
 - Super Parents in Action (7-9 p.m.)
 - **Action Items**
 - Shrove Tuesday – L. Lucchetta (to connect with Stacked and Sunset Grill)
 - MacMillans Fundraising – A. Del Bono (sub-committee required – Lisa L., Jen P., D. Teixeira, M. Freiria, E. Moniz, Julie)
 - Parent Grant \$500 (what should we do with this year's grant?)
 - Drumming Clinic for Parents
 - Pathways and Transitions – Career Life Planning – J. Webster
 - AI session
 - Paul Davis (Social Networking Safety) quite expensive
 - Safe Space budget (\$2000) – D. Wong will share items found from Wintergreen
 - Carpet
 - Chairs
 - Year End Event
 - Movie Night – rent blow up screen and license for movie
 - Taco Company?

2. Future Meetings

April 9, 2025

April 24, 2025 – Budget Meeting

May 14, 2025

Adjournment

- Motion put forward E. Moniz – 7:58 p.m.
- 2nd Motion J. Webster

Catholic School Council Meeting Attendance

Council Members	October 15, 2024	November 13, 2024	January 8, 2025	April 9, 2025	May 14, 2025
Michael Hickey	✓	✓	✓		
Deidra Wong	✓	✓	✓		
Kelly-Ann Marsi	✓	✓	✓		
Adele Del Bono	✓	✓	✓		
Melodie Freiria	✓	✓	✓		
Chris-Ann Jansen	✓	✓	✓		
Lisa Lucchetta	✓	✓	✓		
Lisa Marroquin	✓	✓	✓		
Chike Mofunanya	✓	✓			
Elizabeth Moniz	✓		✓		
Monica Pereira	✓	✓			
Diane Teixeira		✓	✓		
Julie Webster	✓	✓	✓		
J. Pecson			✓		
K. Wasenda	✓		✓		