



St. Margaret of Scotland
Catholic School Council
May 15th, 2024
Minutes

Agenda:

A. Routine Matters

1. Opening Prayer
2. Land Acknowledgment
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes

B. Trustee Update

C. Standing Items

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2. Principal's Report
3. Parish Report
4. Teacher and Non-Teacher Report
5. Fundraising Ideas

D. Information/Updates (if applicable)

1. CCCSC Report
2. OAPCE Report

E. Action Items

1. Fun Fair Update
2. Ice cream sandwiches for students

F. Future Meetings

June 12, 2024

G. Adjournment

Attendees: Mrs. Marsi, Adriana Pinto Da-Costa, Diane Teixeira, Deidra Wong, Michael Hickey, Katrina Wasenda, Rosemary Torres (Online), Rita Toledo Chavez, Melodie Freiria, Keri Bedeau (Online), Evenlyn Gomez Lozano, Lisa Marroquin, Elizabeth Moniz, Julie Webster

Regrets: Nancy Greco, Chike Mofunanya, Adele Del Bono

Meeting Minutes:

A. Routine Matters

1. Opening Prayer

- Lead by Diane

2. Land Acknowledgement

-Lead by Mrs. Marsi

3. Approval of Agenda

-Motion put forward to approved agenda by Lisa, seconded by Diane

4. Approval of Minutes from May 15th, 2024 meeting

-Motion put forward to approved minutes by Diane seconded by Lisa

- correction to the minutes; the Treasurer's report was not presented by Deidra

B. Trustee Update

– Mr. Vilorio sends regrets

C. Standing Items

1. Chair/Treasurer Report By Lisa

- Ms. Mills-Brooks is away; so the most recent account reconciliation is from March 2024 which was presented to the Council.

- March - the account opened with \$21,606; there was \$6895 in revenue (Pizza, Subway and Krispy Kreme); \$3532 in expenditures (Pizza, Subway, Art Fund for Classrooms, YFA T-shirts) and \$2172 in outstanding commitments (i.e. cheques issued but not cashed). Funds remaining in the account \$22,797 as of March 31, 2024

- Grade 8 – grad discussion: \$95/grad - this has gone up, room rental fee, we need 2 buses + balloons. Mrs. Marsi is requesting additional funding to subsidize the fee per student. Motion put forward by *Lisa to increase the cost that SMOS CSC will support per graduate by \$5 to \$35/graduate; Melodie seconded*

- Rosemary Torres volunteered to be the contact for Grade 7 Parents Committee to arrange and help with refreshments after the graduation ceremony. The Planning Committee meeting will be held Tuesday, May 28th @ 3pm to meet with grade 7 parents volunteers to discuss.

2. Principal's Update

- The board will sod the primary area in the school yard over the summer
- The wolf was removed from FDK yard due to cracks and fear of insect infestations. Addressed the issue of the tarp breaking through ground, bad condition of the logs – the board will fix it this summer by taking out the sandbox and adding turf.
- Welcome Ms. Freiria who is taking over for Mr. Shanks.
- 50th anniversary – well received by all, Director, Associate Director, SO, Trustee, MPP Sabawy and Councilor/Acting Mayor Matt Mahoney present. Made a thumbprint display, gave everyone a rosary bracelet, and a party hat for K-3.
- Shawarma Day was not a big hit, we are re-offering patties.
- Snack program – Ontario Student Nutrition Program and YMCA – coordinated by S. Cunningham, A. Costa, M. Spidaleri, L. Pelosi and YFA – still in progress.
- Currently happening: Junior soccer, Intermediate Girls' and Boys' softball, puzzle club, Lego club

March

- Cavar and Leadership students at Beautiful Minds conference, part II – mindfulness activities around the school like 'kindness notes', mandala coloring, stress ball making.

April

- 50th anniversary photo – never taken, opted for a mosaic, still in process. 10 - Speech competition – sent one junior, one intermediate to the family level competition to represent the school
- 14 - First communion – over 30 students
- 18 - Boys' intermediate basketball team advanced from the pod tournament to the family level 24 - The choir sang at the CEC, invited to the final director's meeting but it coincided with grade 8 graduation, so we declined.
- 24-26 - The intermediate trip went well

May

- EQAO begins on Tuesday for grade 3, the following week for grade 6.
- Focus on Nature workshops have started for grade 4 and up – accessing outdoor education funding.
- Swim to Survive begins for grade 3 students May 30, runs for 3 weeks (Insanic, Melchiorre, Ancho)
- 6 – Ontario Skills Conference – Labuda and Johnson took 20 intermediate students to conference 9 – Student voice meeting – one grade 7 student represented the school at the board level meeting 14 – Jump Rope for Heart
- 16 – Journey into Learning
- 17 – Crowning of Mary
- 20 – Victoria Day, no school
- 22 – school track & field day
- 24 – school track & field rain date

- 31 – fairness virtue assembly, FDK

June

- 2 – Confirmation mass at St. Francis of Assisi, 4:00pm
- 4 – intermediate boys' softball pod tournament
- 5 – Fun Fair
- 6 – intermediate girls' softball pod tournament
- 7 – Immunization clinic, visit 3 for grades 7 & 8
- 10-14 – Bike to School week
- 10 – P.A. Day – Term 2 evaluation and assessment, municipal election
- 12 – Family Track & Field meet
- 13 – Junior co-ed soccer tournament at Paramount Centre, year-end mass at 12:30pm
- 19 – grade 8 graduation at Oakville Legacy during the day, 6:30pm at Loyola for ceremony
- 20 – board level track & field meet
- 21 – FDK celebration of learning, Owens/Da Rocha 9:00am, Beljo/Randawe 1:00pm, Fawaz/Williams 1:30pm
- 25 – report cards sent home
- 26 – French immersion grade 4 students visit from All Saints
- 28 – last day before summer vacation

Fully Alive presentation changes to the curriculum presented by Julie Webster (DPCDSB)

- new this year are Religion Kits for the Kindergarten classes
- new family life curriculum released by the Board during Advent
[\[https://iceont.ca/new-family-life-education-curriculum-and-support-resources/\]](https://iceont.ca/new-family-life-education-curriculum-and-support-resources/)
- Fully Alive was last updated from 2018 – now it's rewritten to be more relevant and it's available on the Institute for Catholic Education. This new curriculum 'Blessed & Beloved' will be launched for Grade 1 in September 2024. Grade 2-3 in September 2025. Grade 4-8 in 2026?

Fully Alive is a Family Life Education program sponsored by the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario (ACBO). Catholic Family Life Education is closely associated with Religious Education. In Ontario Catholic schools, it accounts for 20% of the Religious Education program, and is usually taught once a week.

Family Life Education, as it is represented in the resource Fully Alive, is intended to pass on a distinctively Catholic view of human life, sexuality, marriage, and family. Its goal is to complement the efforts of families and to support what parents are doing at home. The entire program, from Grade 1 through Grade 8 is designed to encourage children to become the people God wants them to be — to be fully alive

Dress Code/School Uniforms Policy: the removed 'modesty' and 'appropriate'. Prohibition of attire promoting hate, discrimination, illegal activity, profanity, violence, political language or threats to health and safety. Reduced the % of the population that needs to vote in favor of a uniform to 60% (formally 70%),

3. Parish Update by Diane.

- Parish summer camp – Aug 12 – more info on the website
- SMOS Confirmation Mass @ Sunday, June 2 at 4pm
- Sunday, June 23 at 1pm is the Parish BBQ
- Tuesday, May 21 at 7pm – Crowning of Mother Mary

4. Teacher and non-Teacher Report

- Mr Labuda – Science in the classroom – will use the \$10/ Visual arts, drama and music Fund
- Mr. Longo – trip to Downey's Farm (want to use \$10 for field trips) – Monday June 24th
- Mme Johnson – will use the Visual arts, drama and music
- Fund for Hip Hop Dance classes for Grade 6-8- Total Cost is \$1175.20

5. Fundraising Report

- May 27: Ice Dawgs (first 3 Mondays in June students can purchase Ice Dawgs and the 4th Monday will be provided for free by council (replacing the ice cream truck from previous years)
- Freezie Fridays for 3 weeks in June to purchase
- Mrs. Marsi is requesting additional funds to reimburse for some of the cost of the 50th Anniversary - for bracelets, party hats, piper, cookies, programmes with a total ask of \$2509.05 – *Motion put forward by Diane to pay the full \$2509.05, seconded by Evelyn.*
Note: Formally council approved \$750; council agreed to move the \$1000 committed to Helping Hands to go towards the \$2509.05

D. Information/updates (if applicable)

1. CCCSC Report

2. OAPCE Report by Keri

- [2024 OAPCE Conference](#): 85th Celebration Mass
- May 29 – next OAPCE Meeting
- June 10th – OAPCE Annual General Meeting

E. Action Items

1. Fun Fair Update

- We need 10 volunteers just for the inflatables; plus an additional 5-6 people to run the other activities. Mrs. Marsi will send a survey to parents that we need parent volunteers and to see how many people plan to attend.

2. Ice cream sandwiches for students

F. Future Meetings

June 12, 2024

G. Adjournment

1. Closing Prayers by Diane.

Motion put forward to end the meeting by Deidra, seconded by Lisa

-Closing Prayer - Hail Mary said by all

-Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

School Council 2023-24 Attendance:

<u>Name</u>	Oct 4	Nov 1	Jan 17	Mar 6	May 15	June 12	Total
K, Marsi	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Laura Di Muzio	X	X	Y	Y	X		
Katrina Wasenda	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Adriana Pinto-DeCosta	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Deidra Wong	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Michael Hickey	Y	Y	Y	X	Y		
Lisa Marroquin	Y	Y	Y	X	Y		
Chike Mofunanya	Y	Y	Y	Y	X		
Adele del Bono	Y	Y	Y	Y	X		
Nancy Greco	Y	Y	Y	Y	X		
Keri Bedeau	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Melodie Freiria	Y	Y	X	X	Y		
Evelyn Gomez Lozano	Y	Y	Y	X	Y		
Elizabeth Moniz	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
RitaToledo Chavez	Y	Y	Y	X	Y		
Rosemary Torres	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Diane Teixeria	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		