



2023-2024 Catholic School Council

MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, May 15, 2024 Meeting

Present:

Manny Farrugia, Luca Venier, Vince Angaran, Karen Dancy, Caroline Storace, Ani Rapallo, Rita Zambri, Varinder Arora, Olwen Needham-Brooks, Audrey Partington

Regrets:

Sonia Dodge, Donna Tolfo, Ethan Rampersaud, Puneet Singh, Clementine D'Souza, Andrew Rulli

	NOTES:
Welcome & Land Acknowledgement K. Dancy Opening Prayer F. Licata-Peluso	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting began at 6:35pm and K. Dancy welcomed us with the land acknowledgment and opening prayer
Approval of Minutes & Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of Agenda C. Storace, seconded by A. Partington Approval of November minutes by A. Rapallo, seconded by O. Needham-Brooks
Chair's Report C. Storace & K. Dancy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We just wanted to thank you the parents that keep showing up to our meetings. We appreciate your dedication to your children and to the school. You take a few hours out of your evening to attend our meetings. Thank you to Mr Farrugia, Mr Angaran, Mr Rulli and Mrs D'Souza for a great year. Thank you to Mrs Licata-Peluso for a wonderful year of chaplaincy. Mr Venier, it was great having you as our Teacher rep. Please pass on our thank you to all the teachers, whose dedication to our students is appreciated. To the Student Council, Ethan and Puneet, thank you for sharing school council news with us parents. It's important to hear the student voice. We wish you the best of luck in the next stage of your academic journeys. Two surveys from the Board: DPCDSB is conducting a brief survey to help us gauge the effectiveness of our communications and preferred methods of receiving board information/updates. Check your email for the link to the survey! Closes may 31 DPCDSB has released its Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP) for 2023-2027. As per Ministry of Education requirements, we'd like your feedback on the goals, action steps, and strategies associated with each of the MYSP values of Believe, Excel, Respect, Thrive, and Trust. The survey will close on Friday, June 14. May 23 - Parent Reaching Out Event: Employment Supports Resource Fair 2024 The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) invites students with differing abilities and their parents/guardians to attend the Parent Reaching Out Event Employment Supports Resource Fair 2024. It will be held at St. Marcellinus Catholic Secondary School on Thursday May 23, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. Please refer to the event flyer for registration and information.
Treasurer's Report R. Zambri	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Balance is still \$1718.27; no ins or outs, same balance 2 awards of \$200 for a total of \$400 will come out for grade 12 awards. Inquiry about whether bank account reconciliation is to be signed by treasurer or co-chair along with administration. Moving forward perhaps we will print off report and have K. Dancy, C. Storace and R. Zambri sign for our files. What to do with the balance? Possibly book another speaker for parents next year.

Student Council Updates P. Singh & E. Rampersaud	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No updates
Principal's Message and Updates M. Farrugia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Farrugia announced that he is retiring at the end of this school year after 33 years in education. He served 11 years as principal for three schools in his career. The school isn't just run by 4 admins. It is a team effort with good teachers and parents. Projected enrolment for next year is 1545, some registered students won't return of various reasons. The school has had a 2 power outages in the last 2 months. School has known issues with this since the school opened. Power is tripped and it can't be rebooted without the Board electrician who must come to turn the lever. The Semi Formal was held May 3rd and it was an outstanding event. The students were well behaved, with no issues. They danced all evening, and the food was good. The Queen's Manor has been booked again for next year. May 6 to 10th was School Mental Health week Region of Peel Health will be presenting Human Trafficking to the grade 12s on May 16.
OAPCE Report K. Dancy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing to report
Parish Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing to report
Chaplain Report L. Licata-Peluso	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 5 to 10 was Catholic Education Week. It was a busy week with morning prayers, photo booth, donations, prayer intentions posted outside the Chaplaincy office. First Parent appreciation was held in the Kiss & Ride for parents. Cookies were handed out. Maybe next year, Parent Council can help out. 3 more retreats. Unfortunately, there has been some pushback from parents about retreats who question why students must attend. Retreats are mandatory Still collecting for Dr. Simone until May 31st May 30 is the last mass of the school year. Fr. Abraham is leaving the parish. Teachers are nominating Core leaders for next year.
Community Report Z. Dosanjh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing to report
Teacher Report L. Venier	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We watched the second broadcast episode of Experience CA. Another great production. The School Safety has 4 goals: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Increase safety in school Inclusion for LGBT+ Decrease the amount of sexualized language and behavior Decrease racial and anti-black language in school Creating an action plan
Vice Principal's Report Vince Angaran Clementine D'Souza Andrew Rulli	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Sikh Student Association held a food drive until the end of May Athletics Banquet will be held June 5th at 6:30 in the cafeteria, just like the Academic Awards held in the Fall. Spring concert is June 6 at 6:30. All welcome. After June 7th there will be a test moratorium to allow for exam preparation and Math EQAO. Exams will be held June 18 to 21 The Grade 9 Get Ready Program will be held August 26 to 28th, from 9am to 1pm. Mr. Rulli will be in charge. June 13 the Grade12s will be the first to receive the yearbooks if they have paid for yearbooks. After lunch and period 4 they will hang out with an ice cream truck and music. Grade 12 prom is June 24 Grad breakfast and liturgy will be held at 10am on June 26. Graduation tickets will be handed out after. Graduation gowns will be handed out after the last mass on May 30.

<p>Special Education Report A. Rapallo</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Planning for Independence Program (PIP) has been very busy: • They have been practicing ordering and paying for items in a fast food restaurant. As an extension they have been visiting Mc Donald's or Tim Horton's for a class breakfast. Students bring money and order and pay for their items (with assistance). This experience also involves taking public transit. • They have bi-weekly visits to Gore Meadows where they participate in group fitness classes. Classes include Zumba, Drumfit, or Yoga • Mrs. Licata-Peluso (chaplain) has also been leading fitness classes for them in school • They are practicing some and life skills such as cleaning, etc. • For Mother's Day students decorated vases and planted flowers. They also made cards. • Track and Field event May 15 and May 16. Our staff and students are very excited. They have been diligently preparing for their various events. • Practicing culinary arts • Currently working on watercolour art projects • Various field trips (eg. We Rock the Spectrum) • Some classes have been going on weekly trips to the grocery store to shop for ingredients that they need for a meal they will prepare. • The students are working on creating a rosary for graduating students.
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm Next meeting Fall 2024 Date to be Determined with new Principal</p>