



**2024-2025 Catholic School Council  
MINUTES**

**Date: Wednesday February 19, 2025 Meeting**

**Present:**

C. Storace, K.Dancy, J. Shortt, R. Isac, C. Owusu-Gyimah, N. Iannuzzi, R. Patel, A. Rapallo, L. Carreira, J. Dhaliwal, A. Partington, T. Malta, C. D’Souza, A. Patel & S. Bhagrath (student council), N. Filice & J. Frank (St. Patrick’s Youth Group)

	<b>NOTES:</b>
<b>Welcome &amp; Land Acknowledgement &amp; Opening Prayer</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting began at 6:16pm with land acknowledgement and opening prayer by T. Malta</li> </ul>
<b>Approval of Minutes &amp; Agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approval of Agenda by C. Owusu-Gyimah, seconded by T. Malta</li> <li>Approval of November 2024 minutes by A. Rapallo, seconded by C. Storace</li> </ul>
<b>Chair’s Report</b> C. Storace & K. Dancy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>February is Black History Month. Both Federal and Provincial governments recognize the importance of Black History Month. As Canadians and, more importantly, as a Catholic Community, we are called to live in solidarity. Solidarity requires that we learn from, and about our brothers and sisters in Christ.</li> <li>Regardless of the demographics of your school community, Black History is a conversation we must all be present to as it is everyone’s history.</li> <li>We hope you all had a wonder holiday break, and that the second semester is going well for your children.</li> <li>For Math help: <a href="https://cemc.uwaterloo.ca/resources/grade-level">https://cemc.uwaterloo.ca/resources/grade-level</a> The Centre for Education in Mathematics and Computing (CEMC) aims to offer a comprehensive range of resources that support students in Grades 3 to 12 in their study of mathematics and computer science. In the sections below, you will find CEMC contests, workshops, and our free online tools and resources, organized by grade level to help you find the appropriate resource for your student.</li> <li>CCCSC: First presentation is online webinar – Presentation by Detective in Peel Police that works in sexploitation and child exploitation department – given the board dates for end of Feb and end of March – Feb 23Mar 3; Trying to be central</li> <li>RE: black history month – at March meeting will have equity and indigenous education SO presenting –</li> <li>April – wheels in motion put forth request for SO for spec ed and learning services to speak at this meeting if you have any questions bring them to me and I can forward to the CCCSC chair</li> </ul>
<b>Treasurer’s Report</b> R. Zambri	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Balance of \$1643.27</li> </ul>
<b>Student Council Updates</b> S. Bhagrath & A. Patel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christmas events included gingerbread houses decorating and classroom door decorating.</li> <li>Possibly having a teachers vs students volleyball game, with ice cream truck \$2 donation to watch</li> </ul>
<b>Principal’s Messages and Updates</b> T. Malta	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To help relieve January exam stress, therapy dogs were brought in. The dogs were well received. So was “Cocoa and Cram”</li> <li>February 26 is Pink Shirt day. Students can wear pink shirts with the uniform pants and shoes.</li> <li>Riverhawk Reading party February 28</li> <li>Shrove Tuesday March 4<sup>th</sup></li> <li>Ash Wednesday March 5<sup>th</sup></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early progress reports March 19</li> <li>• Parent Teacher interviews April 3</li> <li>• Easter is April 21</li> <li>• Grad sweaters are rolling out next week. Looking to let seniors wear them twice a month. Might allow an extra Friday for grade 12s</li> <li>• The Board is rolling out a new initiative to give all grade 9s a Chromebook. Students will keep it for the 4 years of high school. Students and parents will have to sign off on it to confirm they will keep it in working order. Students will need to keep it charged. The chromebooks will not come with cases. CA will remind feeder schools the measurements for the chromebooks so parents can buy appropriate size cases for next year.</li> <li>• Grade 11 semi-formal is April 24</li> <li>• MADD presentation May 12</li> <li>• Addictions presentation May 14 by Garth Buckley</li> <li>• End of Year Mass with Fr. Maclaren May 23</li> <li>• Prom is June 23</li> <li>• Graduation is June 25</li> </ul>
<b>Chaplain Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retreats are happening. Grade 10s are going to the St Elizabeth Centre, Grade 11 local places of worship and grade 12 Dr. Simone</li> <li>• N. Filice &amp; J. Frank spoke about the activities of the St Patrick's Church Youth Group.</li> <li>• They participated in a street patrol mission trip to downtown Toronto in mid November, The students packed care packages and sandwiches to hand out to the unhoused. There was opportunity to speak with them and to see humanity.</li> <li>• In July the Youth group will set up a Tent City on the grounds of the Church. They will eat a simple meal together to experience low income reality</li> <li>• We raised \$4100 at Christmas for families in need. Also gave donation to Saint Elizabeth Centre and Dr Simone's Canadian Food for Children.</li> </ul>
<b>OAPCE R. Isac</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It's the Jubilee Year. This year's parent conference is in Niagara Falls May 24.</li> <li>• There's a parent survey on their website</li> </ul>
<b>RAISE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The students had a Valentine social</li> <li>• The students have done a lot. They have gone to Vaughan Mills and have learned to shop and order their own lunches.</li> </ul>
<b>Adjournment</b>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm  Next meeting – Wednesday April 30  Future meeting dates - Monday June 2</p>