

# ST. ANGELA MERICI CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

## Minutes, 2023-2024 School Year

Thursday, November 9, 2023 – 6:30PM | Via Teams

Meeting called to order by Laurie McLaren

### In Attendance

Teams: Laurie McLaren, Amy Martinez, Ashley, M. Brant, Ms. Sandra Krolewski (Principal), Ms. D Poole, N Thomas, Agnes Oriade, Mrs. L Benedik, Ms. Diana Poole, Ronza Zaatreh, Abena

### Regrets

- Regrets: Nil

### Welcome and Introduction (Laurie McLaren)

- Meeting called to order by the Chair at 6:33pm

### Opening Prayer & Land Acknowledgement

- Land Acknowledgement by Laurie and the Opening Prayer by N. Thomas

### Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting (Laurie McLaren)

- Motion to approve the minutes - approved by Laurie McLaren, seconded by Amy Martinez

### Principal's Report, Administrative Updates (Ms. Sandra Krolewski)

#### Faith:

- Bullying Awareness Week Nov 13-17
- Social Justice outreach:
  - Collection of Halloween Candy to go to Dr. Simone – currently in progress
  - Hat and Mitten tree to support St. Louise Outreach during Advent
  - Battery Blitz ended last Friday Nov 3
  - Advent Mass Dec 8 @ 9:30 in school gym. All are welcome

#### EQAO

##### Grade 3: 51 participated

- Reading 84%, Writing 71%, Math 47%
- 2022: Reading 89%, Writing 73%, Math 48%
- 2019: Reading 85%, Writing 89%, Math 45%

#### Summary:

- Reading 84%:
  - Above board 77%
  - Above province 73%

- Writing 71%:
  - Above Board 70%
  - Above province 65%
- Math 47%:
  - Below board 60%
  - Below province 60%

#### Grade 6: 30 participated

- Reading 97 %, Writing 100%, Math 53%
- 2022: Reading 93%, Writing 86%, Math 43%
- 2019: Reading 74%, Writing 90%, Math 36%

#### Summary:

- Reading 97%:
  - Above board 87%
  - Above province 84%
- Writing 100%:
  - Above board 87%
  - Above province 84%
- Math 53%:
  - Above board 48%
  - Above province 50%

### **SCHOOL ACTION PLAN**

#### Curriculum:

- New Literacy curriculum – focus on the early years K-2 foundational skills
- New Math Resources

#### Faith:

- Stewardship/ECO – continue to strive for Platinum status
- Sacramental Retreats
- Masses/Liturgies
- Social Justice initiatives
- Seasonal Celebrations
- Virtues

#### Equity:

- Indigenous and Equity – classroom and school wide initiatives
- Technology accessible in each classroom
- Catholic Education Week:
  - Theme: We Are Called to Love
  - May 5-10, 2024
- Continuing to make visible the Catholic Graduate Expectations to parents and students

### Well-Being

- PALS program
- Anti-bullying plan
- FUN Events:
  - Christmas Concert/Gingerbread house challenge
  - Jungle Sport
  - Halloween Dance
  - Spirit Weeks
  - Snack Shack
  - Play Day
  - Well-being Week

### Sports:

#### Cross country:

- 9 students advanced to the board meet

#### Volleyball:

- Intermediate Girls –Min Tournament November 20 @ Bakhita
- Intermediate Boys – Mini Tournament November 23 @ St. Francis Xavier
- Junior Girls: Played in Mini
- Junior Boys: board tournament and advanced to semifinals (top 4 out of over 100 teams)

### Chess Club:

- Chess tournament Nov 30 @ Guardian Angels Parish

### School Generated Funds:

- Review of school plan for 2032-2024 year
- Plan to support:
  - Athletics (transportation, cost of tournaments)
  - Faith based activities (retreats, sacraments)
  - Supplement Graduation
  - Families in need
  - Speakers/presentations
  - Technology
  - Play day
  - Installation of new sound system
- Snack Shack will continue

### Other:

- Ms. Monteiro moved to another school; we welcome Mrs. Thornton to Grade 4/5
- CCAT completed for Grade 4 students
- Spirit Week last week
  - Halloween Dance - many pumpkins donated for classes to decorate
- Snack Shack – very successful

### Upcoming Events:

Fri. Nov 10: Remembrance Day Liturgy @ 10:30

Tues. Nov. 14: Progress Reports sent home

Thurs. Nov 16: Parent Interviews

Fri. Nov 17: Picture Day

Fri Nov 24: PA DAY

Sun Dec 3: First Sunday of Advent

Fri. Dec 8: Advent Mass @ 9:30

Fri. Dec 15: Photo Retake Day

Dec 25 – Jan 5: Christmas Break

Mon. Jan 8: Back to school

### **Treasurer Report** (Amy Martinez)

- Grant for \$500 received from the School Board
- Two pizza sessions: net profit \$464.50

### **Other**

- Lunch Opportunities  
Company to deliver Jamaican patties to the school (Beef or Chicken). Sold at \$3 each. Mrs. Benedik to get more information. Laurie to decide if this needs to be voted on to bring this offering on.

#### Ronza Zaatreh

- Asked if parents are allowed to attend the next assembly. Ms. S Krolewski confirmed that they could. They should arrive and sign in for 9.10am assembly

#### Agnes Oriade

- Can we have a snack bin for donations that can be used for kids who have forgotten their snack or lunch?  
Ms. S Krolewski indicated that there is leftover pizza from the weekly pizza lunches that is frozen which reheated and served to students in this situation, after obtaining parent permission
- Amy reached out to a police officer friend and was advised that we can reach out to the Peel Police to visit the school to do programs about cyber bullying and safety etc. for children. Amy will reach out to the Peel Police to get more information

### **Fund Raising**

#### Fund raising suggestions

##### Amy Martiez:

- Raptors 905 night for the school. Amy has pricing for reservation which can be arranged based on interest.
- Krispy Kreme Donuts: sourced at \$6/box, sold for \$12/ box
- Setting up stalls to sell Christmas items at the Christmas concert. Need to understand school rules around operating stalls inside the school. Laurie to obtain further information
- Lip sync battle. Mini shows in the spring – Laurie to check if allowed

N Thomas

- International Food fair. Donated by parents and sold by parents. Laurie and Mrs. Linardic to get more information around permission

Mrs. Benedik

- At Christmas time, collect canned goods, toiletries, dry pasta from the school community. Stored at school and provided through the year to the families in need.

Agnes Oriade

- Likes Mrs. Benedik's idea

Laurie

- Dance-a-thon
- Can we do a Christmas ornament made personally sold at the Christmas market. Laurie to investigate ideas.
- Or have a Christmas Market when Paul Davis (parent engagement for online cyber safety). This will piggyback on the Teachers Christmas fundraiser and activity.
  - Mrs. Benedik to see if we can get volunteers to sing and play Christmas carols
  - Mme Brant reached out to Mlle Furci who is in agreement to get the school choir to organize a Christmas carol for one session of the Christmas market

Council approved having a fund-raising activity combined with the Christmas Market organized by the school. Approved by:

1. N Thomas
2. Laurie McLaren
3. Amy Martinez
4. Madame Brant
5. Joseph Fernandez
6. Agnes Oriade

### Conclusion

- Laurie McLaren thanked everyone for attending
- Next meeting on Dec 7
- Meeting adjourned by Laurie McLaren at 7:34pm