

ST. ANGELA MERICI CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Minutes, 2023-2024 School Year

Thursday, October 12, 2023 – 6:30PM | Via Hybrid= Teams and School Library

Meeting called to order by Christina Calabrese

In Attendance

- In person: Valerie Frantellizzi, David Desrosiers, Amy Martinez, Laurie McLaren, Joseph Fernandez, Mrs. D. Linardic, Ms. J. Rivero-Correia, Mdme M. Brant, Ms. D. Poole, Christina Calabrese (for handing over), and Taria Rossi (for handing over)
- Teams: N. Thomas, Ms. L. Benedik, Agnes Oriade.

Regrets

- Regrets: Nil

Welcome and Introduction (Christina Calabrese)

- Meeting called to order by the Chair at 6:32pm

Opening Prayer & Land Acknowledgement

- Land Acknowledgement and the Opening Prayer by Christina Calabrese

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting (Christina Calabrese)

- Motion to approve the minutes - approved by Christina Calabrese seconded by Amy Martinez and Ms. J. Rivero-Correia

2023-24 Catholic School Council Election (Mrs. D. Linardic)

- Welcome to the new Council Members:

Chair	Laurie McLaren
Treasurer	Amy Martinez
Secretary	Joseph Fernandez
Parish Rep	N. Thomas
Community Reps	Valerie Frantellizzi, David Desrosiers, and Agnes Oriade
Teacher Reps	Ms. J. Rivero-Correia, Mdme M. Brant, and Ms. D. Poole
Non-Teacher Rep	Ms. L Benedik

Principal's Report, Administrative Updates (Mrs. D. Linardic)

Welcome to New staff

- Mlle E. Zieba
- Mr. M. Pacheco
- Mlle M. Goncalves
- Ms. J. Monteiro

St. Anne School

- Overall, the transition sharing school with St. Anne has been smooth

After the September Re-Organization

- Reorganization Plan Effective- September 19, 2023
 - Student enrollment: 316
 - Reduced by 1.4 (surplus 2 staff)
 - Collapses a primary class
- 15 classes
- Current enrollment 316 (down from 367 last year)

Faith

MASS/Liturgy DATES:

- Oct. 5, 2023, Thanksgiving Mass
- Nov 10, 2023, Remembrance Day Liturgy
- Dec 8, 2024, Advent Mass
- Feb 14, 2024, Ash Wednesday Liturgy
- Mar 31, 2024, Easter Mass
- Jun 3, 2024, Year End Mass

Date Reminders:

- **DATE CHANGE:
 - Progress Reports going home on Tuesday, November 14, 2023
 - Interviews on Thursday, November 16, 2023
- School Photos
 - November 17: Picture Day Students
 - December 15: Photo Retake
 - February 6: Grad Photos

School Start up:

- EDWIN project continues:
 - All students in grade 7 and 8 received a Chromebook
 - Already been distributed
- Open House successful turnout
 - Scholastic book fair a success at Open House - generated \$6,825.85 in sales, providing our school library and makerspace with \$3,149.02 worth of products.
 - Will be more book fairs throughout the year - Open House/ Term 1 Parent Interviews/end of year
- Eco
 - Battery Blitz for month of October
 - Collecting used batteries and school goal is to collect 50 pounds of drained household batteries
 - Competing against other schools to collect the most household batteries in weight and the top 7 schools will receive prizes including \$5,000 as the grand prize; \$2,500 for second place and third to seventh place schools win \$500

Community Events:

- OPEN HOUSE - Very good turnout
 - Scholastic Book Fair- made \$3,611.93
 - Food Trucks
- Orange Shirt Day
- Terry Fox - Raised \$1,000
- Halloween
 - Spirit week Oct 25 – 31
 - Halloween on a Tuesday, will have a Halloween dance with our first snack shack
 - Pumpkin Decorating – asking for pumpkin donations
 - Pumpkin Cookies order from Terra Cotta cookies
 - Hard Candy collection

Other:

- Sports:
 - Junior Girls/Boys Volleyball and Cross-Country teams now:
 - Mon. Oct 16: Junior Boys Volleyball Mini tournament
 - Thurs. Oct 12: Junior Girls Volleyball Mini tournament
 - Wed. Oct 18: Cross Country Meet
 - School to supplement cost for sports/transportation – also requesting support from School Council

Kindergarten Yard:

- Replaced sand, and area around sand box, with shade cover

School Generated Funds Carried over from 2022-2023:

- School Generated: \$1,498 rolled over – allocated for fall sports transportation

Treasurer Report (Taria Rossi)

- This time was spent by Christina Calabrese and Taria Rossi walking the incoming council through prioritizing activities for the year

Other

- Pizza Lunch
Pizza Point provided samples of Pizza at \$10 price point per pizza. Participants were not satisfied with the quality and taste and opted to continue offering weekly pizza from Family Pizza.
Family Pizza had increased their price point by \$1 to \$11 per pizza. David Desrosiers would try to negotiate the price to \$10 with the vendor. However, even if that was not successful, Council decided to proceed with Family Pizza offering for the year. Student price per slice would be held the same as last year at \$2 per slice.
Approved by: Valerie Frantellizzi, David Desrosiers, Amy Martinez, Laurie McLaren, and Joseph Fernandez

Meeting Schedule

- All meetings will be hybrid: Online via Teams and In-person at the School Library at 6.30pm

- Meeting schedule:
 - Oct 12, 2023
 - Nov 9, 2023
 - Dec 7, 2023
 - Jan 16, 2024
 - Feb 29, 2024
 - Apr 11, 2024
 - May 16, 2024

Conclusion

- Mrs. D. Linardic thanked everyone for attending.
- Next meeting on Nov 9
- Meeting adjourned by Laurie McLaren at 7:45pm