

ST. ANGELA MERICI CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Minutes, 2022-2023 School Year

Tuesday, Nov 22, 2022 – 6:30PM | Location Teams, video call

Meeting called to order by C. Calabrese

In Attendance

- Diana Linardic, Edelyn Makatore, Christina Calabrese (Chair), Regina Ukwuoma, Neeta, Taria Rossi, Joseph Fernandez, Ivan Pingyin, Amy Martinez, Valerie Frantellizzi, David Desrosiers, Yvonne Dewornu-Keys and Miranda Brant.

Regrets

- Regrets: Angie Valente and Lisa.

Welcome and Introduction (C. Calabrese)

- Meeting called to order by the Chair at 6.45pm after all participants were able to join the Teams call after some technological challenges with Teams.

Opening Prayer & Land Acknowledgement

- Diana Linardic delivered the Land Acknowledgement and Christina Calabrese lead the opening prayer.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting (C. Calabrese)

- Minutes from the last meeting, Oct 6, 2022, were emailed prior to this meeting for review. Floor was open for any questions; no questions posed.
- Motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting: approved by Taria Rossi and Christina Calabrese.

New Council Member

- Amy Martinez has volunteered to be the OAPCE representative.

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

Faith:

- Bullying Awareness Week - Nov 21
- Social Justice outreach:
 - Hat and Mitten tree to support St. Louise Outreach – to begin in November
 - Toy drive to support BW families
- Advent Mass Dec 2 @ 9:00 in school gym

EQAO

Grade 3:

- Reading 89%, Writing 73%, Math 48% (2019: Reading 85%, Writing 89%, Math 45%)

Summary:

- Reading 89%: above board and province, up from 2019

- Writing 73%: above board and province, down from 2019
- Math 48%: below board and province, up from previous years

Grade 6:

- Reading 93%, Writing 86%, Math 43% (2019: Reading 74%, Writing 90%, Math 36%)

Summary:

- Reading 93%: Above board and province, up from 2019
- Writing 86%: below board, above province, down from 2019
- Math 43%: below board and province, up from 2019

Individual student results will be sent home next week.

SCHOOL ACTION PLAN

After School Tutoring:

- Ministry Funded
- Gr 3/4
- FI Grade 3/4
- Have 3 classes

Math:

- New Math resources
- Technology
 - Coding
 - Painting walls Green for more access to Green Screens

Literacy

- New resources – focus on the early years K-2
- In school tutoring – Ministry Funded K-2

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
- Bubba Williams – Presenter
- Catholic Education Week:
 - Theme: We Are Many, We Are One
 - April 30 – May 5, 2023
- 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

School plan and pastoral plan will be posted on the website end of November

Sports:

Int Volleyball:

- Girls Mini: November 24
- Boys Mini November 23

Junior Volleyball

- Girls: Played in Mini
- Boys: went to BW Families, lost in semi finals

Soccer:

- Junior – looking to reschedule (postponed)
- Int. – beginning of Dec

School Generated Funds:

- Review of school plan for 2022-2023 year
 - Plan to support:
 - Athletics (transportation, cost of tournaments)
 - Faith based activities (retreats, sacraments)
 - Supplement Graduation
 - Families in need
 - Guardian Angels Parish \$1000
 - Speakers/presentations
 - Technology
 - Play day
 - New Sound system for the gym**
- Snack Shack
- Will have some pop-up days – next one scheduled for Dec 2

- Fri, Dec. 2 –Curriculum:
- CCAT completed

Upcoming Events:

- Nov 25 - PA DAY
- Dec 2 - Advent Mass in the gym @ 9:00
 - All are welcome
- Dec 6 – French Immersion Parent Information Night
- Dec 14 - Christmas Concert
- Dec 19 - Spirit Week
- Dec 23 - Christmas Break

Treasurer Report (*T. Rossi*)

- No additional updates for this meeting

Lunch Options (*Christina Calabrese*)

In Progress

- Tuesdays – Pizza – runs Oct 18 – Jan 31.
- Friday – Lunch Box kicked off last week on a Wednesday. Options include Mr. Sub and Toninos. A third option is still required.
- Thank you to our volunteers who distribute lunches.
- David: Inquiring about Lunch Lady and the process to order lunches. Mrs. Linardic will include this in the monthly update.

Fundraising (*C. Calabrese*)

Suggestion by Neeta: Dance-a-thon. Sale of glow stick bracelets. Pamphlets to encourage family and friends to contribute. Also, AGO has a program to do a virtual art class for schools.

Question posed by David: Is there an option for individuals or businesses to contribute and get a tax receipt but also ensure that the funds can be used by the school and count toward school council generated funds? D. Linardic to determine options and provide feedback.

Suggestion by Amy Martinez: Lip Sync battle or a Carnival over the weekend. D. Linardic informed that these fundraisers must be organized entirely by the School Council.

Suggestion by Regina: Can we sell spirit wear during the holiday season. Mrs. Linardic will investigate the possibility.

Flip Give: **\$631 in total, \$127.64** raised 2021/22 school year (as of May 26th). Reminder email for this fundraiser to be sent out.

Dominos: Only available at the Wexford location (nearest location to the school). Cheese or pepperoni pizzas can be purchased on select days, with codes provided, for \$11 per medium pizza. \$5 per pizza will be given to the school fundraiser fund. Approved by Joseph, Neeta, Amy, and Regina.

Dates: Nov 30, Dec 21, Jan 25, Feb 22, Mar 22, Apr 26, May 24

World's Finest Chocolate:

Previous recent history – 2019

260 cases were ordered with a re-order of 40 cases (Laura Secord \$5.00 premium peanut free)

Distributed one case per family unless those who preferred to OPT-OUT

68 sealed cs were returned and 20 cases partially sold cs for credit with 212 cs sold @ a profit of \$60.00 per case

Distribution

Option 1 – Send out box 1 per family (best results)

Option 2 – Send out opt out form

Option 3 – Pay ahead (not recommended/90% lose in sales)



Introducing our 2022 Product Line Up!

\$3 Peanut Free Options
WFC Continental Almonds
(\$2 size also available)
WFC Gourmet Selection
Laura Secord PF Variety Case

\$3 Peanut-Free and Nut-Free Options
WFC Mint Meltaways
WFC Caramel Whirls
WFC Chocolatier Selection
WFC Bar Variety Suitcase (Available Nov 2022)
Laura Secord PF/NF Variety Case

**EARN \$36.00-40.50
PROFIT ON EACH CASE!**



100% NUT FREE



8 CRISP BARS 6 FRENCH MINT BARS
8 MILK CHOCOLATE BARS
5 CARAMEL & SEA SALT BITES 3 MAPLE BITES

WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATE

- \$3.00 per bar
- \$90 case
- 30 Bars
- 8 Crisp, 6 French Mint, 8 Milk, 8 Caramel (maple replaced by caramel in 2023)
- \$36 profit per box
- Returns are allowed. Only full cases of 30 can be returned
- Prizes – For every 150 cases purchased World's Finest will give 75 small prizes to raffle off

Voted for Laura Secord chocolate fundraiser– Taria, Joseph, Regina, Christina.

Other Options

1. Terra Cotta - \$15
2. Created By Kids
3. McGregor Meats
4. First Aid Kits
5. Ricco Baked Goods

Other Items

Car Parking/Pickup/Kiss and Ride

Survey suggestions include:

- Volunteers to direct traffic
- Kindergarten parents directed to walk students in
- Christina: Printed reminders from the School Council about the expectations of using the Kiss and Ride lanes, Parking lot and Other School bus lanes. Reminders will be sent out
- Ivan: Can we work on a visual to show parents how the Kiss and Ride works? Visual included in parent letter
- Separate pick and drop times for French Immersion (FI) and Non-French Immersion programs. Example 8:30 am for FI and 8:45 am for non-FI in the morning and 3:00pm for FI and 3:15 for non-FI This is not an option.
- David: paid parking attendant

General Items

- Valerie Frantellizi asked about whether with our low scores in Math how will teacher time be allocated for extra help? Mrs. Linardic stated that staff would engage in professional development and use new math resources.
- Since Ms. Ferrari has moved on to a new role, who will be taking the lead on the indigenous education. Mrs. Linardic stated that individual teachers will do some work in the classroom and the equity leads will do some wider work at the school.

Next Meeting

- Amy, Taria and Joseph approved the rescheduling of the in-person / social meeting to December 7

Conclusion

- C. Calabrese thanked everyone for joining tonight's meeting.
- Meeting adjourned 8:03pm.