

ST. ANGELA MERICI CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Minutes, 2022-2023 School Year

Thursday, Oct 6, 2022 – 6:30PM | Location Zoom/video call

Meeting called to order by C. Calabrese

In Attendance

- Mrs. D. Linardic (Principal), C. Calabrese (Chair), Mrs. E. Makatore (Vice Principal), Angie Valente (Parish Representative), T. Rossi (Treasurer), Joseph Fernandez (Secretary), L. Benedik (Non-teacher Representative), M. Brant (Teacher Representative), N. Edwards (Parent Representative), R. Ukwuoma (Parent Representative), A. Adeniyi (Parent Representative), L. De Leo (Parent Representative), N. Thomas (Parent Representative), I. Pinkyin (Parent Member), D. Desrosiers (Parent Member), A. Martinez (Parent Member), Sandra, Mrs. Rivero (Teacher Representative) and D. Manaram (Parent Representative).

Regrets

- A. Ghoura and Valarie Frantellizzi

Welcome and Introduction (C. Calabrese)

- Meeting began late due to technology challenges
- C. Calabrese began the meeting at 6:50pm & welcomed everyone to the new year and to elect the new school council

Opening Prayer & Land Acknowledgement

- A. Valente led everyone in prayer & delivered the Land Acknowledgement to the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation for their stewardship of their land

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting (C. Calabrese)

- Minutes from the last meeting, May 26, 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 T. Rossi and A. Valente

School Council Elections (C. Calabrese)

- Motion to dissolve School Council for the previous year was approved and
- Elections for the School Council for 2022-23 year were held and the following are the new school council members:
 - C. Calabrese (Chair)
 - T. Rossi (Treasurer)
 - A. Valente (Parish Representative)
 - J. Fernandez (Secretary)
 - Vacant (OAPCE Representative)
 - A. Adeniyi (Parent Representative)
 - L. De Leo (Parent Representative)
 - N. Thomas (Parent Representative)
 - R. Ukwuoma (Parent Representative)

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

Welcome to New staff:

- Ms. Makotore VP
- Mrs. Mera
- Ms. Salmon ERW
- Ms. Kooran
- Mme Makowski
- Mme Valdivieso

Mlle Brant/Mrs. Rivero teacher reps this year on council

After the September Re-Organization

- 17 classes
- Current enrollment 367
- Re-Organized classes grade 1-6 – all combined except Grade 6, Gr 1 FI, Gr 4FI

Faith:

- Catholic Education Week:
 - **April 30 - May 5, 2023**, theme: We are Many, We are One

MASS DATES:

- Oct. 5 @ 10:00 **Virtual** Thanksgiving Mass
- Dec. 2 @ 9:00 in gym Advent Mass
- Jan. 19 @ 10:00 in gym Christmas Season Mass
- March 3 @ 9:30 in gym Lenten Mass
- June 16 @ 10:00 **AT CHURCH** Year End Mass

Date Reminders:

- Progress Reports going home on Tuesday, November 8, 2022
 - Interviews on Thursday, November 10, 2022
- School Photos
 - October 20-Picture Day Students
 - Nov 17- Retake/optional for Grad photo
 - February 2 - Grad Photos

School Start up:

- EDWIN project continues:
 - All students in grade 7 and 8 received a Chromebook
 - Already been distributed

Community Events:

- OPEN HOUSE
 - Scholastic Book Fair- made \$3,611.93
 - Food Trucks
 - Very good turnout

- Terry Fox – Sept 28
 - Due to expired CRC for volunteers, some classes walked on school property instead of through neighbourhood
- National Day of Truth and Reconciliation – September 30
 - Each student tied an orange ribbon to the fence
 - School presentation
- Halloween
 - Spirit week Oct 25 – 31
 - Halloween on a Monday, will have a Halloween dance with our first snack shack
 - Option to purchase fun Halloween grab bags

Other:

- Merici Update
 - Moving to bi-weekly to reduce emails
- Sports teams/clubs/ lunch programs/snack shack up and running again
- Sports:
 - Junior Girls/Boys Volleyball and Cross-Country teams now
 - Tues. Oct 11: Junior Boys Volleyball Mini tournament
 - Fri. Oct 14: Junior Girls Volleyball Mini tournament
 - Wed. Oct 19: Cross Country Meet
 - School to supplement cost for sports/transportation

After School Tutoring:

- 3 sections, grades 3 and 4
- Had interest for grade 5 and 6 but no instructor yet

Parish

- Requesting \$1000 donation from each school

Technology

- Continuing with STEM and coding
- Replenishing tech – ipads, smartboards
- Continuing to have each class have devices assigned

School Generated Funds Carried over from 2021-2022:

- School Generated: \$2,712.01
 - Earmarked for: Junglesport - \$1000 deposit
 - Sports supplements

Meeting Format and Dates (C. Calabrese)

- Format of meetings will be virtual with a couple in person. Option for hybrid will be available for all sessions – approved by Agnes, Christina, Taria, Joseph, Lisa, Valente
- Oct 6, Nov 17, Dec 8 (Social), Jan 19, Feb 23, Apr 13 and May 18 (Social)

Treasurer Report (T. Rossi)

- The 2021 – 2022 Treasurer’s report was presented.
- After allocations or 2021 – 2022 year, there is \$156.41 overspent/ over allocated versus collected.

Lunch Options (C. Calabrese)

In Progress

- Tuesdays – Pizza – runs Oct 18 – Jan 31
- Friday – Lunch Lady – Starting Oct 7th

Plan to start

- Wednesday – Lunch Box/Harvey’s/ Toninos/ Mr. Subs/ Swiss Chalet. Approved: Angie Valente, Lisa De Leo, Taria Rossi, Agnes Adeniyi, Christina Calebrese
 - Volunteers required to distribute Lunch Box
- Special Lunches??? – Tonino or Pita Pit- Might consider for special times of year

Fundraising Update (C. Calabrese)

Due to limited time, only a few of the Fund-raising options were reviewed. All of the options will be discussed in greater detail at the next meeting.

Conclusion

- C. Calabrese thanked everyone for joining tonight’s meeting.
- Due to the time duration restrictions on the Zoom platform, the council will consider using the Teams platform to host the meeting.
- Meeting adjourned 8pm.