

# ST. ANGELA MERICI CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Minutes

10/2/2019 6:35 PM | Meeting called to order by Dominique Darmanin-Sturgeon

## In Attendance

D. Linardic (Principal), M. Vitale (Vice Principal), Dominique Darmanin-Sturgeon (Chair), Taria Rossi (Treasurer), Steve Birnie (Secretary), Carla Machado (OAPCE Rep), A. DiGiovanni (Teaching Rep), Lisa DeLeo (Parent Rep), Anya Bruney-Francis (Parent Rep), Karen Maraj (Parent Member), Angel Baltazar (Parent Member), Christine Vigneault (Parish Rep.), Amy Marasco (Parent Member), Christina Calabrese (Parent Member), Candace Carter (Parent Member), Dale Achor (Parent Member), Mildred Lobo (Parent Member)

## Regrets

Silvana DiBello (Non-Teaching Staff Rep)

## Opening Prayer

Mrs. Darmanin-Sturgeon led the Council in prayer.

## Introduction

Mrs. Darmanin-Sturgeon welcomed everyone to the meeting at 6:35 PM. She thanked the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation for their stewardship of their traditional land.

Everyone present, parents and staff, introduced themselves.

## Approval of Minutes and Agenda

The minutes of the June 5, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Mrs. Machado moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Mrs. De Leo. Mr. Birnie moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mrs. Rossi.

## 2018-19 Chair's Report – Mrs. Darmanin-Sturgeon

Mrs. Darmanin-Sturgeon began the meeting by closing off the previous school year. She advised that once the final Treasurer's report was reviewed, the election of this year's executive would be overseen by Mrs. Linardic, and the first meeting of the 2019-2020 school year would proceed.

## 2018-19 Final Treasurers Report

- Mrs. Rossi advised that some allocations are still to be paid out, including the rosary bracelets and student agendas.
- Mrs. Rossi noted that using Cash Online for fundraisers means Council has to pay the 2% fee, which lead to additional funds having to be allocated.

- Money from the first round of pizza lunches has come in.

## 2019-20 Executive – Mrs. Linardic

Mrs. Linardic shared the applications for Council executive positions that were received. There was only one candidate for each position, so all were acclaimed.

The Council executive for the 2019-20 school year will be:

Chair – D. Darmanin-Sturgeon

Treasurer – T. Rossi

Secretary – S. Birnie

OAPCE Rep. – C. Machado

Parish Rep. – C. Vigneault

Parent Rep. – Lisa DeLeo

Parent Rep. – A. Bruney-Francis

Non-Teaching Staff Rep. – S. DiBello

Teaching Staff Rep. – A. DiGiovanni

## 2019-20 Chair's Report – Mrs. Darmanin-Sturgeon

- Council identified the following dates for future meeting:
- November 6, 2019; December 4, 2018 (social); January 22, 2020; February 26, 2020; April 15, 2020 (same date as Parent engagement event at St. Roch Secondary School); May 27, 2020 (social)
- The Central Committee of Catholic School Councils will have a meeting of School Council Chairs on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## Administration Update – Mrs. Linardic

- Staff additions: Mlle. Cuello is responsible for French and planning time. Mlle Istiphan has returned to teach grade 4 French Immersion while Mme. Trotto is on parental leave. Ms. Cudzilo has joined the staff. Another full day kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Coomber, has also been brought on.
- An additional FDK teacher was needed due to a late influx of new registrations, primarily in kindergarten. This resulted in a half-class of 15 students being created, which is being taught by Mr. Quinlan.
- Due to that influx, current enrollment is exactly 500 students, up from the anticipated 487. At 501 students, schools can bring in a second Secretary. Mrs. Gallant has been declared surplus due to the number being under 501 on Reorganization day, September 13.
- Mrs. Linardic noted that the Canadian Union of Public Employees, which represents administrative staff such as Secretaries and Custodians, are currently engaged in work-to-rule job action. As a result Mrs. DiBello could not be present at the meeting.
- Mrs. Linardic also shared a communication posted on the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board that CUPE has given notice that it will initiate a Full Withdrawal of Services effective October 7<sup>th</sup>. The Board is reviewing the impact and their options.

- The EDWIN project, whereby students are given Chromebooks for the full school year, is continuing this year and St. Angela Merici has been approved to distribute Chromebooks to all grade 7 students again, as well as all grade 8 students.
- Mrs. Linardic reminded everyone that Friday October 11th and Friday November 15th are PA days.
- Progress reports will go home Tuesday, November 12th. Interviews, if necessary, will take place on Thursday, November 14th.
- Grade 8 graduation will be on Monday, June 23rd 2020 at the Mississauga Convention Centre.
- The Rosary Apostolate are back again this school year.
- The first school Mass with Father Jan will be Friday, October 4th.
- Mrs. Linardic reminded everyone that the Consecration of Guardian Angels church will take place Sunday, October 6th at 3:00 PM.
- Reconciliation for grade 3 through 8 students will take place in the gym on November 27th. First Reconciliation for the grade 2 Communicants, as well as Reconciliation for the grade 7 Confirmandi, will be April 1, 2020 in the gym.
- First Communion for grade 2 students will be on April 18, 2020 at 10:30 AM at Guardian Angels church. The parent meeting with Father Jan will be on December 1, 2019 after the noon Mass.
- Confirmation for grade 7 students will once again be during Catholic Education Week, on Wednesday, May 7th, 2020 at 7:00 PM at Guardian Angels church.
- There will be a Remembrance Day liturgy in the gym on November 11th at 10:30 AM.
- The school Open House was on September 19th.
- The Terry Fox Walk was on September 27th.
- The school is a polling station for the Canadian Federal Election on October 21st.
- The school will once again have a Halloween dance on October 31st.
- The Junior-Intermediate girls soccer team came in third during a Brampton West family of schools tournament on Monday, September 30th. The boys' team played on October 1st and made it to the quarter-finals.
- A grade 7 class went to Dr. Simone's warehouse, a facility dedicated to promoting social justice, to help prepare packages to be sent to the needy overseas.
- The junior volleyball teams will be playing in tournaments at St. Angela Merici; the boys on October 8th and the girls on October 10th. Mr. DiGiovanni is coaching both teams.
- If they win the tournament they will progress to the respective tournaments for the BW family of schools.
- The cross country team has a meet at Chinguacousy Park on October 9th.
- The school choir will be singing the national anthem at an upcoming Brampton Beast hockey game.
- The school rolled over \$2,439 in fundraising monies, which will be used to continue to enhance technology and the arts in the school. Mrs. Linardic noted that funds were used to purchase carpets for some primary grade classrooms.
- Mrs. Linardic briefly reviewed the school's EQAO results from last year. Individual students will be available in a couple of weeks. Results in all areas showed improvement over the previous year. For reading and writing this continues an ongoing upward trend, and exceeds the overall results for the Board and the province. Math will be an area of focus in the upcoming year with a continued emphasis on problem solving strategies.
- Mr. DiGiovanni briefed Council on the Learning Commons in the library. Among the areas of focus are continued challenges for students, in order to develop problem solving and collaboration skills. Desks with whiteboard surfaces are among the items added to support this area of focus.

- Other areas of focus are coding and 'making.' Last year, teachers at the school received their initial exposure to these areas, and this year there will be further development and building of that capacity.
- Several new robots have also been added to the library: a BeeBot for primary grades, a Botley for junior and intermediate grades, and a Matatatech robot, which is programmed using tiles and can do tasks such as play music and draw.
- Mrs. Linardic pointed out there is a Lego® Wall in the back of the library.

2019-20 Treasurers Report – Mrs. Rossi
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- Pizza orders have been completed for October to December. The next solicitation will be for January to April. For the next solicitation, no envelopes will be distributed as the cost of them has risen substantially. Parents will be strongly encouraged to use Cash Online.
- Mrs. Calabrese said that another pizza restaurant, Pizza Point, has offered to sell their pizzas for Pizza Days at the school. The cost would be 75 cents cheaper than what Family Pizza charges. Over the course of the year this could add up to an additional \$2,000 in profit for Council. Pizza Point provided several sample pizzas for the meeting.
- Mr. Birnie asked if the Pizza Point pizzas met the Board's PPM criteria. Mrs. Calabrese said she will check, but noted that other schools offer their pizza.
- Council suggested getting testimonials from those other schools. Mrs. Calabrese will look into this.
- Mrs. Machado suggested having these pizzas available at a future school event so students could sample them. All agreed this was a good idea.
- The Lunch Box service has started, and is offered every Wednesday. Restaurants used are Swiss Chalet, Mr. Sub and Tonino's.
- The Lunch Lady servicer has also started, and is offered every Friday.
- Mrs. Calabrese suggested selling Terra Cotta cookie products as a fundraiser this year. A box of pre-separated cookie dough cost \$13 and makes 40 cookies. Council would realize a \$5 profit for each box sold. She proposed selling the cookies shortly before Christmas.
- Since the dough has to be frozen, the best method for distribution once orders are in was discussed. Dough can thaw and then be refrozen, but should not be left in an un-refrigerated state for more than a few hours.
- Orders would be received two weeks after submission. A two week period for orders to come in was proposed, so the campaign in all would require six weeks from beginning to end.
- Mrs. Linardic proposed starting this fundraiser on the day of parent-teacher meetings regarding term 1 reports, February 6<sup>th</sup>. When parents come to the school for their meeting, they could pick up their order.
- She also noted that due to the CUPE job action it would not be possible to run the fundraiser right now.
- Council agreed to revisit the fundraiser at the beginning of 2020, with an eye on February distribution.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

The next meeting will be        Wednesday November 6th 2019 at 6:30pm

