

ST. ANGELA MERICI CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Minutes

1/22/2020 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), Christine Vigneault (Parish Rep.), Steve Birnie (Secretary), A. DiGiovanni (Teaching Rep), L. Benedick (Non-Teaching Staff Rep), Anya Bruney-Francis (Parent Rep), Lenche Pandovska (Parent Member), Regina Ukwuoma (Parent Member)

Regrets

Carla Machado (OAPCE Rep), Lisa DeLeo (Parent Rep), Angel Baltazar (Parent Rep), Christina Calabrese (Parent Member), Candace Carter (Parent Member), Amy Marasco (Parent Member), Karen Maraj (Parent Member), Mildred Lobo (Parent Member), Dale Achor (Parent Member),

Opening Prayer

Mrs. Vigneault 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.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

The minutes of the December 4, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Birnie moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Mrs. Rossi. Mrs. Vigneault moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mrs. Rossi.

Chair's Report – Mrs. Darmanin-Sturgeon

- Mrs. Darmanin-Sturgeon advised that the January meeting of the Central Committee of Catholic School Councils (CCCSC) was cancelled. The next meeting is February 13.
- CCCSC will be having a parent Engagement Night in March, built around the theme of bullying. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Debra Pepler <https://health.yorku.ca/health-profiles/index.php?mid=3992>
- The Ministry will not be issuing the \$500 Parent Engagement Grant this school year.
- CCCSC will receive a Parents Reaching Out grant; the amount is not known yet. The grant will likely be divided up equally across all schools.

Administration Update – Mrs. Linardic

- Mrs. Vitale is now splitting her time as vice-principal between St. Angela Merici and St. Jean – Marie Vianney.
- School enrolment dropped below 500 students, to 493, and therefore the school is no longer assigned a full time VP.
- The school held an onsite Advent Retreat in December, built around the themes of Being a Difference Maker and Igniting Hope. Students created snowflakes which were offered during the Advent Mass December 19th
- The Feast of St. Angela Merici Mass will take place at the school the morning of January 27th.
- The school will again give students pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, February 25th.
- There will be an Ash Wednesday liturgy on February 26th.
- As part of Black History Month, there will be an interactive presentation on February 14th by Baba Williams, featuring storytelling and African drums.
- Parent-teacher interviews will take place the evening of February 6th and during the day on February 7th, which is a PA Day.
- Term 2 officially begins January 30.
- Kindergarten registration has been going on for the preceding two weeks.
- Graduation photos for the Grade 8 students took place January 22nd.
- A total of 135 plants were sold as part of the poinsettia fundraiser, resulting in a profit of \$964.
- The kindergarten Christmas event, and the primary grades Christmas concert, were very well attended.
- The school is collaborating with the city of Brampton for two events: there will be Water and Waste management workshops delivered to all classes. These will cover issues such as drinking water treatment and distribution, water quality, wastewater collection and treatment, surface and groundwater protection, water efficiency and the impact of student waste habits on the environment.
- The second event, which will occur on multiple dates from February to April, is titled 'Best of You,' built on themes of self-esteem and positivity.
- Mothers Against Drunk Driving gave a presentation to intermediate students on January 17th.
- Junior basketball for boys and girls has begun. No tournament dates have been announced yet.
- The Robotics team has started up again.
- The school is looking to replace the sound system in the gym as it has been experiencing issues. Administration is currently getting quotes.
- As a result of the current job action by the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association (OECTA) report cards will only have marks and no comments. Updates on any other labour action will be provided via the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board's website and email blasts.
- Grade 7s will go on a Confirmation Retreat on April 17th, at the Sarah Elizabeth Centre in Woodbridge.
- First Communion for Grade 2s will be on Saturday, April 18th at 10:30 AM and Confirmation for Grade 7s will be on Thursday, May 7th at 7:00 PM. Both will take place at Guardian Angels Parish Church.
- The intermediate student trip to Quebec City is still tentatively scheduled for April 28th to May 1st. The number of registered students did not meet the required threshold, but a communication has gone out to parents of the intermediate students asking if they would pay an additional \$30 each for the trip. If the families of all the registered students agree then the trip will go ahead as planned.
- Grade 8 graduation will be on Tuesday June 23rd at the Mississauga Convention Centre.
- Mrs. Linardic went over fundraising and expenditures that have taken place as part of the School Generated Funds report. <https://www3.dpcdsb.org/MERIC/parents/school-generated-funds/school-generated-funds>

- Expenditures have included bus transportation, including the intermediate trip to St. Roch, craft supplies, and the cost of items sold at the snack shack, poinsettias sold as part of the Christmas fundraiser, and the Book Fair.

Treasurer's Report – Mrs. Rossi

- Due to the allocations that have already been made, there is only \$411 in surplus funds. This will grow after the Terra Cotta cookie fundraiser and the next round of pizza orders. Some of the surplus funds will be used to purchase pancake making supplies for Shrove Tuesday.
- Forms for the next round of pizza orders will go out February 28th, with a due date of March 6th. Late responses received before March Break will be accommodated. The next round of pizza will start April 7th.
- Rosary bracelet workshops for Grade 2 and Grade 7 students will be on February 11th.
- Since Mrs. Calabrese was unable to attend, Mrs. Rossi gave an update on the Terra Cotta cookie fundraiser.
- The kickoff assembly will take place on Friday January 31st. School Cash Online will be open for orders as of that same date. Order forms, which will also have to be completed, will be distributed that day as well, in paper and email form.
- Council volunteers are needed to help promote the fundraiser during Parent-Teacher interview night on February 6th.
- The due date for orders is February 14th. Orders will be rolled up on the 18th and 19th, and then submitted to Terra Cotta on the 20th.
- Boxes of cookies will be distributed on March 2nd. Council volunteers are needed to assist with distribution.
- There will be draws for various prizes: anyone selling five boxes will be entered into a draw for one of four gift cards. Two gift cards will be from Mastermind Toys gift cards, and the other two gift cards will be purchased by Council. Anyone selling ten boxes will be entered into a draw for one of two Ozobots. Anyone selling 15 boxes will be entered into a draw for a ChromeBook.
- There will also be a pizza lunch on March 6th for the top selling family.

Parish Report – Mrs. Vigneault

- Mrs. Vigneault advised that the Valentines dinner and dance will take place at Guardian Angels Parish Hall on February 15th. Tickets are \$40 for adults and \$25 for children.
- The Parish's Catholic Women's League is welcoming new members. The next meeting is on February 13th.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

The next meeting will be Wednesday February 26th, 2020 at 6:30pm