

ST. ANGELA MERICI CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Minutes

3/11/2020 6:30 PM | Meeting called to order by Dominique Darmanin-Sturgeon

In Attendance

Diana Linardic (Principal), Tina DeClerico (Vice Principal), Dominique Darmanin-Sturgeon (Chair), Taria Rossi (Treasurer), Christine Vigneault (Parish Rep.), Steve Birnie (Secretary), Linda Benedick (Non-Teaching Staff Rep), Carla Machado (OAPCE Rep), Lisa DeLeo (Parent Rep), Angel Baltazar (Parent Rep), Christina Calabrese (Parent Member), Candace Carter (Parent Member), Anya Bruney-Francis (Parent Rep), Regina Ukwuoma (Parent Member), Yvonne Annobil (Parent Member)

Regrets

Amy Marasco (Parent Member), Karen Maraj (Parent Member), Mildred Lobo (Parent Member), Dale Achor (Parent Member), A. DiGiovanni (Teaching Rep), Lenche Pandovska (Parent Member),

Opening Prayer

Mrs. Vigneault led the Council in the Prayer for Lent.

Introduction

Mrs. Darmanin-Sturgeon welcomed everyone to the meeting at 6:35 PM, and asked everyone to introduce themselves. She thanked the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation for their stewardship of their traditional land. She thanked everyone in attendance for coming on the rescheduled date, after the February 26 meeting was postponed due to inclement weather.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

The minutes of the January 22, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Mrs. Machado moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Mrs. DeLeo. Mr. Birnie moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mrs. Machado.

Chair's Report – Mrs. Darmanin-Sturgeon

- Mrs. Darmanin-Sturgeon advised that the Central Committee of Catholic School Councils (CCCSC) has planned three events to utilize funds from the Parent Reaching Out grant.
- The first event will be on the topic of Human Trafficking, and will be held at Father Michael Goetz Catholic Secondary School in Mississauga on April 2nd at 7:00 PM. Speakers will be Constables Jennifer Horner and Claudia Wells from Peel Police. Anyone interested in attending is asked to register at <https://bit.ly/39NqT2s>
- The second event will be the annual CCCSC Marketplace, which features vendors representing companies that offer fundraising options. The event will be at St. Joseph Catholic Secondary School in Mississauga on

April 4th, from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Jean Clinton, who specializes in children's mental health. Anyone interested in attending is asked to register at <https://bit.ly/2NFWHnB>

- The third event will be built around the theme of Bullying Prevention. It will be held on May 25th at 7:00 PM at St. Marguerite d'Youville Catholic Secondary School in Brampton. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Debra Pepler, founder of PREVNet. <https://health.yorku.ca/health-profiles/index.php?mid=3992> Anyone interested in attending is asked to register at <https://bit.ly/38LKQqe>
- NOTE: after the conclusion of the meeting CCCSC announced that the April 2nd and April 4th events have been cancelled.
- Nominations for Volunteer of the Year will be solicited soon. Mrs. Darmanin-Sturgeon offered to assist anyone who wants to submit a nomination. The award will be presented on June 11th.
- Mrs. Calabrese has been in contact with Maple Leafs Sports and Entertainment, owners of the Toronto Maple Leafs, Toronto Raptors, Toronto Marlies, Toronto Argonauts and Raptors905. They donated platinum tickets that were one of the prizes for the Terra Cotta cookie fundraiser.
- A meeting was set up with a representative of MLSE. Mrs. Linardic, Mrs. Rossi and Mrs. Darmanin-Sturgeon attended. MLSE is seeking to do community building by offering discounted Marlie and Argonaut tickets to schools. Marlies tickets would be \$27 (discounted from \$37) and Argonauts tickets would be \$35 (discounted from \$50).
- If the school sold 75 or more tickets, it would qualify for the 'Fan Experience.' At Marlies games, this consists of students and their families skating on the ice prior to the game, and getting to fist bump players on their way on to the ice. As an alternative, students from the school could sing the anthems instead of the family skate. At Argonauts games, this consists of carrying a flag on the field.
- There is a refundable 20% deposit required.
- Council decided to defer looking into Marlies tickets until their next season starting in October. Offering tickets to the Argonauts home opener on June 20th was considered and will be revisited, given most sporting events are currently being postponed.
- Another aspect of MLSE's community building is their Huddle Up program, which is done in partnership with PREVNet. Under this program, if a teacher and a group of students develop an anti-bullying strategy which includes school assemblies related to the topic, members of one of MLSE's teams will attend an assembly. They currently do 40 of these a year as part of the program.
- Cassie Campbell Community Centre is offering to conduct programs and activities at area schools, including after school programs. Mrs. Darmanin-Sturgeon will look into this further.
- Mrs. Darmanin-Sturgeon noted that the next Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 21st in order for Council to take part in the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board's Multi-Year Strategic Plan Public Budget Consultation webinar.

Administration Update – Mrs. Linardic

- Mrs. Linardic welcomed Mrs. DeClerico, who is filling in for Mrs. Vitale as vice-principal of St. Angela Merici and St. Jean Vianney.
- The school distributed pancakes to all students on Shrove Tuesday, February 25th. Mrs. Linardic thanked all of the volunteers who cooked and distributed pancakes. Mrs. Machado noted that there was a pancake batter shortage and a volunteer had to run out to purchase some. Volunteers who participated noted that all students in all grades received two pancakes, but many kindergarten students did not eat both, while many intermediate students asked for more. It was recommended that in future years the number given to students takes this into account.
- The school collected \$283 in ShareLife donations as part of Shrove Tuesday, along with \$210 from Valentine's Day Candy Grams. In total the school has donated \$1,508 to ShareLife.

- The Ash Wednesday liturgy was held on February 26th.
- Grade 2 and Grade 7 students have made their Rosary bracelets.
- School enrolment is projected to be 475 for the next school year. As a result, no staff will be declared surplus. The English as a Second Language and French Second Language allocation went up slightly, which was offset by a small decrease in the allocation for Special Education.
- The school continues to have a focus on Indigenous Canadians. There has been a variety of teacher professional development activities helping to build staff's capacity to incorporate this in the classroom.
- The Day of Pink was February 26th.
- 10 intermediate students attended a Diversity workshop that was offered to Brampton West schools.
- As part of Black History Month, there was an interactive presentation on February 14th by Baba Williams.
- The junior basketball board tournaments were cancelled. Instead in house three on three tournaments for boys and girls was held. Something similar will be done for intermediate boys and girls.
- March Break will be March 16 to 20, and Holy Week will be April 6 to 10. Catholic Education Week is May 4 to 8.
- The Lenten Mass will be on April 3rd.
- 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 April 28th to May 1st. Due to the current situation with the Covid-19 virus, the Board will determine if student trips go ahead based on advice from Peel Public Health.
- The hip hop dance performance by junior students will take place the afternoon of May 4th. Mrs. Linardic will confirm the date of the line dancing performance by intermediate students.
- 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 activities related to Christmas. The Snack Shack that was offered periodically generated funds for the school.

Treasurer's Report – Mrs. Rossi

- Mrs. Rossi presented the financial statements as of January 31, 2020. Council currently has \$6,606.92, and Mrs. Rossi anticipates an additional \$5,000 being generated by the last round of Pizza Day sales.
- Council approved the following allocations: \$1,000 for graduation activities, both for kindergarten and grade 8; \$1,800 for school awards; \$1,500 for gifts for students receiving First Communion and Confirmation; \$4,000 for Scientists in the School; \$1,500 to purchase Agendas for the next school year; \$1,000 to support a Play Day program that is being offered by the City of Brampton; and an additional \$400 for RAZ Kids.
- The making of Rosary bracelets by grade 2 and grade 7 students went well. Mrs. Rossi will book this for next year.
- Mrs. Calabrese updated Council on the Terra Cotta cookie fundraiser.

- She noted it was much less work processing orders and distributing them than last year's chocolate fundraiser. This is in part due to all orders coming through School Cash Online, so no one had to be at the school on a daily basis to collect cash and cheques.
- 97 families participated and sold a total of 1,301 boxes.
- Council's net funds raised was \$5,673. Mrs. Rossi noted that an additional \$300 was just deposited today. Last year's chocolate fundraiser generated \$13,000, but as noted involved much more work.
- Council agreed this would be a worthwhile fundraiser to do again next year as everyone was happy with the quality of the products offered.

Parish Report – Mrs. Vigneault

- Evening masses are taking place at Guardian Angels Church Mondays to Thursdays at 7 PM.
- Confessions will be heard the evening of April 3rd.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 21st, 2020 at 6:30 PM sharp.