

ST. ANGELA MERICI CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Minutes

12/5/2018 6:40 PM | Meeting called to order by Dominique Darmanin-Sturgeon

In Attendance

D. Linardic (Principal), M. Vitale (Vice Principal), Dominique Darmanin-Sturgeon (Chair), Silvana DiBello (Non-Teaching Staff Rep), Taria Rossi (Treasurer), , Steve Birnie (Secretary), Carla Machado (OAPCE Rep), Christine Vigneault (Parish Rep.), , Karen Maraj. (Parent Member), Christina Calabrese (Parent Member), Candace Carter (Parent Member), Anya Bruney-Francis (Parent Rep),

Regrets

Leanne Milando (Fundraising Chair), Lisa DeLeo (Parent Rep), A. DiGiovanni (Teaching Rep), Amy Marasco (Parent Member), Angel Baltazar (Parent Member), Lenche Pandovska (Parent Member),

Opening Prayer

Mrs. Vigneault led Council in the Prayer for Advent.

Introduction

Mrs. Darmanin-Sturgeon welcomed everyone to the meeting at 6:40 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 November meeting were reviewed. Mrs. Machado moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Mrs. Vigneault. Mr. Birnie moved to approve the Agenda, seconded by Mrs. Machado.

Chair's Report – Mrs. Darmanin-Sturgeon

- Mrs. Darmanin-Sturgeon advised that Mrs. Baltazar was unable to attend the meeting, and conveyed an update on Skate Night. The only community centres with available ice time on a weekend in early February are Greenbriar Community Centre and Terry Miller Community Centre. Since both are not conveniently close to St. Angela Merici, Council decided to defer the event until late March when an ice pad is available at a facility that is closer.
- The cost of a Skate Night will be \$149.21 per hour, plus \$5 per hour for insurance. That cost falls to \$3 if more than 50 people attend.
- Mrs. Darmanin-Sturgeon shared that the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board is inviting parents of students to participate in the curriculum consultation that the Ontario Ministry of Education engaged in. the consultations are being done online, and there is also a Telephone Town Hall upcoming. Anyone interested can contact Mrs. Darmanin-Sturgeon and she will provide the link for registration for the town Hall.

Administration Update – Mrs. Linardic

- The School Administration gave all Council members a gift as a thank you for their commitment to the school.
- The school has implemented the new format for awarding the Virtues of the Month. The cabinet has been set up in the front lobby with pictures of the most recent Virtue recipients.
- Bullying Awareness Week, led by the Student Council, took place during the week of November 19 to 23. The Student Council will also lead Spirit Week, which will be from December 17 to 21. Snacks will be sold during the week as one of the activities.
- The intermediate girls' volleyball team made it to the finals for the Brampton West family of schools, which were held at St. Angela Merici.
- The school's family movie night on November 29th was attended by about 340 people. Mrs. Linardic did not have information yet on funds raised by pizza and snack sales.
- The school sold 171 poinsettias and raised about \$1,000. They can be picked up on December 10th between 3 PM and 6 PM.
- The girls' intermediate soccer team will play in a tournament at the Brampton Soccer Centre on December 10th.
- On December 13th, the kindergarten classes will have their Christmas concert at 6:45 PM. The grade 1 classes are also having Christmas concerts, during school hours.
- On December 14th the school will be having an on-site 'retreat.' Groups that encompass students from all grade levels, kindergarten to grade 8, will get together in a manner similar to the Play Day that is held every Spring. Each group will also have a teacher assisting, and activities will centre on Advent.
- Advent Mass will be held at the school on December 20th at 9:30 AM.
- Hip hop dancing classes for grades four to six students and Ballroom dancing classes for grades 7 and 8 will begin in the Spring. Performance for family will take place during Catholic Education Week; Hip Hop on May 6th, 2019 and Ballroom on May 7th, 2019.
- Term 1 ends on January 31st. Report cards will go home on February 5th, and parent-teacher meetings will take place the evening of February 7th and the morning of February 8th.
- Grade 7 students will be going to retreat at Camp Brebeuf on February 4th to prepare for Confirmation.
- All schools in the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board will be getting Chromebooks, which will be distributed to all grade 7 students. The Chromebooks can be used for school work in the school and at home. All have been loaded with an operating system called Edwin that is designed to facilitate leaning and comfort with technology. Chromebooks will have to be returned at the end of the school year.

Fundraising Update and Treasurers Report – Mrs. Rossi

Fundraising:

- Solicitation for pizza orders that cover the period from January to March were sent out, with a due date of December 6th. The final revenues will be on next month's financial statements. An additional parent has been assisting on Pizza Day, making distribution go smoothly.
- The Lunch Box program has gone well so far. Orders vary between 80 and 120 per week. In January the results will be looked at again to see how each of the four vendors is performing. Lunch Box, which is available every Thursday, will run until June 20th, the second last Thursday of the school year. Council

receives 50 cents per order, a nominal amount as the program is intended as a convenience for parents and not a fundraiser.

- Postcards promoting Lunch Box will go out in January, and a promotional email will be sent soon.
- Council has been advised by the Board's new Superintendent of Finance that they cannot utilize the coordinator provided by LaMontagne to assist with the campaign. Therefore volunteers will be needed to assist with counting of cash and receiving returned, unsold chocolates. Anyone able to assist can email Mrs. Rossi.
- The kickoff assembly will be February 1st at 1:00 PM. An opt out letter will be sent home with students that same day, and families not wishing to take part will have to return the signed letter by February 6th.
- Boxes of chocolates will be distributed when parent-teacher interviews are held at the school on February 7th and 8th. Money from sales and any unsold chocolates will be due back on February 20th.
- Prizes will be distributed on March 8th. Council can obtain prizes from LaMontagne, or purchase them. Council will have to determine how prizes can be awarded – whether to top sellers or through a random draw, or both.

Treasurer's report:

- Mrs. Linardic asked if Council could support Scientist in the School again this school year. Council approved allocation of \$4,100 for this purpose.
- Grade 7 and 8 classes will be doing a workshop with McMichael Art Gallery at the school on December 20th. Mrs. Linardic asked if Council could allocate \$500 to help subsidize the costs of this activity. Council approved this allocation.

Parish Report – Mrs. Vigneault

- Nothing to report.

OAPCE Report – Mrs. Machado

- St. Rita Elementary School is hosting a Christmas Market on December 6th from 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM.

Other Business

- None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

The next meeting will be Wednesday January 23rd, 2019 at 6:30 PM.