

# ST. ANGELA MERICI CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Minutes

1/23/2019 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), Leanne Milando (Fundraising Chair), Steve Birnie (Secretary), Christine Vigneault (Parish Rep.), Christina Calabrese (Parent Member), Anya Bruney-Francis (Parent Rep), Lisa DeLeo (Parent Rep), Angel Baltazar (Parent Member)

## Regrets

Silvana DiBello (Non-Teaching Staff Rep), Carla Machado (OAPCE Rep), A. DiGiovanni (Teaching Rep), Amy Marasco (Parent Member), Lenche Pandovska (Parent Member), Karen Maraj. (Parent Member), Candace Carter (Parent Member)

## Opening Prayer

Mrs. Vigneault led Council in the Lord's 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 November meeting were reviewed. Mrs. Vigneault moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Mrs. DeLeo. Mr. Birnie moved to approve the Agenda, seconded by Mrs. Rossi.

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

- Mrs. Darmanin-Sturgeon advised that the Provincial Government has reinstated the Parents Reaching Out grant, and as a result Council has received the \$1,000 grant. The funds must be used by June 19<sup>th</sup>. The themes cited in Council's grant application was Well-Being, Healthy Schools and Math and Numeracy.
- Mrs. Darmanin-Sturgeon asked all Council members to give some thought to what kind of event can be presented using these funds.
- Mrs. Linardic asked that any event hosted at the school not take place in May or June.
- Mrs. Vitale suggested Jump 2 Math, an organization that offers a session where numeracy is developed through physical activities done by students.
- Mrs. Darmanin-Sturgeon attended the engagement night for Brampton West schools hosted at St. Roch Secondary School on January 16<sup>th</sup>. The keynote speaker was an addiction expert from YMCA Toronto. The speaker discussed online gaming, and how games of chance played on the Internet can be played for free by youth but can still lead to gambling addiction.

- Mrs. Vitale attended the engagement event hosted by Ste. Marguerite D'Youville Secondary School on January 17<sup>th</sup>. The focus of the event was on Human Trafficking. The speakers were Officer Joy from Peel Regional Police and a representative of a Toronto youth shelter.

#### Administration Update – Mrs. Linardic

- The Feast of St. Angela Merici liturgy will take place on January 28<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM.
- Report cards will go home on February 5<sup>th</sup>, and parent-teacher meetings will take place the evening of February 7<sup>th</sup> and the morning of February 8<sup>th</sup>.
- The boys and girls intermediate basketball teams will be taking part in tournaments in February. The boys' tournament is on February 15<sup>th</sup> and the girls' tournament is on February 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Shrove Tuesday is on March 5<sup>th</sup>, and assistance will be needed to help make pancakes. The school will solicit for volunteers.
- There will be an Ash Wednesday liturgy on March 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Reconciliation with Father Jan will take place on March 27<sup>th</sup>.
- The school's 'Tuck Shop,' which sells snacks to students, was started for movie night on November 29<sup>th</sup>, and continues to sell snacks at school events. The shop, which is operated by the Student Council, is following PPM 150 guidelines. Mrs. Bruney-Francis asked if advance notice is given about the Tuck Shop, so parents can send money with their children that can be used to buy snacks. Mrs. Vitale advised that email notification goes out, with a printed version to those families that have opted out of electronic communication.
- To date the Tuck Shop has collected \$1,500 in net proceeds.
- The school raised about \$1,100 from poinsettia sales.
- All grade 7 students have received their Chromebooks. They have been loaded with an app called Edwin that was created by Nelson Publishing. The app gives access to Nelson's library, and resources are preloaded onto the Chromebook, allowing students to read the books even if wi-fi is not available at home.
- The grade 5 and 6 classes have embarked on a Coding project that is part of a program established by the Board and through the Learning Partnership.
- Mr. Andrade has returned as the permanent head Custodian for the school.

#### Fundraising Update and Treasurers Report – Mrs. Rossi

##### Fundraising:

- Solicitation for pizza orders for the period covering April 2 to June 25 will go out by February 28<sup>th</sup>, with a due date of March 8<sup>th</sup>.
- The Lunch Box program will run until June 20<sup>th</sup>, the second last Thursday of the school year.
- The kickoff assembly for the chocolate fundraiser will be February 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 PM. Mrs. Calabrese, Mrs. DeLeo and Mrs. Machado have developed the presentation and will deliver it at the assembly.
- The opt out letter has been created and will be sent home with students that same day, with a due date of February 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Boxes of chocolates will be distributed when parent-teacher interviews are held at the school on February 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. The youngest (or only) student in each family will be given the box.
- Posters reminding parents to pick up their box have been created by Mrs. Calabrese and will be posted outside classrooms during those days. Volunteers will be needed to hand out the boxes.

- Mrs. Rossi has created a calendar detailing who will be at the school collecting funds and unsold chocolates each day during the campaign. The calendar will be shared electronically with the rest of Council.
- Money from sales and any unsold chocolates will be due back on February 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Mrs. Calabrese went over the prizes that will be offered. The Grand Prize will be a \$300 voucher for a family trip to Fallsview Waterpark in Niagara Falls. The Gold Prize will be a Chromebook with a value of approximately \$300. The Silver Prize will be Ozobots, which are being obtained from the Board at a cost of \$54. Tablets may also be offered as a Silver Prize. The Bronze Prizes will be \$35 gift cards.
- Council discussed what gift cards should be offered. It was decided that Indigo Books, Mastermind Toys and Scholar's Choice would be the best choices, as Board policy is that gift cards be for providers of educational resources.
- All prize winners will be determined by a random draw. Any student that sells chocolates will be entered in the draw.
- There will also be a pizza lunch on March 8<sup>th</sup> for the students whose families sold the most chocolate.
- LaMontagne will also be providing some prizes.
- Mrs. Rossi is working with Mrs. DiBello to set up Cash Online so families can pay for chocolate electronically.

#### Parish Report – Mrs. Vigneault

- Nothing to report.

#### OAPCE Report – Mrs. Machado

- No update as Mrs. Machado was unable to attend.

#### Other Business

- None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

The next meeting will be Wednesday February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:30 PM.