

# ST. ANGELA MERICI CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Minutes

4/24/2019 6:30 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), Christine Vigneault (Parish Rep.), Christina Calabrese (Parent Member), Silvana DiBello (Non-Teaching Staff Rep), A. DiGiovanni (Teaching Rep), Candace Carter (Parent Member), Karen Lindsay (Parent Member)

## Regrets

Carla Machado (OAPCE Rep), Anya Bruney-Francis (Parent Rep), Lisa DeLeo (Parent Rep), Amy Marasco (Parent Member), Lenche Pandovska (Parent Member), Karen Maraj. (Parent Member), Angel Baltazar (Parent Member)

## Opening Prayer

Mrs. Vigneault led Council in the Prayer for Easter

## Introduction

Mrs. Darmanin-Sturgeon welcomed everyone to the meeting at 6:30 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 January meeting were reviewed. Mrs. Rossi moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Mrs. Carter. Mr. Birnie moved to approve the Agenda, seconded by Mrs. Vigneault.

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

- Mrs. Darmanin-Sturgeon noted that the parent engagement event, presented by Jump 2 Math (<https://jump2math.ca/>) is the evening of April 30<sup>th</sup>. This is being funded by the Parents Reaching Out (PRO) grant.
- Mrs. Vitale advised that over 100 people have RSVP'd that they would be attending. The office is still receiving responses from grade 7 and 8 volunteers, who will assist that night.
- Mrs. Darmanin-Sturgeon advised that after covering the cost of the Jump 2 Math event, there is still about \$150 remaining from the PRO grant funds, and in addition Council received a Parent Involvement grant of \$500. She suggested hosting another event focussed on financial literacy.
- Mrs. Darmanin-Sturgeon shared information brochures from Dinarii Financial Education Academy (<https://dinarii.com/>), who offer workshops that can be attended by parents and children. Council agreed that an event that was open to students was a good idea as the number of parents attending by themselves

may be limited due to child care concerns. The parent and child workshop is ninety minutes long, at a cost of \$850 plus HST. Mrs. Calabrese offered to design a poster for the event.

- Council agreed to present this event on Wednesday May 29<sup>th</sup>. The Council meeting for that night has tentatively been rescheduled for Wednesday June 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Mrs. Darmanin-Sturgeon and Mrs. Rossi attended the Central Committee for Catholic School Councils Marketplace event at St. Joseph Secondary School on April 13<sup>th</sup> (<https://www.dpcdsb.org/parents/getting-involved/ccsc/marketplace>). They were impressed by the keynote speaker, Rumeet Bilan, who spoke on resiliency. She will also be speaking at St. Roch Secondary School on April 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Several vendors that were part of the marketplace expressed an interest in presenting their products and/or services to Council. Mrs. Darmanin-Sturgeon recommended a vendor that teaches sewing to students as an important life skill. They visit schools to teach, and donate a sewing machine to the schools that book them. Council agreed to have their representatives visit the June 5<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.
- Mrs. Darmanin-Sturgeon was pleased to report that the school has nominated Mrs. Rossi for the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board's Volunteer of the Year award. The award winner will be decided in June.

#### Administration Update – Mrs. Linardic

- Mrs. Linardic advised that the school was able to donate \$1,774.22 to the Guardian Angels Parish church building fund. This was a result of collecting \$636.62 in total Toonie donations on Shrove Tuesday, and collecting \$1,137.60 from the Valentine's Day Candy Grams.
- The Beading Buds Rosary workshop for grade 2 Communicants and grade 7 Confirmandi took place on March 5<sup>th</sup>.
- As part of Holy Week from April 15 to 18, Mrs. Cillis class performed the Stations of the Cross. There was also a school wide Lenten retreat, during which all students received a pretzel.
- The school also held a food drive which ended that week. Donations were given to the Knights Table.
- First Communion for grade 2 students is on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM. A rehearsal was held during Holy Week, and Communicants participated in a retreat in March.
- Confirmation for grade 7 students is on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. A rehearsal will be taking place on April 25<sup>th</sup>. A retreat took place at Camp Brebeuf on February 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Mr. Lopes was approved for an \$1,800 grant to purchase Vex Robotics materials.
- The Lego Robotics teams attended the annual competition on March 26<sup>th</sup>. The junior team just missed a third place finish.
- A school bingo was held on February 15<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school.
- The French Café was held successfully in March.
- The school participated in Pink Shirt Day on February 27<sup>th</sup>, intended to demonstrate a commitment to inclusion and no tolerance for bullying.
- The RAID program, a drug awareness program through Peel Regional Police, spoke to grade 6 students in January.
- The school's Eco team has coordinated a number of events: they held the Great Gulp water drinking event, the Big Crunch apple eating event, and held a school wide Eco fair. Students who had displays at the event, which was held in the gym, shared how they are learning about stewardship of our natural environment.
- Grade 3 students have almost completed the Swim to Survive program at Cassie Campbell Community Centre, and grade 7 students are in the midst of the program.
- Journey Into Learning, an orientation event for new kindergarten registrants, will take place on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

- Ned's Mindset Mission (<http://www.mindsetmission.com/>) , a performance that encourages a positive mindset and behavior, will take place at the school on April 29<sup>th</sup>.
- The dance team took part in a showcase at the Rose Theatre on April 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Tryouts for intermediate soccer are currently taking place.
- The theme of Catholic Education Week is 'Living as Joyful Disciples.' A flyer will be coming out soon. Planned events are:
  - A hip-hop dance performance by grade 4 to 6 students on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM.
  - A ballroom dance performance by grades 7 and 8 on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM.
  - Easter Mass on May 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM.
  - The Volunteer Appreciation Tea on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM.
  - The Crowning of Mary ceremony on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM.
- Mrs. Linardic advised that the school is looking into having Escarpment Climbing come to the school in the Fall. Escarpment (<http://escarpmentclimbing.com/indoor-climbing/>) offers several indoor climbing-based activities customized by grade levels, and follows Ontario Physical and Health Education Association (OPHEA) guidelines.
- As part of their school visit program, each class would have two sessions of 40 minutes each in the gym, utilizing equipment brought in by Escarpment. Students are encouraged, but not obligated, to participate in the activities, which develop team work and resilience.
- Kindergarten students would do ground based obstacle courses. Grades 1 to 3 would do low ropes and a bouldering wall. Grades 4 to 6 would do the bouldering wall as well as a full size climbing wall, several high and low rope activities and rope ladders. Grade 7 and 8 students learn to "team" belay for all of the aforementioned climbing activities.
- The cost is \$4,200 which the school will be funding. Mrs. Linardic asked if Council would agree to contribute \$300, which would cover a parent night doing all of the climbing activities. Council agreed to this contribution.
- Mrs. Linardic asked if the Council could provide funding allocations for the following initiatives:
  - Apples and tangerines that were provided to students, at a cost of \$245.
  - Additional funding of \$368 for the McMichael Gallery visits. Additional classes participated, resulting in the extra cost.
  - \$500 to replace physical education equipment.
  - \$1,000 for supplies to clean up and improve the front garden.
  - \$1,000 to buy or replace technology used in the MakerSpace in the library.
  - \$3,000 for an additional Smart Board. There are currently just three classroom without a Smart Board.
  - \$3,550 for the cost of hip top and ballroom dancing instruction.
- Council approved these allocations.
- Mrs. Linardic also asked if Council could contribute \$1,200 to pay for author visits next school year. Council deferred a decision on this until the next meeting, once its financial position could be evaluated after these allocations.
- Mrs. Vitale mentioned that the Rosary Apostolate asked for a donation from Council. Council deferred a decision on this until the next meeting.

Fundraising Update and Treasurers Report – Mrs. Rossi
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Fundraising:

- The chocolate fundraiser collected a total of \$27,495.30. Of this, Council retained \$13,149.95. Mrs. Rossi thanked Mrs. Calabrese for all of her efforts on this fundraiser.
- The final round of pizza orders have been submitted, and Tuesday pizza lunches will continue for the remainder of the school year. Pizza sales generated a net of \$20,917.42 for Council.

#### Treasurer's report:

- Mrs. Rossi asked if Council will allocate funds for student agendas (\$1,500) and rosary bracelet making (\$1,300) again next school year. Council agreed.
- Mrs. Vitale asked if Council will allocate funds for graduation gifts (for grade 4 French Immersion students, grade 8 students and kindergarteners at their celebration of learning), gifts for students receiving First Communion and Confirmation, and for athletic and other awards as in past years.
- Council allocated \$2,000 for graduation and sacramental gifts and \$1,000 for awards.

#### Parish Report – Mrs. Vigneault

- Mrs. Vigneault said Guardian Angels church will be consecrated on Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. The church is asking for contributions to purchase pews for the church. The cost is \$3,000, for one pew, which seats 10. She asked if Council could contribute. Council deferred a decision on this until the next meeting, once its financial position could be evaluated after allocations.

#### OAPCE Report – Mrs. Machado

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

#### Other Business

- After the conclusion of business, Council joined the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board's budget consultation webinar.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:30 PM.