

ST. ANGELA MERICI CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Minutes

6/5/2019 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), Karen Lindsay (Parent Member), Carla Machado (OAPCE Rep), Anya Bruney-Francis (Parent Rep), Lisa DeLeo (Parent Rep), Lenche Pandovska (Parent Member), Angel Baltazar (Parent Member)

Regrets

Amy Marasco (Parent Member), Karen Maraj. (Parent Member)

Opening Prayer

Mrs. Vigneault led Council in the Lord's Prayer

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 April meeting were reviewed. Mrs. DeLeo moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Mrs. Machado. Mr. Birnie moved to approve the Agenda, seconded by Mrs. Machado.

Chair's Report – Mrs. Darmanin-Sturgeon

- Mrs. Darmanin-Sturgeon reported that the Parent Engagement event with Dinarii Financial Education Academy took place on May 29th. About 40 people attended. She said the representatives from Dinarii did a good job of engaging students.
- She will prepare the Parents Reaching Out (PRO) grant report for the funds spent on the two engagement events by the June 15th due date.
- The link to apply for a PRO grant for next year is not working, but an application will be submitted.
- Mrs. Vitale suggested robotics, technology and coding as a topic for next year's event, and said there is a company, Logics Academy (<http://logicsacademy.com/>) that conducts events at schools. Council agreed this would be a good idea.
- Mrs. Darmanin-Sturgeon advised that the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board's Volunteer of the Year award will be presented on June 13th. She and Mrs. Rossi will attend.

- Mrs. Linardic advised that the Board has asked that the school put a hold on booking Escarpment Climbing for the Fall. Negotiations on a contract are ongoing. The school will revisit this later.
- The year-end Mass will be on June 21st at 9:30 AM.
- A grade 8 graduation Mass for the Brampton West family of schools will take place June 7th at Guardian Angels Parish.
- The grade 8 graduation ceremony will be June 25th at 6 PM at the Mississauga Convention Centre.
- The Jump Rope for Heart will take place on June 6th. The school does not yet have the final amount of funds raised.
- June 10th is a PA Day.
- The school hosted the Brampton West Choir competition on May 17th. St. Angela Merici's competition choir, the Choir Cats, participated.
- The girls' intermediate soccer team won the Peel Cup after going undefeated. Congratulations Wildcats!
- The boys' intermediate soccer team finished 3rd in their group and just missed the playoffs.
- The Brampton-wide co-ed beach volleyball tournament took place at Chinguacousy Park on June 5th. Merici sent two teams, both of which made the playoffs.
- The track and field competition for the Brampton West family of schools will be at Chinguacousy Park on June 12th.
- The following staff will be leaving the school at the end of the school year: Mr. Giovinazzo, Mme Capobianco, Ms. Ponneri, Mlle Istiphan and Ms. Sousa. The school will see a slight reduction in the number of teaching staff.
- The school is projecting 487 students in the school next year, a slight drop from this year. Kindergarten registration is on the low side.
- There will be two grade 4 French Immersion classes next year.
- As a result of fundraising activities during the year, the school has \$12,733.81 in its account. It is expected that \$6,000 will be rolled over into next year and these funds have been earmarked for supplementing technology.
- The library had \$2,401.68 in profits from Book Fairs.
- Order forms for Ice Dawgs have been sent home. They are due by June 14th, and will be served to students on June 21st.
- Freezies will be sold in June as well, in order to supplement graduation events and school activities.
- Mrs. Linardic shared a Board presentation on its new Violence Threat Risk Assessment process. The initiative is designed to prevent significant violence from occurring at schools.
- Mr. DiGiovanni gave an update on the MakerSpace within the library, which has been transformed by the initiative into a Learning Commons.
- Included in the new programs introduced to the library is the Spark Zone and a Recording Studio, which students have made frequent use of when preparing videos.
- Both full classes and groups of students focused on a specific task or project have utilized these resources.
- The robots used for coding have been used for subjects like math and language.
- The modeling clay and building materials have also been used by students.
- Mr. DiGiovanni has met with teachers individually and spoken to them at staff meetings to bring forward ideas for how the resources can be tied into curriculum.

Treasurers Report – Mrs. Rossi

- The financial statements as of the end of April show \$4,493.10 available. This does not include further funds that will be received from Lunch Box and Lunch Lady, which should be around \$500.
- Mrs. Linardic asked for a more detailed breakdown of the \$2,000 Council has allocated for graduation awards for Senior Kindergarten, grade 4 French Immersion and grade 8, and which also encompasses sacramental gifts for grade 2 and grade 7 students.
- It was determined that \$1,5000 will be needed for the sacramental gifts and \$1,000 for the graduation gifts, so Council agreed to allocate another \$500.
- Mrs. Rossi also advised that the allocation for Future Steps dance workshops were insufficient and another \$314 to be allocated. Council agreed.
- Council discussed options for allocating the remaining \$4,000. Mrs. Rossi pointed out that the \$1,400 allocated for Rosary Bracelet Workshops would not be needed until the Spring, and the funds could come from funds raised during the next school year. Therefore Council could allocate \$5,000.
- Mrs. Linardic identified the following areas that could use Council support: toys and equipment for the Kindergarten yard totaling \$1,000; a new sound system which would cost \$1,360; carpets in three grade 2 classrooms need to be replaced, with an approximate cost of \$1,500; and author visits are once again being planned for next Spring, at a cost of \$1,200.
- It was pointed out that Council had decided at the April meeting to discuss allocating funds to purchase a pew for Guardian Angels church, in whole or in part. The cost of a full pew is \$3,000.
- Council agreed to allocate \$3,000 to purchase a pew, \$1,360 for a new sound system and \$500 for equipment for the Kindergarten yard. Funds will be allocated for the Administration's other items out of what is raised in the next school year.

Parish Report – Mrs. Vigneault

- Nothing to report.

OAPCE Report – Mrs. Machado

- Nothing to report.

Other Business

- None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

The first meeting of the new school year is scheduled for Wednesday, October 2nd, 2019 at 6:30 PM.