

ST. ANGELA MERICI CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Minutes

10/18/2017 6:40 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Dominique Darmanin-Sturgeon

In Attendance

D. Linardic (Acting Principal), M. Vitale (Vice Principal), Dominique Darmanin-Sturgeon (Chair), Leanne Milando (Fundraising Chair), Jennifer Szarota (Community Rep.), Silvana DiBello (Non-Teaching Staff Rep.), Taria Rossi (Treasurer), Karen Lindsey (Parent Member), Steve Birnie (Co-Secretary), Lenche Pandovska (Parent Member), Christine Vigneault (Parish Rep.), D. Poole (Teaching Rep.), Lisa DeLeo (Parent Member)

Regrets

Amy Marasco (OAPCE Rep.), Carla Estavao-Machado (Parent Member), Stephanie Plummer (Parent Member), Sandra Vella (Parent Member), Angel Baltazar (Parent Member), Colleen Birnie (Secretary), Karen Maraj. (Parent Member), A. Giovinazzo (Teaching Rep.)

Opening Prayer

Mrs. Darmanin-Sturgeon led the Council in the Prayer for the Sick.

Introduction

Mrs. Darmanin-Sturgeon welcomed everyone to the meeting at 6:40 PM.

Everyone present, parents and staff, introduced themselves for the benefit of those attending their first meeting this year.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

The minutes of the September 27 meeting were reviewed. Mrs. Szarota moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Mrs. Milando. Mr. Birnie moved to approve agenda, and Mrs. Szarota seconded.

Chair's Report – Mrs. Darmanin-Sturgeon

Mrs. Darmanin-Sturgeon advised there will be a meeting of School Council chairs for all Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board elementary schools at St. Francis Xavier on November 2nd. She will be attending.

School Council Executive training will be at St. Joseph Secondary School on Saturday, November 4th at 8:30 AM. All of the current executive have already received the training, but are welcome to attend.

Our school was approved for the \$1,000 Parent Reaching Out Grant again this year. The grant must be used and event(s) held by May 18, 2018. Mrs. Rossi mentioned that the Ministry of Education usually gives a \$500 grant to School Councils every year, so those funds will likely be available.

Mrs. Darmanin-Sturgeon passed out a sign-up sheet for Council members to volunteer to be on a subcommittee to brainstorm what event(s) can be held to utilize these funds.

Administration Update – Mrs. Linardic

- The first school mass was held on October 11, conducted by Father Jan and led by the school's youth faith leaders.
- The Lunch Lady Service has started.
- The grade 7 girls came first in the city at their recent Cross Country meet. Several individual students also qualified for the Board competition on October 30th. Congratulations runners!
- At the October 13th volleyball tournament held at the school, the junior boys team qualified for the 'Family finals' on October 20th. Go Wildcats!
- School pictures will be taken on October 23rd.
- The Safe Drinking Water Report for schools in the board has been posted to the board website here: <http://www3.dpcdsb.org/about-us/planning>
- The week of October 15-21 is Local Government Week in the province of Ontario. The board has taken the opportunity to raise awareness of the role of School Trustees. More information can be found on the board website and in tweets sent out from the school Twitter account.
- October 18 is Bus Driver Appreciation Day.
- Mrs. Linardic shared the school's EQAO results for the 2016-17 school year.
- At the Grade 3 level, the school's year over year results are trending upward in all areas (Reading, Writing, Math).
- At the Grade 6 level, the school's year over year results are trending upward in Reading and Writing, but have plateaued in Math.
- For Grade 3, the percentage of students attaining the provincial standard for Reading exceeds the board and provincial rate. The percentage of students attaining the standard for Writing is in line with board results and exceeds the provincial rates. The percentage of students attaining the standard for Math is below the board and provincial rates.
- Mrs. Linardic pointed out that six students fell just below the threshold for Math. Were they to have been considered to meet the standard, the school's percentage would have been right in line with the board and provincial results.
- For Grade 6, the percentage of students attaining the provincial standard for Math matched board and provincial results. The percentage of students attaining the standard for Reading and Writing fell below the board and provincial results.
- Mrs. Lindsay asked if separate results are available for English and French Immersion. Mrs. Linardic said yes.
- For Grade 3, FI students are tested for Reading and Writing in English, but for Math in French.

Parish Update – Mrs. Vigneault

- Mrs. Vigneault advised that students needing volunteer hours could assist with cleaning the Guardian Angels parish hall.

OAPCE Report – Mrs. Marasco

- Mrs. Marasco was absent, so there were no updates

Fundraising Update – Mrs. Milando

- Pizza Day is up and running. Orders are down slightly from past years, but this may be due to lower enrolment.
- Some orders were received late, up to two weeks in some cases, but efforts have been made to accommodate them.
- Parents are reminded that when they pay via Cash Online they still need to send in the envelope with the confirmation number.
- Another solicitation will go out in early December, and will cover another twelve week period starting January 16, 2018.
- Mrs. Milando is working on getting more information about Lunch Box Orders (<http://www.lunchboxorders.com/>)
- Mrs. Milando has been getting more information about All Occasions Cards. This fundraiser will begin November 3rd, after a kickoff assembly hosted by Mr. Giovinazzo on October 27th. On the 3rd, one child from each family will bring home a box of 33 all occasions cards. The cost per box is \$33.
- A letter will go home October 27th offering families the opportunity to 'opt out' from having their child bring the box home.
- Orders or unsold boxes will be due back by November 20th.
- Various prizes will be available for this program: the top selling class will have a pizza party. Four gift cards of \$25 from various retailers will be available in a draw in which any student selling two or more boxes can participate.
- The top seller will receive an iPod Touch.
- Information on a chocolate fundraiser is still to come.

Treasurer Report

- This month's bank statements have not yet been received, so no financial statements were available.

Community Representative's Report

- Mrs. Szarota looked into a skating night at a local community centre (Cassie Campbell, Chris Gibson, Loafer's Lake or Jim Archdekin).
- The cost of booking an indoor ice pad for one hour would be \$148.28.
- Mrs. Linardic suggested soliciting local businesses to donate hot chocolate for a skating event. She also offered the school's assistance in preparing flyers and promotion for such an event.
- Council agreed that it would be a good idea to ask families to register and in return provide them with tickets. This would allow Council to control numbers, and ensure that only members of the school community attend.
- Council recommended that a skating event be held on a Saturday or Sunday in the afternoon, perhaps the weekend of January 27 and 28 or February 3 and 4.

Teaching Staff update

- Mrs. Poole advised that Mr. Giovinazzo has priced out the cost of new school jerseys. It was noted that any such purchase must be made through board approved vendors.

- Prices are: \$60 per jersey from Inaria, \$58.70 per jersey from Harp and \$47.46 from 4th Quarter.
- This is for short sleeve jerseys. The school needs about 60 jerseys.
- Concern was expressed that these jerseys would only be for the benefit of sports teams. Mrs. Poole advised that other teams, such as the Robotics team, have used jerseys in the past.
- Mrs. Poole said that Mr. Giovinazzo told her the cost of a canopy is \$500 if purchased through a board approved vendor, which is required.
- The previous canopy was available to all teachers, and similarly this one could be used for any outdoor event in which the school participates.
- Mrs. Rossi said that Council has already allocated \$400 for a canopy and \$1,000 for jerseys.
- Council agreed to allocate an additional \$100 for a canopy and an additional \$2000 for jerseys.
- Mrs. Szarota asked if the school name could be added to the canopy. Mrs. Poole will follow up with Mr. Giovinazzo.
- Mrs. DeLeo recommended that jersey inventory be closely monitored, and if students bring them home to wash that follow up is done to ensure they are returned.
- Mrs. Rossi confirmed that pizza profits are approaching \$5,000 so funds are available for these allocations.

Other Business

- No other business was raised.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

The next meeting will be Wednesday November 22 2017 at 6:30pm

Future meetings:

Thursday December 14 2017 at 6:30pm

Wednesday January 24 2018 at 6:30pm

Wednesday February 21 2018 at 6:30pm

Wednesday April 4 2018 at 6:30pm

Wednesday May 30 2018 at 6:30pm