

# ST. ANGELA MERICI CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Minutes

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11/22/2017 6:30 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Dominique Darmanin-Sturgeon

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## In Attendance

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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.), A. Giovinnazzo (Teaching Rep.), Steve Birnie (Co-Secretary), Amy Marasco (OAPCE Rep.), Lisa DeLeo (Parent Member), Lenche Pandovska (Parent Member), Sandra Vella (Parent Member), Angel Baltazar (Parent Member), Candace Carter (Parent Rep.), Susan Dal Dasso (Parent Rep.)

## Regrets

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Christine Vigneault (Parish Rep.), Dianne Poole (Teaching Rep.), Carla Estavao-Machado (Parent Member), Stephanie Plummer (Parent Member), Colleen Birnie (Secretary), Karen Maraj. (Parent Member), Taria Rossi (Treasurer), Karen Lindsey (Parent Member),

## Opening Prayer

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Mrs. Darmanin-Sturgeon led the Council in the Lord's Prayer.

## Introduction

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Mrs. Darmanin-Sturgeon welcomed everyone to the meeting at 6:35 PM. On behalf of Council, she expressed thanks to the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nations for the use of their land.

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

## Approval of Minutes and Agenda

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The minutes of the October 18 meeting were reviewed. Mrs. Vitale noted two amendments were needed. Mrs. Marasco moved to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Mrs. Milando.

Mrs. Szarota moved to approve agenda, seconded by Mrs. Darmanin-Sturgeon.

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

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Mrs. Darmanin-Sturgeon advised she and Mrs. Linardic attended the meeting of School Council chairs for all Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board schools on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. At the meeting, Mrs. Darmanin-Sturgeon was chosen to represent elementary schools in the Brampton West family of schools on the Central Committee for Catholic School Councils.

Mrs. Darmanin-Sturgeon reminded everyone that the next meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, to accommodate a webinar being put on by the Board. The Council Social and pot luck will also happen that night, and Mrs. Birnie will send out an email solicitation for everyone to respond with what they are bringing.

Mrs. Darmanin-Sturgeon once again circulated the sign-up sheet for Council members to volunteer to be on a subcommittee to brainstorm this year's PRO event(s).

The dates for future meetings was discussed, because there is another Board webinar on Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018. To fill the gap between the February 21, 2018 meeting and that meeting, another Council meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

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### Administration Update – Mrs. Linardic

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- The next Virtue Assembly will be Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. All members of the school community are welcome to attend.
- Confirmation for grade 7s will take place at Guardian Angels Church on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018. First Communion for grade 2s will take place on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
- Father Jan will meet with the parents of communicants in the church on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, after the noon mass. He will meet with the parents of students to be confirmed on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> after the noon mass.
- Reconciliation will take place in the school gym on December 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Advent Mass, led by Father Jan, will be on Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.
- The school's Youth Faith Ambassadors attended a mass at St. Mary's Church on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Over 500 Ambassadors from throughout the Board attended.
- The school's Halloween dance collected funds for hurricane relief, and was very successful.
- All grade 7 and 8 students have been invited to attend a school trip to Ottawa May 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018. An information night will be held on November 28<sup>th</sup>.
- French Immersion information night will take place at the school November 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- The deadline for grade 8's to register at St. Edmund Campion Catholic Secondary School is November 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- On Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, the Mass and Competition Choirs will be performing three songs at the Festival of Lights at Cassie Campbell Community Centre.
- On Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, the school will host an evening of Cookies and Caroling, and invite all school families to attend. There will be cookie decorating in the gym, and the school's Competition Choir will be outside (weather permitting) singing Christmas Carols. To control numbers, families will be assigned time slots.
- Mrs. Vella suggested having Santa attend so kids could have pictures taken with him. Mrs. Linardic will check with the photographer who took the school pictures.
- The full day kindergarten students will perform a Christmas concert on Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.
- As requested at the last Council meeting, Mrs. Linardic provided separate EQAO results for English and French Immersion, for Grade 3. English students at the school attained a mark of 62%, and French students attained a mark of 44%.
- The intermediate boys' volleyball team was victorious in a tournament held at the school that included schools from the Brampton West family. The intermediate girls' volleyball host their own tournament November 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Mrs. Linardic asked if Council could contribute \$500 for the Cookies and Caroling night. This was approved.

- Mrs. Linardic also shared that the Lego Robotics team needed \$800 to modernize hardware and software. This was approved.

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### Parish Update – Mrs. Vigneault

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- Mrs. Vigneault was absent so no update was available.

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### OAPCE Report – Mrs. Marasco

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- Nothing to report.

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### Fundraising Update – Mrs. Milano

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- The All Occasions Cards fundraiser has done better than expected. Mrs. Milano did not have an exact figure yet, but estimated Council will net around \$5,000. She noted that Council makes \$12 from each box sold. This is up from \$11, as All Occasions offered an extra dollar since their representative could not attend the kickoff assembly.
- Orders or unsold boxes were due back by November 20<sup>th</sup>; as of November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 49 boxes were still outstanding. A reminder note was sent out that day.
- All boxes purchased will have gone out by next week.
- Pizza order forms for January to March 2018 (beginning January 16<sup>th</sup>) will be sent out in the second week of December.
- Mrs. Milano provided further information on the Lunchbox hot lunch service. The school chooses four of the restaurants that participate in this program. Each week, lunches from one of these restaurants are available for parents to order. Mrs. Milano is waiting for an updated listing of participating restaurants.
- Lunchbox lunches would be available on Thursdays, and delivery to the school would take place at 11:10 AM. While the student, and their classroom, would be noted on each lunch, a parent volunteer is needed onsite between 11:10 and noon, to check that all lunches on the master list arrived, and to address any students who says they ordered a lunch but are not on the list.
- Mrs. Baltazar, Mrs. Vella, Mrs. DeLeo and Mrs. Marasco volunteered to be on site, on an alternating basis.
- Council discussed a chocolate fundraiser for next spring. Mrs. Milano noted that Lamontagne and World's Finest, two companies that provide chocolate for fundraisers, have merged.
- Opt-out letters will go out to parents on Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Boxes of chocolate will go out March 23<sup>rd</sup>, and order forms will be due back April 6<sup>th</sup>. This will be Council's third and final fundraiser for the year.

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### Treasurer Report

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- Mrs. Rossi was unable to attend, so no update was given.

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### Community Representative's Report

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- Mrs. Szarota has looked further into a skating night at a local community centre. Chris Gibson can be booked for the timeframe discussed at the previous meeting.

- The cost of booking the ice pad is \$258.15 per hour, which included insurance. Equipment such as skating aids will have to be requested from centre staff at the time of the event. A maximum of 200 people can be on the ice at one time.
- The event will be booked for Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1 to 3 PM.
- Outside food can be brought in, but Mrs. Szarota will check to see if the centre's snack bar could serve hot chocolate.
- Council allocated \$750 for the event, covering ice rental and food. \$500 will come from the Parent Involvement Grant, while \$250 will come from the Parents Reaching Out grant.

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### Teaching Staff update

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- Mr. Giovinazzo is still reviewing potential school jersey designs. The purchase of the jerseys should be finalized by Christmas.
- A canopy has been purchased.
- 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. Szarota asked if some form of school uniform could be obtained for non-sports school groups, such as the Competition Choir or Lego Robotics team, or any team that represents the school at an external event, like the national anthem at a sporting event. Mr. Giovinazzo will price out the cost of golf shirts for this purchase.

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### Other Business

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- Mrs. Vella asked if any musical or artistic events are planned for the school. Mrs. Linardic confirmed that Air Band for grade 8 will definitely take place next spring.
- Mrs. Linardic also advised that, beginning in February, grade 4 and 5 would receive instruction in Hip Hop dancing for several weeks. Similarly, grade 6, 7 and 8 students would receive instruction in ballroom dancing.
- At the conclusion in May, students would give a performance that families could attend.
- Primary students (FDK to grade 3) would have a day of movement rather than multiple weeks of instruction. No performances will take place.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

The next meeting will be Thursday December 7, 2017 at 6:30pm

Future meetings:

Wednesday January 24 2018 at 6:30pm

Wednesday February 21 2018 at 6:30pm

Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 6:30 PM

Thursday April 26 2018 at 6:30pm

Wednesday May 30 2018 at 6:30pm

