

ST. ANGELA MERICI CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Minutes

1/24/2018 7:45 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), Taria Rossi (Treasurer), Jennifer Szarota (Community Rep.), Colleen Birnie (Secretary), Steve Birnie (Co-Secretary), Christine Vigneault (Parish Rep.), A. Giovinazzo (Teaching Rep.), Silvana DiBello (Non-Teaching Staff Rep.), Lenche Pandovska (Parent Member), Angel Baltazar (Parent Member), Candace Carter (Parent Rep.), Susan Dal Dosso (Parent Rep.)

Regrets

Dianne Poole (Teaching Rep.), Amy Marasco (OAPCE Rep.), Stephanie Plummer (Parent Member), Lisa DeLeo (Parent Member), Sandra Vella (Parent Member), Carla Estavao-Machado (Parent Member), Karen Maraj. (Parent Member), Karen Lindsey (Parent Member)

Opening Prayer

Mrs. Vigneault led the Council in the Lord's Prayer.

Introduction

Mrs. Darmanin-Sturgeon welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7:45 PM. This month's meeting was held at St. Roch Secondary School following an event put on by the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board for Councils from all schools in the Brampton West family.

On behalf of Council, she expressed thanks to the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nations for their stewardship of their land.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

The minutes of the December 7 meeting were reviewed. Mrs. Birnie moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Giovinazzo.

Mr. Birnie moved to approve agenda, seconded by Mrs. Szarota.

Chair's Report – Mrs. Darmanin-Sturgeon

Mrs. Darmanin-Sturgeon reported she attended a meeting of Council chairs where Sue Steer, Superintendent, Well-being, Experiential Learning & Learning Services for the Dufferin-Peel Catholic School Board. Among the items discussed:

- 700 children were registered with the Board for kindergarten for the 2018-19 school year; 200 registrations are pending.

- More Family Literacy Centres will be opening due to the success of the program.
- The Board will be implementing a plan to have one iPad in each kindergarten class.
- The Board has no plans to remove police from secondary schools where they are present.
- A lot of questions were submitted following the Board's webinar on December 7th. Administration is still going through them but all will be answered.
- A budget consultation webinar will be held on Monday, April 23rd.
- The Liberal Party of Ontario has created a web page where the public can give feedback on Catholic education. Parents of children in the Dufferin-Peel Catholic School Board are encouraged to go to the site and express support for Catholic Education. It is not recommended they get involved in message board discussions on the topic on that site, however.
- The next meeting of Council chairs will be February 1st, at which time they will discuss My Blueprint, which is for students in grades 7 to 12, and the All About Me Portfolio, which is for students from kindergarten to grade 6.

Mrs. Darmanin-Sturgeon also said she will send out an email shortly regarding the subcommittee that will be planning the PRO event.

Administration Update – Mrs. Linardic

- Mrs. Linardic wished everyone a Happy New Year.
- The Cookies and Caroling event on Friday, December 8th was very successful; over 700 people attended; donations to the food drive and the hats and mittens tree have been passed along to St. Louise Outreach. Toys donated as part of the toy drive were distributed to families in need.
- The next Mass will be the Feast of St. Angela Merici on January 29th, 2018.
- Ash Wednesday liturgy will be held on February 14th.
- For Shrove Tuesday on February 13th, the school will once again have a pancake brunch. Toonie donations will be solicited, with funds collected going to the parish building fund. A flyer will go out January 29th or 30th. Volunteers from the parent community will likely be needed, and additional griddles may also be needed.
- Earth Rangers hosted a school assembly last week that was very well received.
- Graduation photos will be taken January 25th.
- The school will have another Scholastic book fair the week of February 5th to 9th. This will coincide with report cards going out February 6th, and parent-teacher meetings taking place the evening of February 8th and during the day on February 9th.
- Ballroom dancing lessons for grade 6 to 8 students begins January 29th. A performance will take place in late February or early March, during the day. Parents are welcome to attend.
- There will be a presentation to students on mental health on Bell Let's Talk Day, January 31st.
- The Forest of Reading book club program has begun.
- Tryouts for the boys and girls basketball teams will begin shortly, and the school will participate in a tournament the week of February 12th to 16th.
- The school administration has been working on the school's Action Plan. Items of focus include Catholicity, Sustainability, Literacy and Numeracy. There will also be a focus on student thinking and developing students' ability to communicate their thinking.
- The school is still working on the Eco School certification.

- African drummers will be coming to school on March 26th; this is intended to commemorate Black History Month, but is the earliest date they could attend.
- They will be at the school for the whole day, doing activities with the entire student population, and then separate activities for the different divisions (kindergarten, primary, junior and intermediate).
- The grade 8 graduation celebration will take place on June 25th at the Mississauga Convention Centre.

Parish Update – Mrs. Vigneault

- Nothing to report.

OAPCE Report – Mrs. Marasco

- Mrs. Marasco was absent so there was nothing to report.

Fundraising Update – Mrs. Milando

- Pizza orders for the January to March 2018 period are up slightly from the previous period. The program is running smoothly.
- Council is still waiting for the Lunch Box program menu; school administration is currently reviewing.

Treasurer Report

- Financial statements were not available, but Council has over \$9,000 available that has not already been allocated.
- No requests for craft budget have been received. The deadline for submission from teachers is the third week of April.
- Mrs. Rossi asked the school administration if there are any requests from the school for funding.
- Mrs. Linardic advised that Scientists in the School and/or Mad Science will return to the school. The cost is \$240 per class, and there are 22 classes so the approximate total cost is \$5,300. Council approved funding this program.
- The African drummers will cost approximately \$1,200. Council approved funding this event.
- Council will contribute \$2,000 to the dance program, and will provide \$400 for the purchase of supplies for Shrove Tuesday.

Community Representative's Report

- Family Skate day will be Saturday, February 3rd from 1 to 3 PM at Chris Gibson Recreation Centre. A flyer has already gone out.
- Helmets are mandatory for all children attending.
- No outside equipment, such as skating aids, can be brought.
- Mrs. Szarota advised that the Recreation Centre does not have a concession stand.
- Mrs. Vitale said that the school still has left over hot chocolate mix, cups and lids from the Cookies and Caroling event. Urns to make the hot chocolate can be rented for a reasonable cost.

Teaching Staff update

- Nothing to report.

Other Business

- None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

The next meeting will be Wednesday February 21 2018 at 6:30pm

Future meetings:

Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 6:30 PM

Thursday April 26 2018 at 6:30pm

Wednesday May 30 2018 at 6:30pm