

ST. ANGELA MERICI CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Minutes

4/25/2018 6:30 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Dominique Darmanin-Sturgeon

In Attendance

D. Linardic (Acting Principal), M. Vitale (Vice Principal), Dominique Darmanin-Sturgeon (Chair), Taria Rossi (Treasurer), Steve Birnie (Co-Secretary), Amy Marasco (OAPCE Rep.), Silvana DiBello (Non-Teaching Staff Rep.), Dianne Poole (Teaching Rep.), Karen Maraj. (Parent Member), Lenche Pandovska (Parent Member)

Regrets

Leanne Milando (Fundraising Chair), Christine Vigneault (Parish Rep.), Jennifer Szarota (Community Rep.), Stephanie Plummer (Parent Member), Sandra Vella (Parent Member), Carla Estavao-Machado (Parent Member), Colleen Birnie (Secretary), A. Giovinazzo (Teaching Rep.), Angel Baltazar (Parent Member), Candace Carter (Parent Rep.), Susan Dal Dosso (Parent Rep.), Lisa DeLeo (Parent Member), Karen Lindsey (Parent Member)

Opening Prayer

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

Introduction

Mrs. Darmanin-Sturgeon welcomed everyone to the meeting at 6:45 PM.

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 March 21 meeting were reviewed. Mrs. Rossi advised that it should be noted in those minutes that Council approved the allocation of \$1,400 for rosary bracelets to be given to those receiving the sacraments of Communion and Confirmation next year. The minutes will be amended.

Mrs. Marasco moved to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Mrs. Rossi.

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

Chair's Report – Mrs. Darmanin-Sturgeon

- Mrs. Darmanin-Sturgeon advised that the Parent Engagement evening, hosted by Miguel Martinez of MTClife (<http://www.mtclife.com>), will be on Wednesday, May 16th. Flyers have been sent home and so far 137 families have registered. Sessions with the students began Wednesday, April 25th. She also asked the St. Angela Merici staff promote the event on Twitter. Council recommends families be told to bring a refillable water bottle to the event on the 16th.

- The Central Committee for Catholic School Councils (CCCSC) event on Saturday, April 14 was cancelled due to inclement weather. The keynote speaker, Gary Drenfeld, will be speaking after the CCCSC meeting on May 3rd, at the Dufferin-Peel Catholic School Board offices. He will be speaking from 7:30 PM to 9 PM. All parents are welcome to attend.
- Mrs. Darmanin-Sturgeon has nomination forms for Volunteer of the Year, should anyone want to nominate a deserving candidate. The deadline for submission is May 4th.
- Bruce Campbell, General Manager of Communications and Community Relations, has conveyed the Archbishop of Toronto's wish for the Catholic community in the Greater Toronto Area to pray for all those affected by the tragic events in Toronto on Monday, April 23rd.

Administration Update – Mrs. Linardic

- First Communion for grade 2s on April 14th went well despite inclement weather conditions, and Confirmation for grade 7s on April 11th also went well.
- Author Kenneth Oppel delivered a presentation to grade 7 and 8 students on April 20th.
- There was an anti-bullying presentation by Coby, a magician whose message is focused on anti-bullying, for all students on April 24th.
- Coby was discovered, and the event organized, by the Student Council. This is the first year St. Angela Merici has had a Student Council, which is comprised of grade 7 and 8 students.
- The Student Council is also planning for all students to paint 'Kindness Rocks' which will be put in the garden on the southwest corner of the school.
- The week of April 23 to 27 is Spirit Week and various events took place, including the Spring Fling dance on April 26th.
- The next PA Day is April 27th.
- The Eco Team is working on this year's certification.
- The board will host a parent information night at 6 PM on May 2nd on the topic of Suicide Awareness.
- A flyer for Catholic Education Week (May 7th to 11th) will be sent out soon.
- Hip Hop instruction for grade 4 and 5 students will be starting soon, and will culminate in a performance for parents on June 18th.
- The Rosary Apostolate will be showing a DVD to students at assemblies on May 3rd. There will be separate assemblies for kindergarten to grade 4 and grades 5 to 8.
- The grade 7s and 8s will travel to Ottawa from May 2nd to 4th.
- The Easter Mass will be on May 9th. The Crowning of Mary, for new Communicants, will also take place during Catholic Education week.
- The school will have Journey into Learning, the evening event for new kindergarten registrants, on May 15th.
- Air Band will take place on May 23rd. Funds raised from ticket sales and selling treats at the event will go towards the grade 8 graduation party.
- At the end of May, the school will sell Ice Dogs, treats from Terra Cotta Cookies (<https://www.terracottacookies.com/>) for two days. Funds raised will go to the Parish building fund.
- Bookings for the Mad Scientist are coming in from the classroom teachers.
- Mr. Birnie asked if the results for the Lego Robotics teams were known. Mrs. Linardic and Mrs. Vitale did not recall where the teams placed, but they did not get medal placements.

Parish Update – Mrs. Vigneault

- Mrs. Vigneault was unable to attend so there was nothing to report.

OAPCE Report – Mrs. Marasco

- There was nothing to report.

Fundraising Update – Mrs. Milando

- Mrs. Darmanin-Sturgeon relayed Mrs. Milando's update.
- Pizza sales were up for the last quarter of the year.
- LunchBox orders will start the week of April 30 to May 4th. Flyers were sent home to all families.

Treasurer Report

- As of the March 31, 2018 financial statements, Council has \$1,487.51 in unallocated funds. No further fundraising will take place this year.
- Mrs. Rossi asked if Council wanted to allocate funds for agendas next year. Council approved this allocation.

Community Representative's Report

- Mrs. Szarota was unable to attend so there was no report.

Other Business

- Mrs. Marasco asked if parents will have to pay towards the grade 8 graduation. Mrs. Linardic confirmed they would, but the amount is not known yet.
- Mrs. Maraj asked if there would be any trips for grade 4s coming up. Mrs. Linardic advised that the organization of these trips is up to the classroom teacher. A trip to the Apple store at Square One is upcoming.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

The next meeting will be Wednesday May 30, 2018 at 6:30pm