

St. Thomas Aquinas CSS Catholic School Council- Agenda

Tuesday, November 1, 2022 6:30-8:00 p.m.



Location:	Library
Chair:	Ciara De Jong
Attendees:	Teresa Barbieri, Gerry Bergin, Andrea Carvalho, , Sana Farid, Maria Mini, Dana Monteleone, Effie Raso, Dana Monteleone, Angela Santos, Ciara De Jong, Maria Mini, Kathleen Moro, Natalie Cook, Helen Dennis, Anh Bui
Regrets:	Phaedra Renaud, Selena McLeod, Kylie Dillon-Alcasid, Stephanie Fernandes, Amna Haider, Manju Rose, Jackie Thorn, David Montoya, Marisa Munro
Secretary:	Antonia Montanari

Welcome	
Prayer	O HOLY SPIRIT, Source of truth and grace, for those entrusted with the Christian development of children, enlighten our minds, strengthen our wills, and fill our hearts with generosity so that our homes, our parishes, and our schools may cooperate effectively with You, and with one another in the exalted mission of Catholic Education. We make our prayer through Christ, our lord. Amen
Land Acknowledgement	Honouring the Land and Territory
Action Items	
Chair Items	<p>Ciara De Jong</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Review of STA CSC Bylaws <p>Minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Bylaws reviewed by CSC, feedback for changes provided by members.A Bylaws Sub-Committee will be formed to review and finalize bylaws for the STA CSC. Gerry Bergin volunteered to be on the committee. Selena McLeod has provided many revisions to the bylaws document therefore she will be a good representative for the subcommittee.
Principal Report	<p>Kathleen Moro Ciara De Jong</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Fall Fair/Gratitude BBQiDARE Update with Sana FaridTraffic Flow/Parking Lot <p>Minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Fall Fair/Gratitude BBQ was well received by students and staff.The first iDARE Meeting was held on Tuesday, November 1st, 2022. The meeting was well attended by students, however, only one parent was in attendance. The ESL students who attended the meeting talked about Students presented what Room 214 means to the ML learners, particularly that it is a safe space for ML Learners. The Room 214, safe space for ML Learners, shared about Hispanic Heritage Month and Islamic Heritage Month activities. Canadian Food for Children Field Trip helped students become aware of global aid needs. Modupe Agbi and Sidra Anjum, grade 12 students, discussed succession planning for iDARE given that they are grade 12 students. The STA student They presented a Power Point sharing all that Representation Matters has planned for this year. Student body will be surveyed to see what impact iDARE events are having on students, and to source future student needs.Traffic Flow/Parking Lot – grade 9 students have come forward with potential solutions to traffic flow situations – entry on Rebecca and exit on Dorval. We are not able to have staff directing traffic. Parents have been ticketed for stopping on Dorval to drop off students. A traffic flow study has been requested. Facilities has reviewed the parking lot and will install additional speed bumps, and ‘no idling’ signs. Support of CSC may expedite the solution to the traffic flow problem – Ciara De Jong will contact the Town of Oakville. A suggestion was made to have police officers directing traffic for a week.
ACHIEVING	<ul style="list-style-type: none">IB UpdateOSSLT UpdateAfter School Literacy <p>Minutes:</p> <p><u>IB Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Natalie Cook, IB French teacher has stepped into the IB Guidance role in the month of September, while retaining her IB French classes.Successful IB Info Night on October 19th – attended by > 700 people.Recruitment continues into November with grade 8 classroom visits at our FOS elementary schools as well as elementary schools outside of our FOS.Applications for gr 9 pre-IB programme available starting November 21st and due on December 9th, 2022.Exam registrations for Gr. 11 and 12 students are complete. Registrations due on November 15th.Common Compass Mental Health Workshops for gr. 11 and 12 students were well received. Great strategies on how to cope with stress/anxiety, and how to develop time management skills were shared with students. <p><u>OSSLT Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Gr. 11 and 12 students (previously eligible and students who have not yet written due to other factors) will write on Thursday, November 3rd in the library during periods 1 and 2. Ms. Munro has met with each of the students. Accommodations will be provided for students who have an IEP.Gr. 10 students will write Booklet 1 in their English class on Monday, November 7th and Booklet 2 on Tuesday, November 8th.Ms. Maciel and Mr. Jackson provided an interactive presentation with all classes on Tuesday, October 25th to prepare them for the OSSLT. Strategies, tips and sample questions were provided to students.

	<p><u>After-School Literacy</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The after-school literacy program was a success with two full classes running this semester. Classes will be running next semester as well.
BELIEVING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Mass • Rosary • Retreats <p>Minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advent Masses will be held on December 9th. Masses will be celebrated by Fr. Zettel, Fr. Ahilan, and Fr. D’Sa. • Rosary and Retreat Schedules for Gr. 9 and 10 students were completed in September and October.
BELONGING	<p>Anh Bui – Student Council President</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halloween Haunted House • My Culture is Not a Costume • Grade 9/10 Dance <p>Minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Haunted House was a huge success, and very well attended by students. • Students were able to dress up for Halloween. Students were educated on My Culture is Not a Costume and as a result there were no issues with any costumes worn by students. • Grade 9/10 Dance – Blast from the Past – 350 tickets sold. Great time had by all! • Potential to hold a grade 11/12 Dance during the Christmas Season.
Other Business	<p>Minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Cafeteria has been closed intermittently due to staff absences. Chartwell staff have now returned to work therefore and the cafeteria is up and running smoothly. • With the potential CUPE Protest on Friday, November 4th, students will be provided with Asynchronous lessons. Not all students will have the technology necessary to access asynchronous lessons. For students that don’t have the technology, teachers have been advised to provide those students with hard copies of lessons prior to November 4th. • Volunteer hours are available for students at local parishes for the following upcoming events. St. James needs volunteers for the Christmas Bazaar, the Festival of Carols and Lessons. St. James is also looking for any students that play instruments to accompany the church choirs at masses. In March there will be Pasta with the Pastors—5 volunteers required for serving. St. Dominic’s is looking for volunteers for their Homeless Drive. Shoeboxes will be put together and distributed to the homeless in the city of Hamilton. Halton Alive, volunteers needed for the creation of snowflakes that will be delivered to Seniors Homes in Oakville. • OAPCE Rep required for each school council. OAPCE Rep for the STA school council is Effie Raso. • CPIC update provided by Gerry Bergin – focus this year will be around improving parent engagement, heavy focus on mental health and wellness. More information to be presented at our next meeting. • Gerry Bergin: Gr. 9 Integrated Tech Course delivery is different than what was originally advertised. The Auto and Construction sections have been dropped, and more weeks of food prep have been added. Ms. Moro to look into this matter. • Teresa Barbieri asked about Cafeteria options available at school? Parents would prefer students to stay at school during their lunch-time, building community with their classmates as opposed to wasting time walking back and forth to Fortino’s every day to purchase food. Kathleen Moro to speak with Cafeteria workers about available options and to share with parents. Teresa asked about the possibility of parents volunteering to sell pizza. K Moro to check on what servery sells and look into possibility.
Next Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Tuesday, January 31, 2023 ✓ Tuesday, April 4, 2023 ✓ Tuesday, June 6, 2023