

St. Thomas Aquinas CSS Catholic School Council- Agenda & Minutes

Tuesday, January 31, 2023 6:30-8:00 p.m.



Location:	Library
Chair:	Ciara De Jong
Attendees:	Jackie Thorn, Gerry Bergin, Ciara De Jong, Andrea Carvalho, Selena McLeod, Judy-Ann Bunn, Marisa Munro, Kathleen Moro, David Agro, Natalie Cook, Helen Dennis, Anh Bui
Regrets:	Sana Farid, Maria Mini, Effie Raso, Kylie Dillon-Alcasid, Dana Monteleone
Absent:	Angela Santos, Phaedra Renaud, Stephanie Fernandes, Amna Haider, Manju Rose, Teresa Barbieri
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
Agenda	
Motion to accept the minutes from last meeting and agenda for today	Ciara De Jong - Chair Agenda and Minutes of last meeting were accepted. No voting to take place given that there was no parent quorum.
Administrative Report	Kathleen Moro <ul style="list-style-type: none">David Agro – new VP (Introduced to CSC by Kathleen Moro)OSSLT Results – Will be mailed directly to parents/guardians on Friday, February 3rd, 2023. Parents/guardians will need their child’s OEN to access the results.Final Assessments – End of Semester One (Currently on-going, P5 exams written on February 1st, 2023, Exam Review Day scheduled for Thursday, February 2nd, 2023)Fundraising Initiative (For reconditioning/replacing of football helmets, which must be done every 3 years. At 10 years, helmets must be replaced. This year we need to replace 30-40 helmets for a total cost of ~ \$11,000. With an increase in families paying the Activity Fee, a portion of this expense could be covered.)CSC Prom Shop (CAS Initiative – donation of clothes which will be part of a fashion show, a clothing swap, and a prom shop. Selena M, Judy-Ann B. and Jackie T. volunteered to help organize the prom shop initiative.)
Teacher Rep Report	Natalie Cook <ul style="list-style-type: none">Bell Let’s Talk Day – January 25 (School-wide activities, classroom activities, Bell swag handed out to students and staff, provided students and staff an opportunity to talk about mental health.)
Student Rep Report	Anh Bui <ul style="list-style-type: none">Update report including planned activities for Semester 2 (Prior to the Christmas break events included: Senior Dance Winter Wonderland with over 300 attendees, Christmas Spirit Week, Rock the Halls with the Rock Band, Music Night with Music Classes, Just Dance Event. For Semester 2, there will be a school survey, sourcing student opinions on methods of communication, events that are preferred. There will also be a Valentine initiative with Chocolate grams, and music in the atrium during the lunches on Valentine’s Day.)
OAPCE Rep Report	Effie Raso - absent
Parish Rep Report	Dana Monteleone - absent
Community Rep Report	Angela Santos - absent
CPIC Rep Report	Gerry Bergin <ul style="list-style-type: none">CPIC Update reportThree sub-committees 1. School Council Support, 2. Parent Engagement Committee, 3. Social Media CommitteeSchool Council Support Committee – strategizing on initiatives beyond those of the Council of Chairs – variety of presenters, council of chair drop-ins to develop uniformity on how councils are run.Parent Engagement Committee – recognition awards for exemplary parent service. Presentation on Equity & Inclusion by Judy Kratz on February 8th —guiding children to be more inclusive. March 8th Lent Presentation, Chris Vollum Presentation April 12th.
School Generated Funds Report	Antonia Montanari & Kathleen Moro <ul style="list-style-type: none">STA SGFIB SGFBoth the STA and IB SGF’s were presented at January 31st, 2023 with estimates of expenditures to be disbursed for the remainder of the 2022/23 academic year.
Committee Reports	Bylaw Committee – Gerry Bergin & Selena McLeod <ul style="list-style-type: none">Overview of Bylaw updatesVote by Council Required (2/3 majority needed to pass)Bylaws were reviewed, however could not be voted on as there was no parent quorum. iDARE Committee – Sana - absent . <ul style="list-style-type: none">Marisa M. suggested that parents of iDare Committee be invited to the Harmony movement presentation and other Black History Month initiatives to re-engage parents with the committee.

Discussion and Action Items	
Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• IB Update – Antonia Montanari• The IB Programme has a successful recruitment for the 2023/24 academic year for the gr. 9 pre-IB programme. To date 142 students have accepted offers to attend the programme.• Exam Review Day clarification (Exam Review Day is on Thursday, February 2nd. Students come to class on this day to review final assessments with teachers. A modified schedule has been established for this day.)
Next Meetings	<div>✓ Tuesday, April 4, 2023</div> <div>✓ Tuesday, June 6, 2023</div>