

# St. Thomas Aquinas CSS Catholic School Council- Agenda

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



- Location:

Chair:

Attendees:

Optional:

Regrets:

Secretary:
- Library & Virtual

Gerry Bergin

Dana Monteleone, Ciara De Jong, Selena McLeod, Jackie Thorn, Kathleen Moro, Natalie Cook, Helen Dennis, Teresa Barbieri, Angela Liguori, Anh Bui, Modupe Agbi, Kylie Dillon-Alcasid.

Phaedra Renaud

Sana Farid, Maria Mini, Effie Raso, Angela Santos, Ciara De Jong, Stephanie Fernandes, Amna Haider, Manju Rose, David Agro, Marisa Munro, Andrea Carvalho, Phaedra Renaud.

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	<a href="#">Honouring the Land and Territory</a>
Agenda	
Motion to accept the minutes from last meeting and agenda for today	<b>Ciara De Jong – Chair</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Quorum not attained for this meeting.</b></li></ul>
Administrative Report	<b>Kathleen Moro</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chaplaincy (on behalf of Kandy Harkin)</li></ul> <b>See Chaplaincy Report below.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>PRIDE flag-raising ceremony</li></ul> <b>Held on Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. The ceremony posted on YouTube (under STA Morning Show.)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Prom</li></ul> <b>Will be held on Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Oakville Convention Centre.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Graduation</li></ul> <b>Will be held on Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at the Meeting House at 3:30 pm. Given the size of the venue, additional ticket requests are being accommodated this year.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Catholic School Council elections/nominations for 2023-2024</li></ul> <b>Information regarding elections/nominations will be sent out in August 2023. Only parents that intend to attend all meetings should be nominated.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Spring OSSLT Results – <b>sent out Friday, June 9.</b></li></ul>
Teacher Rep Report	<b>Natalie Cook</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Final Assessments: Culminating/Exams</li></ul> <b>Culminating Tasks are currently in process. Final Exams to begin mid-June.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>CAS project review</li></ul> <b>IB Students are visiting FOS to mentor students in Chess and Soccer. Fashion show to be organized for the Fall 2023.</b>
Student Rep Report	<b>Anh Bui</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Student Council elections</li></ul> <b>Elections just wrapped up. Newly elected positions have been communicated through the morning announcements.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Raiderfest</li></ul> <b>Taking place on Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> during periods 3 and 4. Students can partake in fun games and a BBQ.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Music &amp; Art Night</li></ul> <b>A successful event to celebrate Mental Health Week.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Eco Team Clean Up</li></ul> <b>Took place on the school grounds and in the local neighborhood.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Athletics</li></ul> <b>Track and Field, and Tennis teams are going to OFSAA.</b>
Black Student Union Report	<b>Modupe Agbi</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Black Music Month initiative</li></ul> <b>Volunteer opportunities are available at this event for our BSU students to showcase Caribbean culture at the Black Music Month initiative in Bronte Village.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Culture Day</li></ul> <b>Taking place on Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> during periods 3 and 4. The event will showcase the culture of 29 countries at each country’s booth. Students will be allowed to wear cultural attire during the school day. There will be a photo booth and an open mic. All food and beverages at the booths must be prepackaged/store purchased to accommodate all food allergies.</b> <b>For the following year, may consider running this event as an evening event during Black History Month so that entire families are able to participate.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>June is also Pride, Indigenous, and Filipino month.</b></li></ul> <b>Infographics for these events have been developed and will be showcased.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Black Joy Gala</li></ul> <b>The gala is a fundraising event that subsequently funds BSU’s across Halton.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>BSU for 2023/24</li></ul> <b>Grade 11 students will be stepping up into the leadership roles for the BSU. Executive positions have been created (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Marketing Rep.) for next year’s BSU.</b>

OAPCE Rep Report	<p>Gerry Bergin</p> <p>Another busy year for advocacy for Catholic Education.</p> <p>OAPCE had a successful AGM.</p> <p>Looking forward to next year.</p>
Parish Rep Report	<p>Dana Monteleone</p> <p>Volunteer opportunities at St. Dominic’s -- selling ice cream to raise funds for the all-girl school in Kenya.</p> <p>On Canada Day need student volunteers to collect parking fees in the church parking lot. The church is charging \$5 for parking. Students are not directing traffic, only collecting parking fees.</p> <p>St. James opportunities for student lectors for Saturday and Sunday evening masses. Volunteer hours will be provided. Back to school picnic at St. James will also be requiring student volunteers.</p>
Community Rep Report	<p>Angela Santos</p> <p>Ms. Santos is grateful for being able to participate on Catholic School Council – it has been a great learning experience. She is also a member at large on SEAC board. She is looking forward to working with everyone in the years to come.</p>
CPIC Rep Report	<p>Gerry Bergin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CPIC Update report</li> </ul> <p>Last meeting of the year was held on June 5<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Strategic plan being worked on by a third-party.</p> <p>Productive year in terms of parent engagement, speaker series, efforts to further support CSC’s. Let’s Chat virtual sessions have been successful. Working hard to improve CPIC’s social media presence. Followership is increasing. Just launched Instagram—some great ideas to further leverage the use of Instagram.</p> <p>Gerry will be part of CPIC for the next two years.</p>
School Generated Funds Report	<p>Antonia Montanari &amp; Kathleen Moro</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report to be shared and later posted on STA Website</li> </ul>
Committee Reports	<p>Bylaw Committee – Gerry Bergin &amp; Selena McLeod</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overview of Bylaw updates</li> <li>Vote by Council Required (2/3 majority needed to pass)</li> </ul> <p>Given that quorum was not attained at this evening’s meeting, Bylaws cannot be voted on and passed.</p> <p>Ms. Moro also shared HCDSB Policy II-37 Volunteers in Catholic Schools, and in compliance with this policy, she reminded all our Catholic School Council Members that they are volunteers and, as such, will be subject to a Criminal Record Check and Vulnerable Sector Checks.</p>
Discussion and Action Items	
Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IB Update</li> </ul> <p>The May 2023 Exam session was successfully executed.</p> <p>Results will be issued by the IB on Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. Students will receive results on Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>STA Administration will be attending the IB Global Conference in Toronto July 27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>.</p>
Next Meetings	<p>✓ TBD September/October, 2023</p>

LITURGIES FROM APRIL UNTIL JUNE

Holy Week activities – during the first week of April, we honoured Holy Week with:

- Classes gathered in the Chapel for the stations of the cross
- Daily Individual class mass in the chapel
- The Development and Peace Club members took part in the virtual worldwide Development and Peace Stations of the Cross prayer service. Our students were recognized and thanked by the Diocesan Office for taking part by reading the seventh station.
- Our school participated in the Board's 'Journey With Jesus' event with a school wide virtual liturgy and walk around the track.
- Christian Meditation was offered every day during both lunch periods

Rest of APRIL – JUNE Liturgical Activities include:

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Mass was available for staff, students and parents in our school chapel, every other week, during April and May to highlight the liturgical season of Easter.
- Every Grade 12 class attended a teachable mass in the school chapel.
- Every grade 9 and 10 class was scheduled during the month of May to pray the rosary.
- Every grade 11 class participated in christian meditation
- A Pride Day Prayer service took place in the Chapel on June 1st before the pride flag was flown.
- The school-wide Year End Mass/ Graduation Prayer Service took place on Thursday June 1st. Monsignor Con lead us in prayer and blessed the graduates.

SOCIAL JUSTICE CLUBS FACILITATED BY MRS HARKIN

The Development and Peace Club

- May - ran the International Freedom of the Press Day on May 3rd for the school community with booths at lunch and announcements.
- May - hosted the International Movie Night for the Canada wide D & P Organization.
- June - They organized and highlighted Filipino Heritage Month for the school community with booths during the lunch periods and announcements.
- June - The D & P Club successfully completed the Diocesan School Program.

The Global Aid Club

- May - organized and highlighted Asian Heritage Month during May for the school community with booths during the lunch periods and announcements.
- June - they ran two successful movie nights to raise awareness for child poverty around the globe during June.

The Social Justice Spirit Club

- May - organized and highlighted the HCDSB "Dress loud Day" during May for the school community with booths at lunch and announcements.
- May - They volunteered at the first annual Art/ Music night for Mental Health Week to set up, host and clean up.
- June - They organized and highlighted National Indigenous History Month for the school community with booths during the lunch periods and announcements.

The Culture of Life Club

- May – They made Mother's Day Cards and knitted prayer squares for the local seniors home.
- May - They ran the reflection stations with the Life Skills students during the 'Journey With Jesus' school wide walk.
- June – Sent seeds packages to the senior home for their community garden.

The ECO Team

- May - had bi-weekly community clean up events and planted a pollinator garden.
- June – had a large-scale community clean up and continued to participate in, and support the Board's terracycling program.
- June - The ECO Team completed the ECO SCHOOL program.

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School						
School Generated Funds						
As at May 31st, 2023						
	Opening Balance	Revenues	Expenses	Ending Balance @ May 31 2023	Estimated Spending for Remainder of 2023	Ending Balance for 2023
Administration	\$17,649.61	\$41,693.28	\$35,251.19	\$24,091.70	\$7,420.24	\$16,671.46
Athletics	\$35,615.23	\$140,105.02	\$125,120.87	\$50,599.38	\$45,539.44	\$5,059.94
Clubs and Activity Fees	\$42,311.78	\$88,146.56	\$83,749.98	\$46,708.36	\$37,366.69	\$9,341.67
Commissions	\$3,879.07	\$17,848.97	\$12,412.19	\$4,396.58	\$4,396.58	\$-
Culture of Life	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-		\$-
Departments	\$16,191.05	\$35,215.56	\$34,594.00	\$16,812.61	\$15,131.35	\$1,681.26
External Charities	\$1,651.89	\$22,020.35	\$19,958.26	\$3,713.98	\$3,528.28	\$185.70
Field Trips/Excursions	\$814.80	\$4,836.20	\$4,836.20	\$814.80	\$814.80	\$-
Fundraising	\$2,227.00	\$-	\$2,227.00	\$-		\$-
Halton Food For Thought	\$9,696.46	\$12,690.00	\$16,694.38	\$5,692.08	\$4,314.60	\$1,377.48
Other	\$2,968.20	\$-	\$2,968.20	\$-		\$-
School Council	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-		\$-
Special Events	\$4,336.55	\$56,796.33	\$20,687.33	\$40,445.55	\$39,232.18	\$1,213.37
	\$137,341.64	\$419,352.27	\$358,499.60	\$193,275.04	\$157,744.16	\$35,530.88

IB SGF @ May 31, 2023

Expenses Requiring Disbursement in 2023	Date to be Disbursed	SGF Balance
SGF May 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2023 Opening Balance		\$32,841.73
Programme Evaluation Training	June 2023	(1,235.00)
IB Global Conference	July 2023	(4,200.00)
IB Grad for Class of 2023	September 2023	(5,000.00)
Yearly Database Subscriptions	June- July	(10,000.00)
SGF Closing Balance, June 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2023		\$12,406.73
SGF 2023/24		\$141,514.07