**St. Francis Xavier School Council
April 4, 2023**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Adriano Perusin (Principal)
Jennifer Santos, Chair (Parent Rep)
Trish Vergata, Parish Rep (Parent Rep)
Molly Fisher (Non-Teaching Rep)
Michelle Bonk, Secretary (Parent Rep)
William Bressette, Finance Rep (Parent Rep)
Tara Romero, OAPCE Rep (Parent Rep)
Chris Hall (Staff, Teaching Rep)
Zaha Adnan (filling in for Student Rep)
Marvin Duarte (Trustee)
Sherri Veibl (Staff, Guest)
Nazia Shariq (Parent Rep)

 **Absent:**

Arianna Chua (Student Rep) Jennifer Bothello (Community Rep)

**MEETING:**

**Welcome - J. Santos and introduction of Marvin Duarte**

**Land Acknowledgment – M. Fisher**

**Opening Prayer – M. Fisher**

**A note from J. Santos –** There were some negative comments made at a previous meeting – can we please ensure we are mindful and remember that we are a Catholic school community.

**Approve Agenda and Minutes**

* Motion to approve agenda – Trish and Michelle
* Motion to approve minutes – Tara and Molly

**Student Report** – **Z. Adnan (filling in for Ariana Chua)**

* Civvies day went really well. Everyone was well behaved.
* Culture night is coming in May. Lots of prep is happening.
* Jr. Semi Formal is happening next week.
* We need to vet the colours for supporting certain communities – i.e. Blue is no longer appropriate for autism support.
* Adam Van Koverden was scheduled to be at the school but has cancelled – he will come in the near future. (Non-political, just a Q&A/chat)
* Drama club play coming up
* Music night coming up
* Is Relay for Life still happening? It is on hold for now – we need a staff member to take over.
* Catholic Education Week is coming up in May.
* Also Mental Health Awareness Week – there will be lunchtime activities.
* Journey with Jesus is happening around the track – our students are leading and going to some of the feeder schools/some of the younger students are coming here.

**Principal’s Report – A. Perusin**

* Sheri Veibl – STEAM Lead - of the Maker’s Space
Thanks for the continued support. Grade 9 classes and STEAM club are using the space so far. Looking at an outreach program – introducing STEAM to the elementary students. Building capacity with our school staff (Loyola is our model). In 24/25 we’re starting up STEAM in Grade 9.
* The Grad Coach for Black Students has started and is going well. Strategically located on the main floor. Honest and straight to the point with students. Working on referrals and a mentoring group.
* School events – it has been busy lately! We’re getting people into the building. Matt Kovacs for an Ontario Skills competition. Awards night. We’re really promoting our school.
* Enrolment for next year is at 1740 – we’re hoping for 1800 by September. Our current enrolment is 1980 – we’re losing about 600 grads and have 300 grade 9’s coming in – estimate 80 going to BR. Is our population getting any smaller? The next high school will be on the east end of town.
* Equity conference – Amanda Goncalves and her team will be here May 23rd.
* The field is getting more green by the day! We’re hoping the field will be accessible in the next two weeks. Home soccer games can happen!
* Cafeteria – we’re getting closer. Meeting with Roberto –pricing happening. Working with Gordon Food as our supplier (allergy free foods). Working with Lunch Ladies to get their food safety so they can work in the cafeteria. We’re using Square. The Health Inspector is coming in. May 1st is the soft opening/
* Cross panel events – the grade 8’s are coming for a presentation and music. Tech Rocks are going to feeder schools.
* Survey for the students – Lisa Culmore from the Board – the survey is asking about “missing electives” that might be feasible (i.e. cosmo and barbershop). Might add a music program (Mr. Freedman is working with Lisa).
* Trades Career fair happening here April 15th
* Holy Thursday Liturgy happened
* Iftar event happening the evening of April 18th
* Inman Shelter came in to speak to the Muslim students
* A booking system is being used to help schedule time in the prayer room – it also allows the school to track usage.

**Finance Report**

* Adriano reviewed the finance report – there is still some clean-up needed but we are in much better shape. Some of the budget lines still need to be closed off so we’ll be starting fresh next year – September will be a clean slate. We haven’t had major expenditures this year due to budgeting concerns.

**Chair’s Report**

* Volunteer of the Year award by CPIC – they’re picking a winner from each family of schools.
* CPIC elects are coming up next month – two year terms. There is one North Halton seat becoming available.
* Council of Charis meeting last month – Judy Brydges spoke about Pathways.

**OAPCE Report**

* Regional meeting on March 27th. A special presentation on “When Faith Meets the Movies”. A very engaging presentation. [www.whenfaithmeetsmovies.com](http://www.whenfaithmeetsmovies.com)

**Parish Report**

* We have a new Associate Pastor until the end of June – Fr. Kevin Upendran
* The church is accepting volunteers for the Children’s Liturgy – good for student hours.
* They are looking for men’s clothing donations for Maplehurst Prison – there’s a drop off box at the church.

**Trustee Report – Marvin Duarte**

* Thanks parents for the time put in volunteering. Milton is continuing to grow. 9000 units being planned in Milton right now. Trustee Duarte recognizes we have challenges. St. Kateri construction has finally started. Looking at a December 2024 opening. Milton 10 is a holding school for St. Kateri right now. Boundary review to start again.
* There’s a new Director at the Board and five new Trustees. A much more temperate Board this year. There’s professional development happening for the Trustees – what is your role and why are you there. Schools visits are happening – and not just in Trustee’s ridings. They are promoting Catholic education and the good things being done.
* The Multi-Year Strategic Plan was on hold during COVID – it is now back up and running (from 2018). There’s a December deadline to revisit the plan with the consultant and come up with and revisions.
* There are plans to bring the IB program to St. Kateri – to boost numbers and competed with CK/St. Thomas.

**New Business**

* Used uniform collection to happen the last week of June. Grade 12’s can wear civvies the last week of school There will be two sales – mid- July and August.

**Next meeting**

* May 16th – likely our last council meeting..

**Meeting adjourned.**

* 8:08 pm