



# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

## Parent School Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

(6:30 pm - 8:00 pm)

### ATTENDANCE

NAME (ROLE)	IN ATTENDANCE	REGRETS	ABSENT	GUESTS
Michelle Bazinet (Secretary)	X			Carlos Rius - McCarthy
William Bressette (Co-Chair)	X			Mark Pignataro - Teacher
Maria Debkowski			X	Leo De Rubeis
Leo De Rubeis (Teaching Staff)	X			Ragina Yeboah-Kyeremeh
Raechelle Fernandes (Parish Rep)	X			.
Molly Fisher (Non-Teaching Staff)	X			.
Richard Gayle		X		.
Adriano Perusin (Principal)	X			.
S. Phileert (Student Rep)	X			.
Syed Raza	X			.
Tara Romero (Co-Chair/OAPCE)	X			.
Mike Serafin	X			.
Nazia Shariq (Community Rep)	X			.

Meeting Start Time	
Meeting Adjournment	
Quorum Met	

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION REQUIRED
<b>Welcome, Opening Prayer, Land Acknowledgment</b>	Led by ● Molly Fisher	
<b>Approval of Agenda and October Minutes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Agenda of November 7, 2023 Meeting</li> <li>● Minutes of October 4, 2023 Meeting</li> </ul> <p>Tara: Agenda approval Michelle Approved Rochelle Seconded</p> <p>Tara: Approval of Minutes from last meeting Approved by Adriano</p>	
<b>Student Report</b>	<p>Led by ● Sophia (grade 11 student)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Black student union and grad program – supports black students with nutrition, cultural support, tech support, BSU run by students wed after school. 40-50 students attend</li> <li>● Participation is increasing (especially gr 10 and 12)</li> <li>● Completed mural looking to display in school</li> <li>● Student life – food drive – didn’t hit incentive goal but brought in over 1000 items of food</li> <li>● OCT – pink day and orange shirt day</li> <li>● Newcomer breakfast for newcomers to Canada</li> <li>● Honor roll listed posted downstairs and emails have gone out about breakfast</li> <li>● Students requesting small gift (pen, notebook, etc) or swag bag</li> <li>● Grade 12 grad hoodies – question about what hoodie allowed to wear with uniform, student made hoodies but is not allowed to wear as part of uniform.</li> <li>● Grad hoodies on backorder should be in soon.</li> <li>● Spirit wear arrives end of Nov.</li> <li>● Looking to reopen grad hoodie order on cash online.</li> <li>● Mascot – ideas about fundraising and paid school activities</li> <li>● General support from council last meeting</li> <li>● REPS want idea of mascot to remain open.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Adriano will look to see if there are items already in the school to gift the honor roll students with</li> <li>2. Students will continue to research mascot ideas</li> </ol>
<b>Principals Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Led by – Adriano</li> <li>● Grade 8 info night great turnout</li> <li>● Lots of interest in sport program</li> <li>● 200 interested candidates from region for sports program</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Looking into criteria for the program</li> <li>• Lots of hockey and basketball</li> <li>• Many conversations being had about how program will run</li> <li>• People were asking about bussing</li> <li>• If students leave program they have to go back to home school</li> <li>• Many Gymnasts, golfing, figure skaters</li> <li>• Students want to come in and train physed 2x year (plan A)</li> <li>• High level out of building half of day (plan B)</li> <li>• STEAM – info night this Thursday – plenty of interest 8-10 students already signed up</li> <li>• We are the host of STEAM program for Milton</li> <li>• Tomorrow night – Newcomer info night for new to country</li> <li>• Approx 27 parents coming for info night</li> <li>• Midterm report upcoming – staffed asked to give parents heads up of issues</li> <li>• Uniform discussion – any issues? Keep shoes as is,</li> <li>• Grade 8 night - missed boat to tell them about shoes/uniform expectations</li> <li>• Adriano – grades 8 coming into 9 have to take tech credit in 9 or something in grade 10 – he will have to go back to elementary schools to tell them</li> <li>• Tech teacher – is it an issue? Was brought up to be very challenging to recruit due to income discrepancy. How do you incentivize tech people to come teach at the school</li> <li>• Space is also an issue</li> <li>• New purchased – chrom2 sets of chromebooks, screen in gym – got 3 quotes for drop down screens</li> <li>• Quotes range from \$20,000-\$60,000</li> <li>• Looking at using theatre screen and moving into the gym to save money</li> <li>• Café is up and running</li> <li>• Food classes running it</li> <li>• Working well, invested money into it, and should be out of red and into black and be profitable kitchen</li> <li>• Students cook 4 days a week</li> <li>• Indigenous support – Doug Doolittle – Active in school 1x week, he will be in more frequently coming in to educate on indigenous culture and traditions</li> <li>• Nov 24 is PA day</li> <li>• Sports up and running</li> <li>• Play up and running</li> <li>• Music trip – Montreal package came in. Expensive, on agenda with Mrs. Carauna</li> <li>• Attendance – trying to hardline 8:20 start</li> <li>• Question about KNN not playing in all classes</li> <li>• Staff to play KNN in class – playing in hallway</li> <li>• Concerns about kids potentially missing out</li> </ul>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Honor roll breakfast – Adriano confirmed with Council that they had no issue paying for small gift/swag</li> <li>• Potentially 5-600 students, question about whether swag is possible or breakfast enough?</li> <li>• Grad awards – previous years had 6 (\$100 each)</li> <li>• Council asked for a list of possible awards</li> <li>• Guidance deals with the standard awards (very specific)</li> <li>• Others – listed with description</li> <li>• Question about whether kids get to know ahead of time what they are working towards</li> <li>• Parent council \$5,800 balance from last year</li> <li>• \$7,057 is correct amount.</li> <li>• Pippa will update Oct minutes</li> <li>• Prayer room – decided to move prayer room to storage in library, it's larger space, more quiet. Will be cleaned out, cleaned up and prepared and will be a permanent space</li> <li>• Question of prayer mats, Nazia suggested buying prayer mats (amazon), other suggestions were that the students bring their own or fundraise to purchase them.</li> </ul>	
<b>Chair's Report</b>	<p>Led by • Tara</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Syed, Nazia, William and Tara –subcommittee to update bylaws and will bring update to next meeting</li> <li>• Next Council meetings – December 5</li> <li>• February 6, April 9, May 7<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• HHC Bishop dinner Nov 13<sup>th</sup> – Adriano and Maria B attending</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	
<b>OAPCE Report</b>	<p>Led by • Tara</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tara sent parents to parents press – spotlight section – financial literacy module geared to grade 9-12</li> <li>• OAPCE Nov 9<sup>th</sup> at Corpus Christi – Tara will attend – commissioning ceremony.</li> </ul>	
<b>Parish Report</b>	<p>Led by •</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No updates</li> <li>• Maria B unable to fulfill role with St. Benedict</li> <li>• Rachelle will take both St. Benedict and Holy Rosary</li> </ul>	
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$7,000 in council fund</li> <li>• 40% of students have paid activity fee</li> <li>• Confirmed that yearbook will only be distributed to students who have paid activity fee</li> <li>• Reduced fee for students who enroll in second semester</li> <li>• Grad will be held at the Velodrome</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Couldn't find location to fit the amount of people attending</li> <li>• Adriano called as far as Stoney creek, Hamilton</li> <li>• Have to bus people over to Velodrome</li> <li>• Over 600 grads</li> <li>• May live stream into school theatre.</li> <li>• William suggested not all teachers attend to make room for more families</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fundraising updates:</li> <li>• Fischer: middle eastern fundraiser – 4 students took initiative to raise money for Doctors without borders</li> <li>• Sold tea and cookies and private donations – raised \$7,000</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food Drive 1,600 items for salvation army</li> <li>• Wish for Winter – to collect 40 boxes for the St Vincent de Paul Society to service about 75 families</li> <li>• 17 staff to take on full box with staff or class</li> <li>• Poppies – will take change and have spec ed kids roll \$\$</li> <li>• Mugs – Christas initiative</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goals for Year – Used Uniform Sale</li> <li>• June and August (grade 8 orientation day)</li> <li>• Career night/Open house support by attending</li> <li>• Student Awards</li> <li>• Financially support where needed.</li> <li>• Charitable piece for funds</li> <li>• Consider opening a Flipgive account</li> <li>• Purdy's – Feb fundraiser – set up account in January</li> <li>• Council role to help distribute.</li> </ul>	
<b>New Business</b>	<p>Led by • Adriano and Carolos from McCarthy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• -Carlos from McCarthy to discuss uniform options <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Once RFP is confirmed the school can make changes</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Items have been put on hold for our school</li> <li>• Other schools have streamlined uniforms, schools are now asking for more, quarter zip, crewneck, different pant.</li> <li>• Notre Dame and Assumption have tested out crested jogger pant, and it has had great success</li> <li>• To be in addition to dress pants</li> <li>• Have gone back to fleece hoodies (instead of dri fit like old supplier)</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hoodies are a nice heavy hoodie</li> <li>• Will grandfather in fleece hoodies</li> <li>• Uniform assistance for those in need</li> </ul>	
<b>Meeting Adjourned</b>	Insert time • 8pm	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 5, 2023 at 6:30 PM IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY	Minutes taken by • Michelle Bazinet