

ST. URSULA CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Minutes, 2023-2024 School Year

Wednesday, Dec. 13th, 2023 – 6:30PM | Location: in-person, school library

Meeting called to order by: C. Calabrese (Chair)

In Attendance

- Mr. Daly (Principal), C. Calabrese (Chair), A. McIntosh-Jacobs (Treasurer), N. Yousif (Co-Teaching Rep.), J. Fairclough (Co-Teaching Rep.), A. Bruney-Francis (Secretary), Angel Baltazar (parent member)
- L. Cheaney-Hogan (teacher member arrived at 7:10pm)

Regrets

- P. Rodrigues (Parish Rep.), D. Cook (O.A.P.C.E Rep.), A. Vitorino (Non-Teaching Rep.), D. Ouellette (parent member), R. Ukwuoma (parent member), I. Pingyin (parent member)
- Mr. Darryl D'Souza (School Board Trustee)

Welcome Address

- C. Calabrese welcomed everyone & began the mtg at 6:34pm

Land Acknowledgement & Opening Prayer

- C. Calabrese led attendees in prayer & read the Land Acknowledgement:

"We would like to acknowledge that this is the sacred territory of the Mississaugas of the New Credit and we thank them for being stewards of this land."

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

- Minutes from the last meeting, Nov. 15th, 2023, were reviewed: approved by J. Fairclough & C. Calabrese with required corrections

Parish Update (P. Rodrigues)

- no update at this time

O.A.P.C.E. Update (D. Cook)

- The Ministry of Education is looking for feedback on possible models for an accelerated apprenticeship pathway, starting in Grade 11
 - PeopleForEducation.ca

Treasurer Report (A. McIntosh-Jacobs)

- as of end of November, \$1,609.12 but cheques from Oct Mr. Sub & hot chocolate from Christmas Market still to be cleared.

Principal's Report, Administrative Updates (Mr. Daly)

- **Faith:**
 - Virtues Assemblies (Hope) Dec 22/23

- Advent Mass (Tuesday, Dec. 12)
- Operation Christmas Child
- Toy Mountain
- Bullying Prevention and Awareness Week (Nov. 20-24)
 - Monday: Kick-off Assembly/ Moment of Silence
 - Tuesday: Poster Challenge
 - Wednesday: Act of Kindness Wednesday (Promoting Positive School Climate)
 - Thursday: Pink Shirt Day
 - Friday: PJ Day putting bullying to bed
 - Anti-Bullying Pledge Banner/ Daily Announcements/ Lesson Plans

- **Extracurricular:**

- SUISH (Feel Good Fridays)
- School Choir (Mrs. Fairclough)
- Jr. Girls/ Boys Basketball (Ms. Da Cruz/ Mr. Shillingford)
- PALS/ Lego Club (Ms. Lucic)
- Chess (Merino)

- **Christmas Spirit Week:**

- Monday- Festive Sweater Day
- Tuesday- Christmas Accessories Day
- Wednesday- Team Day (P) Elves (J) Rudolph (I) Santa
- Thursday- Dress like a Christmas Tree Day
- Friday- Christmas PJ Day

- **Other:**

- SUI:
- Kindergarten Registration is now open for the 2024/25 school year
- Grade 5 Field Trip to Mississauga Heritage House
- Completed Fire drills Lockdown Drill (Nov 1)
- Picture Re-Day last week
- Gr. 8 Trip Fundraising (popcorn)
- Book Fair (School raised \$1800)
- Book Fair evening
- Christmas Market

- **Budget:**

- SGF Balance 6413.45 (as of Oct 10/23)
- Cheques outstanding/ not cashed \$3981.30 (= \$2432.15)

- **Upcoming Dates:**

- Nov. 16th Progress reports go home

Book Fair evening 3:30-7:00pm

- Nov. 24th PA Day no School / reorganization
- Dec 7th Picture Re-Takes
- Dec. 12th Advent mass for school at 10:00am / virtual
- Dec. 22nd Last day of school before the Xmas Break
- Jan. 8th First day back after the Xmas break.

Fundraising Update

- Domino's Pizza fundraising event to happen on Dec. 20th
- Fundraising idea:
 - look into patties for lunch program
 - Dance-A-Thon
 - Assembly kick off, need prizes donated, pledge form, scheduled time-slots
 - possible items to sell during Dance-A-Thon
 - ★ freezies,
 - ★ drink boxes \$1/box
 - ★ popcorn \$1/bag (C. Calabrese has remaining from Christmas Market night)
 - ★ Glowsticks; wholesaler or Party City

Other Items

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Next Meeting

- Next School Council mtg dates:
 - **Wed. February 7th at 6:30pm;** ... being held virtually
 - **Wed. April 10th at 6:30pm;** ... being held virtually
 - **Wed. May 29th at 6:30pm;** ... being held IN-PERSON
- For any meetings held virtually, a link will be sent out to the school community within a few days before that scheduled meeting date.

Conclusion

- Closing prayer
- Meeting adjourned at 8:31pm