

ST. URSULA CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Minutes, 2023-2024 School Year

Wednesday, Oct. 11th, 2023 – 6:30PM | Location: virtually via Google Meet

Meeting called to order by: C. Calabrese

In Attendance

- Mr. Daly (*Principal*), C. Calabrese (*Chair*), A. Vitorino (*Non-Teaching Rep.*),
- A. McIntosh-Jacobs (*Treasurer*), N. Yousif (*Co-Teaching Rep.*), J. Fairclough (*Co-Teaching Rep.*), A. Bruney-Francis (*Secretary*), P. Rodrigues (*Parish Rep.*),
- D. Ouellette (*parent member*), R. Ukwuoma (*parent member*), I. Pingyin (*parent member*), L. Cheaney-Hogan (*parent member*)
- "ZO" (*parent member*) joined at 7pm

Regrets

- D. Cook (*O.A.P.C.E Rep.*)
- Mr. Darryl D'Souza (*School Board Trustee*)

Welcome Address

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

Land Acknowledgement & Opening Prayer

- C. Calabrese & daughter led attendees in prayer & read the Land Acknowledgement to the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation for their stewardship of their land.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

- Minutes from the last meeting, Sept. 27th, 2023, were reviewed: approved by P. Rodrigues & A. Vitorino

Parish Update (P. Rodrigues)

- no update at this time

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

- .First meeting to be held Oct. 18th, therefore no update at this time.

Treasurer Report (A. McIntosh-Jacobs)

- \$1,510.67 has been deposited thus far for sub lunches. Money for remaining purchases to be added shortly due to Friday, Oct. 18th deadline for orders.

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

- **Curriculum**
 - Oct 6th is a PA Day- Focus on Mental Health, CRT (Critical Race Theory), Math and new Language Curriculum.
 - Key Changes to Language Curriculum



- Progress Reports sent home Tuesday, November 7. Interviews Thursday, November 9.
- CSILC

- **Faith:**

- First Communion/ Confirmation (information sent home in September) Parents Day of Orientation and Recollection
- Pastoral Plan (Due in November) Will be shared with council next meeting (November 15)
- Virtues Assemblies (Empathy) Oct. 27)
- Opening School Mass (Oct. 3)
- Advent Mass (Tuesday, Dec. 12)
- 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

- **Board:** CCSAC Chairs Meeting (Thursday, October 19th)

- **Extracurricular:**

- SUISH (Feel Good Fridays)
- School Choir (Mrs. Fairclough)
- Jr. Girls/ Boys Volleyball (Mme. Thibodeau/ Mr. Merino)
- Cross-Country (Chinguacousy Park Thursday, October 18th) (Atkinson/ Morelli)
- Co-Ed Flag Football (Thursday, November 2nd @ St. Jean Marie Vianney) (Mr. Atkinson/ Mr. Merino/ Mr. Shillingford)
- PALS/ Lego Club (Ms. Lucic)
- Chess (Merino)

- **Other:**
 - Thanksgiving Food Drive (YFA's)
 - Fire drills 1 more (scheduled next Tuesday, Oct. 17) Lockdown Drill (scheduled Wednesday, Nov 1)
 - Halloween Dance (Oct 31)
 - Appropriate Costumes
 - Picture Day November 9th 2023
 - Gr. 8 Trip (survey sent to parents- Montreal #1 choice)
 - Gr. 8 Trip Fundraising (popcorn)
 - Grad Hoodies for sale
 - Student Monitors (we are in need of 2 Student lunch monitors)
 - Book Fair (Monday Nov. 14st – Friday, Nov. 20)
 - Book Fair evening (Nov 16 *tentative)
 - Christmas Concert
- **Budget**
 - School Council Balance \$1193.00
 - School Generated Funds Balance \$6413.45 (as of Oct 10/23)
 - Cheques outstanding/ not cashed \$3981.30 (= \$2432.15)
- **Upcoming Dates:**
 - **Oct 13th** Jr. Boys Volleyball Tournament @ St.FX
 - **Oct 17th** IEP's sent home
 - **Oct 18th** BW Cross Country Meet @ Chinguacousy Park
 - **Oct 27th** Virtue of 'Empathy' Celebration
 - **Oct 27th** Bus Safety Presentation
 - **Oct 31st** Halloween
 - **Nov 1st** Lockdown Drill
 - **Nov 2nd** Co-Ed Flag Football @ St. Jean Marie Vianney)
 - **Nov 7th** Progress Reports sent home
 - **Nov 9th** Parent Teacher Conferences
 - **Nov 9th** Picture Day
 - **Nov 14th --20th** Book Fair

Fundraising Update

- Fundraising ideas presented by C. Calabrese:
 - Terra Cotta, frozen cookie dough, school sells for \$15, Terra Cotta cost = \$9
 - last year St. Ursula School sold 291x cases
 - challenges = no available class to keep product cold since St. Anne's school is housed in all available rooms in bldg
 - in favour: A. McIntosh-Jacobs, R. Ukwuoma , P. Rodrigues
 - Big Box, Greeting card boxes: other options available + holiday box, thank-you, birthday cards
 - selling cost \$35 vendor cost \$24
 - no Council members in favour

- Dance-a-thon: pledge form type of program
 - prizes, decorations, glowsticks, DJ,
 - L. Cheaney-Hogan's idea of doing 50/50 for pledge amts received to tie in community by donating to ShareLife or something
 - votes in favour: A. Bruney-Francis, A. McIntosh-Jacobs, C. Calabrese, A. Vitorina, D. Ouellete, J. Fairclough, P. Rodrigues
 - thinking to do it around Feb. just before Valentine's
- Chocolate boxes: World's Finest/Laura Secord
 - chasing families to pay for boxes already taken
 - votes in favour: A. Vitorino, C. Calabrese, J. Fairclough, R. Ukwuoma
- A. Vitorino noted Mabel's Labels as an idea.
 - thought that may be best to due just before school finishes so parents have idea to purchase for their children going to summer camps & then add in to JK Welcome Packages for next year
- J. Fairclough brought up just being mindful of any fundraisers we add to the school year, that Nov is already booked with the school book fair.

Other Items

- vote in new School Council members as "Members-At-Large/ Parent Member Rep."
 - D. Ouellette voted in, approved by A. Vitorino, P. Rodrigues, C. Calabrese, A. Bruney-Francis.
 - R. Ukwuoma voted in, approved by A. Vitorino, A. Bruney-Francis, A. McIntosh-Jacobs, J. Fairclough/N. Yousif.
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- D. Ouellette asked about vaccination requirements for students. Referral was given to check with the 'Region of Peel' for outline of which vaccinations are given at which ages.
- R. Ukwuoma asked if other activities will be offered to students who do not participate in Halloween. Mr. Daly & A. Vitorino confirmed yes there are a number of activities throughout the week.

Next Meeting

- Next School Council mtg dates:
 - **Wed. November 15th at 6:30pm;** ... being held virtually
 - **Wed. December 6th at 6:30pm;** ... being held IN-PERSON
 - **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

- [REDACTED] led everyone in closing prayer
- Meeting adjourned at 7:56pm