

ST. URSULA CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Minutes, 2023-2024 School Year

Wednesday, Sept. 27th, 2023 – 6:00PM | Location: St. Ursula C.E.S., Library

Meeting called to order by:

In Attendance

- Mr. Daly (Principal), T. Bell (Co-Chair 2022-2023), M. Biagi (Co-Chair 2022-2023),
- N. Yousif (Co-Teaching Rep 2022-2023), J. Fairclough (Co-Teaching Rep. 2022-2023),
- A. Vitorino (Non-Teaching Rep. 2022-2023), A. Bruney-Francis (Secretary 2022-2023),
- D. Cook (Treasurer 2022-2023),
- C. Calabrese (parent member), A. McIntosh-Jacobs (parent member), Patti Rodrigues (parent member)
- Mr. Ouellette (parent member) joined at 6:28pm

Regrets

- Mr. Darryl D'Souza (School Board Trustee)
- K. Barimah (O.A.P.C.E. Rep. 2022-2023)

Welcome Address

- Mr. Daly began the mtg at 6:05pm & welcomed everyone

Land Acknowledgement & Opening Prayer

- Mr. Daly 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

- Agenda for tonight's meeting reviewed: approved by A. Vitorino & D. Cook
- Minutes from the last meeting, June 14th, 2023, were reviewed: approved by P. Rodrigues & A. Vitorino

Treasurer Report

- Account balance as of today, Sept. 27th, 2023 = \$402.62 carried over from last school year
 - Add \$500 from parent involvement/engagement grant just received today
- M. Biagia (2022-2023 School Council Co-Chair) to send final treasurer report to new elected 2023-2024 Chair

O.A.P.C.E. Update

- no update at this time

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

- **Registration & Staffing:**
 - Presently 319 students registered
 - Reorganization on Sept 18th. School make-up is as follows:
 - FDK A (Morelli/ Croome)
 - SK/Gr.1 (Faria)
 - 1/2 (Sirizzotti)

- 3 (De Souza)
- 3/4 (Briganti)
- 5 (Lucic)
- 5 FI (Di Felice)
- 6 (Stokoe)
- 6 FI (McIntosh)
- 7 (Constantin)
- 7FI (Tshiana)
- 7/8 (Atkinson)
- 8 (Merino)
- 8 FI (Saliba)

➤ New staff: (Mme. Roberto/ Mrs. Lucic/ Mr. Shillingford/ Mrs. Da Cruz)

- **Faith:**

- Virtues Assemblies (Friday, September 29th, 2023) Dates will be shared in Newsletter
- Opening School Mass (Tuesday, October 3rd 2023)
- Dates for the sacraments: Information was sent out Early last week to all Gr. 2 and 7 students

- **Curriculum:**

➤ Newly appointed Superintendent of Math recently appointed. Math team assembled. Digital Resources:

- **Math UP**

MathUP Classroom is a rich professional learning resource for educators that supports math content knowledge for teaching, the resource also features excellent, engaging student materials that cover all curriculum expectations. Student lessons and activities in **MathUP Classroom** include:

- Strand-based topics and three-part problem-solving lessons
- A SumItUP offered per lesson that can be shared with families
- Number Talks
- Brain Benders
- Wonder Tasks
- Cross-Strand Tasks
- Digital and Hands-On Games and Puzzles

- **Board:**

- Courtesy Seats now open
- Reminder to access STOPR website for issues and concerns

- **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)

- **Other:**

- Mrs. Yousif and Mrs. Fairclough will continue to be the Teacher Rep attending School Council meetings this year. Mrs. Vitorino will join us as non-teacher rep.
 - BBQ Open House (Thursday, September 28)
 - Fire drills commence next week – (Oct 5/ Oct 11/ Oct 17) Lockdown Drill procedure (Nov 1)
 - PA Day (Friday, October 6th)
 - Thanksgiving (Monday, October 9th)
 - Thanksgiving Food Drive (YFA's)
 - CCSC Chairs Meeting (Thursday, October 19th @ St. Francis Xavier C.S.S. 5:30 light diner/ 6:30 liturgy and greetings/ 7:15 Family Meeting)
 - Progress Reports home (Tuesday, November 7th)
 - Parent Teacher Conferences (Thursday, November 9th)
 - Picture Day will be (Thursday, November 9th)
 - Gr. 8 Trip (survey sent to parents)
 - Gr. 8 Trip Fundraising
 - Student Monitors (we are in need of 2 Student lunch monitors)
 - Cell Phones in classrooms
- **Budget**
 - Balance \$402.62- Surplus funds from last year and money that will be raised this year will go towards.... – suggestions from Council and Staff at next meeting

Parish Update

- St. Anne's parish priest Joel Pabilona (??) is going on sabbatical; Father Suresh will be taking over in his absence.

Fundraising Update

- Fundraising ideas for :
 - Dance-a-thon
 - Christmas baskets/ poinsettias
 - Dominos Pizza night
 - Box of greeting cards
 - Chocolates

Other Items

- M. Biagia noted last mtg discussion by 2022-2023 School Council members pre-allocated in priority order:
 - Christmas Baskets, approx. \$1200
 - Christmas Community Fund, approx. \$200
 - Beading Buds for Sacraments, approx. \$900
 - Grade 8 grad, approx. \$2500
 - SK grad, approx. \$500
- T. Bell pre-booked March 25th for sacramental Beading Buds bracelets. So far price hasn't increased but we'll have to confirm.
- Dissolved previous school year School Council; Mr. Daly thanked everyone for their work last year
- Elections of new School Council members:

- Chair: C. Calabrese
- Secretary: A. Bruney-Francis
- Treasurer: A. McIntosh-Jacobs
- O.A.P.C.E.: D. Cook
- Parish Rep.: P. Rodrigues
- Co-Teaching Rep.: J. Fairclough & N. Yousif
- Non-Teaching Rep.: A. Vitorino
- C. Calabrese brought in 2x pizza options for discussion. *(Pizza lunches organized by school)*
 - Family Pizza \$11 for large & Pizza Point \$10 for large
- School council organizes Mr. Sub lunches,
 - combo = Sub sandwich + Cookie *(must be nut-free)* + drink boxes; to start Oct. 11th
 - \$5.50 for 6" sub, and \$9.75 for 12" sub
 - Approved by all 7 voting members
 - via email after meeting, price was updated to \$5.25 for 6" sub and \$9.50 for 12" sub
- "Lunchbox" orders brought up as option.
- Dominos Pizza night, \$5-profit per pizza sold
 - Approved by all 7x voting members present.
- By-Laws approved by all 7 voting members present.

Next Meeting

- Next School Council mtg dates:
 - **Wed. October 11th at 6:30pm;** ... being held virtually
 - **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

- Mr. Daly led everyone in closing prayer; Hail Mary; then thanked everyone for joining tonight's meeting.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm