

ST. URSULA CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Minutes, 2022-2023 School Year

Wednesday, Feb. 8th, 2023 – 6:30PM | Location: Google Meet video call

Meeting called to order by: T. Bell

In Attendance

- Mrs. Davenport (*Principal*), T. Bell (*Co-Chair*), A. Vitorino (*Non-Teaching Rep.*), J. Fairclough (*Teaching Rep.*), A. Bruney-Francis (*Secretary*), K. Barimah (*O.A.P.C.E. Rep.*), C. Calabrese (*parent*)
- P. Rodrigues (*parent/community member*) joined at 6:39pm
- M. Biagi (*Co-Chair*) joined at 6:43pm
- D. Cook (*Treasurer*) joined at 6:43pm
- A. Ibitoye (*parent/community member*) joined at 7pm

Regrets

- N. Yousif (*Teaching Rep*)

Welcome Address

- T. Bell began the meeting at 6:35pm & welcomed everyone

Land Acknowledgement & Opening Prayer

- Mrs. Davenport said the Land Acknowledgement to the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation
- T. Bell led attendees in prayer.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

- Review of agenda for tonight's meeting: approved by A. Vitorino & J. Fairclough
- *January 11th meeting was canceled prior to its date.*
- Minutes from the last meeting, Dec. 7th, 2022, were reviewed: approved by A. Vitorino & K. Barimah

Treasurer Report (D. Cook)

- current balance in School Council account = \$3,707.81. This does not include outstanding cheques still to be cashed; ie: Mr. Sub for Jan & Feb thus far.

O.A.P.C.E. Update (K. Barimah)

- Meet & greet mtg for all reps was held on Jan 18th at Notre Dame.
- upcoming conference on April 22nd in Kingston, Ont.

Principal's Report, Administrative Updates (Mrs. Davenport)

- We welcomed students and staff back after the Christmas break and we are back to all our regular activities.
- We would like to thank the community for their generous donations to support our Christmas outreach projects- toys, hats/mitten donations were delivered to Catholic Family Services of Peel to be distributed to families in need

- On January 25th Mr. Tshiama's class led the Virtue of Self Control liturgy
- X-Movement was here the week of January 30th- each class from K- 8 participated in the X-Others program; a series of 3 workshops
- Staff have been working on preparing Term 1 report cards, which will be sent home on Feb. 14th
- Parent/Student/Teacher interviews will take place on the evening of Feb. 16th and during the day of Feb.17 (PA day for students). Interview confirmation slips will be sent home with the Report cards
- February is Black History Month; classes will be involved in various activities along with daily announcements highlighting some of the accomplishments and contributions of Black Canadians.
- February 14th – Valentine's Day dance will take place. Glow sticks will be on sale for \$1.00 through school cash online. We have used some School Generated Funds (SGF) to purchase a Valentine's Day heart shaped cookie (TERRA COTTA) for each student.
- Ash Wednesday is Feb. 22nd -Mr. Saliba's class will be leading a school wide liturgy – all are welcome to attend.
- Term 2 IEPs will be sent home on Feb. 24th.
- Our junior basketball teams are practicing for upcoming tournaments. Intermediate basketball tryouts will take place once the junior season is completed.
- Chess club is ongoing.
- Lego Club is coming soon for our grade 2/3 classes.
- March 1st PPH will be running an Immunization Clinic for grade 7 and 8 students to receive their vaccines. Information on registering your child to receive these immunizations will be sent out to all families in the next few weeks.
- We are continuing with our Food Days- Tonino's hot sandwiches, and Pizza on Fridays.
- In the Spring Grade 8s are going to be selling a variety of snack items through School Cash Online to raise funds to supplement graduation costs.

Parish Update

- Nothing new to report. Anything happening at the school for students & community is noted in the Principal's Report

Fundraising Update

- Domino's → Dec = \$85 profit, Jan = \$80 profit
- Dimpflmeier – M. Biagi still waiting for a response from company on if we can do it for Easter.
- Spring Baskets - M. Biagi to look into.
- FlipGive – nothing to report at this time

Other Items

- Re: Domino's reminder for January date
 - School messenger had a glitch, therefore Jan notices didn't get out to parents/communities' day before event
 - suggestion made to maybe have announcements during school day for students to know before parents get reminder email, phone call & text
- Mrs. Davenport asked if School Council will again donate towards grade 8 graduation; happening on June 22nd

- school looking at fundraising options to be done by school & grade 8 students themselves.
- T. Bell asked if there will be a grade 8 trip. Mrs. Davenport said school staff is looking into options & will then give details to grade 8 parents
- C. Calabrese asked if there are any grade 7 / 8 overnight trips. Mrs. Davenport said yes pre-covid, but nothing this current school year
- School Council to donate:
 - kindergarten grade up to \$500; unanimous vote yes
 - grade 8 graduation \$3,000; unanimous vote yes
 - Spring Basket; unanimous vote yes
- Beading Buds will take place on April 24th

Next Meeting

- Next School Council mtg dates:
 - Wed. April 12th,
 - Wed. June 14th
- All future meetings are scheduled to be held virtually, unless Council members feel an in-person meeting is required. A link will be sent out to the school community within a few days before that scheduled meeting date. As per the School Board, going forward, any School Council meetings held in-person still need to have a link sent out for school community online attendees.

Conclusion

- T. Bell led everyone in prayer, “Our Father”
- T. Bell thanked everyone for joining tonight’s meeting.
- Meeting adjourned 7:48pm