



ST. MARY C.S.S. PARENT COUNCIL

TUESDAY, December 5, 2023

Executive Members	Name	Sign In
Principal	John Di Vizio	P
Chair	Adele Sartor	P
Co-Chair	Sabrina Pallotta	P
Secretary	Tonia Edwards Kelegan	R
Financial Secretary	Emily Povolo	P
Teacher Representative	Melissa Wilson-Clark	P
Chaplain	Mariana Bosetti	R
Parish Representative (SIJ)	Danilo Simonelli	P
Parent Representatives		
Parent Representative	Cordelia Clarke Julien	Ab
Parent Representative	Danielle Boyle	P
Parent Representative	Jennifer Millar	P
Parent Representative	Jason Boyle	P
Parent Representative	June Lee	P
Parent Representative	Zhora Adatia-McGlashen	P
Parent Representative	Lilani Kulathungam	R
Parent Representative	Claudia Nichols	R
Parent Representative	Melodie McLymont	Ab
Parent Representative	Roslyn D'Souza	Ab
Parent Representative	Barb Perrott	P
Parent Representative	Denise Rainford	Ab
Parent Representative	Erica Edwards	Ab
Parent Representative	Reg Sadler	R
Parent Representative	Nicola Sutton-Leslie	Ab
Parent Representative	Paul Dalton	P
Parent Representative	Nancy Barry	P
Parent Representative	Shivaun McLymont	P

Attendance: P= Present Ab = Absent R = Regrets

Other Attendees: Carmela Papadopoulos- Ab, Nindu Kumar- P, Tara King- P, Arianna D'Urso- P and Rachel Vigliatore (Parish Representative- HR)- R

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting Called to Order: 7 pm

Welcome: A. Sartor/ S. Pallotta

Opening Prayer: J. Di Vizio

ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN

Approval of Minutes: Nov. 7, 2023. – no changes - A. Sartor

Motion to Approve by: E. Povolo

Seconded by: Z. Adatia-McGlashen

REPORTS / INFORMATION ITEMS

Principal's Report: J. Di Vizio

Technology:

75 computers (refurbished)- will last for the next 5 years- 35 in library, 10 in program support and the rest in the computer lab.

Computer lab: 26 Mac Minis- with 30 Mac Minis for Ms. Puccia and the rest to Mr. O'Connor

More current learning with iPads Ms. Chang/ Mr. O'Brien/ Mr. Ziarno

30 iPads purchased for math department and in use.

30 iPads purchased for science department and in principal's office currently until IT can set up in cart.

Lunches:

-3 lunches trying to go to 2 lunches- there is space and about 2/3 of students go out of building for lunch.

-continuous instructional time and to avoid disruption

-to begin second semester

-Invitation to council for the Christmas concert- band/choir concert- 9:30 a.m.

Calendar for courses for next year:

-Grade 9 and 10- additional tech course

Information for next year: Fortuitous hiring practices have led to 6 certified tech teachers at St. Mary's

-Currently working with guidance and the school board on how to fit it in the timetable

-starts with our grade 8s coming into the school and needing to take one tech course in either grade 9 or 10

-Grade 8 Parent Night- January 16th

-exams and culminating tasks are being produced

-no day in between for exams- January 24th is the start of the exams.

Christmas outreach:

- \$1900 raised so far from non-uniform days, bake sale and bingo
- Last Week- for rewriters for OSSLT and grade 10s will write in the Spring.
- January 17th (back-up date January 18th) Math EQAO- 2 periods
- EQAO is a part of their math mark (10 per cent of final mark)

Students:

- International \$250 for refugees in Sudan
- \$1690 Rose of Durham- non-uniform day
- Initiative Fair was fantastic- positive and lots of energy and interaction.
- Nov 15 and 19- hosted junior volleyball tournaments
- \$436 Canadian Food for Children- donate for food and clothing.
- Daily Breakfast Club- Ms. Cayford
- \$3750- edible garden- donated by City of Pickering (fruit trees and plants)
- plan for Summer for maintenance for the garden- volunteer hours
- unity group- black history month- interactive assembly, food sale and fashion show
- Semi-formal- Feb. 15th
- Taste of black cultural- Feb. 22nd
- Feb. 13th- multicultural night
- Samosa sales- \$1000- Green Peace India- Environmental club and Asian club
- Hire a new French teacher - Mme Zeenaeme has gone to the board as a French Consultant
- hired a fluent French speaking teacher although uncertified began last Friday to replace Mme Zeenaeme.
- uncertified vetted supplies are being used as supply teachers.

- City of Pickering Youth Engagement opportunity- solicit input of our students for parks and recreation plan- what do they want to see in the future through surveys.

- school, residents, and the city of Pickering are engaged on ongoing discussions about littering- recruited Environmental club to pick up garbage- school is going to supply equipment to pick up the garbage- working as a team that we care for our community.
- school will continue to make announcements- about respecting our community stores and being stewards in our community (no littering/ speeding)

Grade 8 Reach Ahead Days: M. Wilson-Clark

- All grade 8s in Pickering came to St. Mary
- M. Wilson-Clark displayed pictures of program.
- 6 Welding bays- 18 certified welders- level 1 so far and more to come.

Raise the Dough- going to Christmas outreach- tonight.

Black Excellency Advisory Committee update for Town of Pickering- Zhora- Most recent of the 3 groups, LGBTQIA+ and Indigenous are the others.

- Catholic values seen in all students
- It is operating on a system level- provide communication to the board and also bring it back to the school (council meetings)
- Extra layer of support for our schools to be proactive and not reactive
- Support the schools and staff
- Find out the difference between DDSB and DCDSB- situations can be different
- Hearing from parents and bringing it the board- look out for guest speakers
- T. Barill (Director of Education) has been a great support

Used Uniform Sale: A. Sartor

- January 16th
- Whole learning commons is available.
- Sizes are very limited.
- Put out another call for used uniforms.
- Decide in the next 2 weeks if the sale will happen.

Parish Updates: D. Simonelli (SIJ)

- Father Marc visited St Mary and was very thankful and Christmas mass schedule
- massive expansion for church hall
- R. Vigliatore (HR)- nothing to report.
- retreats are taking place at Holy Redeemer

Financial Report: E. Povoio

- Current balance: \$11 305.23
- \$2000 was given to Christmas Outreach

OTHER BUSINESS

Open Question Period:

Can we have a call/zoom meeting to connect to our council meetings to be more equitable for all?
We need a zoom meeting, but it is only one hour. We will investigate it.

Closing Prayer: J. Di Vizio

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned: 8:25 pm

Next St. Mary CSS Council Meeting

Tuesday February 6, 2024 @ 7:00 pm – St. Mary's Learning Commons- Elections

St. Mary CSS Parent Council meetings usually take place on the first Tuesday of the month, from 7:00pm – 8:00pm in the school library. All parents are welcome to attend the monthly Parent Council meetings and bring agenda items forward for discussion.