



ST. MARY C.S.S. PARENT COUNCIL

TUESDAY, February 6th, 2023

Executive Members	Name	Sign In
Principal	John Di Vizio	Present
Vice-Principal	Julie Simon	Present
Chair	Adele Sartor	Present
Co-Chair	Sabrina Pallotta	Regrets
Secretary	Tonia Edwards Kelegan	Present
Financial Secretary	Emily Povolo	Present
Teacher Representative	Melissa Wilson-Clark	Present
Chaplain	Mariana Bosetti	Present
Parish Representative (St. Isaac Jogues)	Danilo Simonelli	Regrets
Parent Representatives		
Parent Representative	Cordelia Clarke Julien	Absent
Parent Representative	Danielle Boyle	Present
Parent Representative	Jennifer Millar	Present
Parent Representative	Jason Boyle	Present
Parent Representative	June Lee	Regrets
Parent Representative	Zhora Adatia-McGlashen	Regrets
Parent Representative	Lilani Kulathungam	Present
Parent Representative	Claudia Nichols	Absent
Parent Representative	Melodie McLymont	Present
Parent Representative	Roslyn D'Souza	Absent
Parent Representative	Barb Perrott	Present
Parent Representative	Denise Rainford	Absent
Parent Representative	Erica Edwards	Absent
Parent Representative	Reg Sadler	Present
Parent Representative	Nicola Sutton-Leslie	Present
Parent Representative	Paul Dalton	Present
Parent Representative	Nancy Barry	Regrets
Parent Representative	Shivaun McLymont	Absent
Other Attendees		
Parish Representative (Holy Redeemer)	Rachel Vigliatore (HR)	Present
	Nindu Kumar	Regrets

	Tara King	Regrets
	Arianna D'urso	Present
	Leah Changoo	Present

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting Called to Order: 7:05 p.m.

Welcome: Adele Sartor

Opening Prayer: Mariana Bosetti

B. ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN

Approval of Minutes: December 5, 2024 – no changes

Motion to Approve by: Emily Povolo Seconded by: Paul Dalton

C. REPORTS / INFORMATION ITEMS

Principal's Report: John Di Vizio

- Introduction of Julie Simon, St. Mary's Vice-Principal
- Introduction of Micheal Mayers, CABS representative (Coach/Advocate for Black Students) whom joined the DCDSB in January 2024. Michael will work within St. Mary every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday to support the implementation of programs, services and other supports to meet the needs of under served Black students and their families, with a focus on student well-being and success through the BLOSM program. (Black Leaders of St. Mary)
- UPCOMING ASSEMBLY: Grade level assemblies to be held on February 8th to discuss support, uniform and attendance. The assembly will be led by the Vice-Principals
- PINWOOD PRESENTATION: Julie has secured a representative from the Pinewood Addiction Services to address vaping with the students. The Pinewood organization works on harm reduction related to addiction and concurrent mental health concerns and education. On March 18 and 25, Pinewood will be addressing the grade 11 & 12 students first, and then the grade 9 & 10 students. Pinewoods presentation will be specific to vaping and the impending health risks.
 - Students whom are found with prohibited substances can receive a first warning where parents are called. The consequence of the next incident is non-negotiable. There is progressive discipline.
 - It is noted that the school has a presence of tobacco enforcement officers.
 - Students can be fined \$305.00 and can receive suspension
- HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL PERFORMANCE: Lead by drama teacher, Mr Small, St. Mary students presented the show, High School Musical for 2 associate elementary schools on February 6th and 7th.

The play will be open to the community with performances on February 8th & 9th at 7pm and Feb 10th at 1:30pm. Between 100-200 students participated in it's creation.

- REACH AHEAD PROGRAM: The continuing education website will have more Reach Ahead courses available to students. Including art, music, phys-ed, technology and Geography. will have more REACH opportunists. The potential waiving of prerequisite courses and continuing ED courses will allow for more REACH opportunities.
- UNIFORMS: There was an initial discussion regarding potential change in uniform policy to include head scarves & durags. The issue will be discussed over a few meetings. John will have an open discussion with the students as well. There will be an equity meeting regarding uniform policy held by the School Board in the near future. Adele will pass on the dates that this will take place. So far, there has not been a formal date presented at the Board level. Parent council and school administration will continue to discuss at the local level. No changes will be made until we have a proper process that includes the engagement of students, staff & Board personnel. Currently, there is divided opinion of at the PC level. More discussion is required. The consensus seems to be that head scarves would be OK although no baseball caps & hats.
- TEACHERS: There is currently a shortage of 4 teachers as of today. There is a need for 1 teacher for Math/Science, 1 for English (straight English) and 2 for English (Religion). By tomorrow, the shortage should be for only 2. (*Update as of March 18 – Math/Science teacher is in place; English and English Religion teachers are in place*)
 - As there is an overall shortage of qualified certified teachers in our education system province wide, secondary school principals will be meeting at the CEC (Catholic Education Centre) to lobby for un-certified teacher representation. The School Board is currently in the process of hiring soon to be graduates from education faculties as well as non-certified supply teachers.
- SEMI-FORMAL: Everything is on track. There is about 200 students participating. The event date is February 15th.
- BASKETBALL: Today was the Jr & Sr basketball game.

MONARCH DAY: is on February 7th. Students are allowed to wear spirit wear, however it is not considered a non-uniform day.

- VOLLEYBALL: We have students who qualify for OFSAA from the Jr girls and boys volleyball team.
- COURSE SELECTION: Wednesday, February 7th and Thursday February 8th is is course selection for grade 9, 10 & 11 students. Guidance will be talking to students and providing educational course selection workshops. A PDF will be posted to the St Mary website on Friday.
- WRESTLING is currently running
- CURLING is currently running
- REPORT CARDS will be distributed on February 12
- REMINDER THAT ASH WEDNESDAY & VALENTINES DAY is on February 14
- MULTICULTURAL NIGHT is on February 13
- TASTE OF BLACK CULTURE is on February 22

- IMMUNIZATION: Local immunization clinic will be run by Durham Health Nurses on February 27 in gym C
- PINK SHIRT DAY for anti-bullying is on February 28
- MATH CONTEST will be held on February 28. The Pascal for grade 9's, Cayley for grade 10's and the Fermat for grade 11's. Payment for the contest can be made via cash on line. The cost for senior students will be covered
Cayley and Fermat are mathematics contests organized by the University of Waterloo in Canada. These contests provide an exciting opportunity for participants to explore the potential of mathematics and their role in it. <https://cemc.uwaterloo.ca/contests/pcf.html>
- SHSM (Specialist High Skills Major) students will be trained on CPR & defibrillator
- GRAD & PROM planning is ongoing – Prom will be celebrated on Thursday May 30 at the Ajax Convention Centre
 - Last year, part of grad gift funds were used to purchase new supplies for the chapel including the Cruet Set. The new set of Ciborium and Chalise is yet to be received.
 - Would like to replace the Roman Missal (at a cost of \$175) since current one is falling apart.
- PA day on April 19 will be moved to April 8 due to an eclipse

Parish Updates (St. Isaac Jogues): Danilo Simonelli

- No updates at this time

Parish Updates (Holy Redeemer): Rachel Vigliatore

- No updates at this time

Financial Update: Emily Povolo

- Current balance: \$11 600.23
- Increase of \$295.00 from uniform sales
- \$2000.00 was given to Christmas outreach

D. OTHER BUSINESS

- Thank you to everyone on Council for the refreshments provided on the grade 8 night. And thank you to everyone who helped and supervised
- Lunches are student specific. We currently have 2 lunch periods now and anticipate less of a crowd. Currently there is no crowding. They are 12:10 to 12:50pm & 1:30 to 2:10pm. During the middle period between the lunches, all students are in class
- The option of a call/zoom Parent Council meeting has been declined in order to maintain oneness
- Regarding the \$2000.00 for the grad gift that was ear marked from last year. It has to be determined if it has all been spent already. If not, we may take the \$175 needed to replace the Roman Missal from that. Further discussion is required

- Discussion regarding Pickering's impending population increase & housing development and how it will impact the building of a 2nd Catholic High school in Pickering. Currently there are no plans for a second high school. St. Mary has room to grow. The current population is approximately 1270 students.
- We will be advised in March of the information for on-line summer school course upgrading

E. CLOSING PRAYER: Mariana Bosetti

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned: 8:48 p.m.

Next St. Mary CSS Council Meeting

Tuesday April 2nd @ 7:00 pm – St. Mary's Learning Commons

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.