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Vision: Changing the world through Catholic education.*

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Catholic School Council Meeting

Date: November 6, 2024

Time: 6:30p.m. to 8:30pm

Location: Cardinal Leger CSS, 75 Mary Street, Brampton, ON L6W 3K5, Library

A. Routine Matters

1. Call to Order and Attendance – K. Garcia
2. Opening Prayer – Principal Pratt
3. Land Acknowledgement – Principal Pratt
4. Approval of Agenda – All
5. Approval of Catholic School Council Minutes (September 26, 2024) - Rowena & Miguel
 - a. Business Arising from the Minutes – NIL

B. Trustee Update (if applicable)

1. NIL

C. Standing Items

1. Chair/Treasurer's Report – Krista Garcia
 - Annual CCCSC Chair's meeting was hosted at Leger October 24th. Hospitality did a great job, the piano player was amazing, band did an excellent job. Most Trustees in attendance, as well as Director of Education, Super Intendants, and DBCDSB Principals, Chairs and Co-Chairs (elementary & secondary). Great turnout. Parking was a bit of an issue, KG parking duty to direct attendees to St. Mary's for overflow parking (in future perhaps provide parking map w/ invitations).
 - Miguel won't be with us next year so there will be a position of Co-Chair to be open.
 - Treasurers Report – NIL
2. Principal Report – Jason Pratt
 - Reminder frequent updates via social media and weekly Principal Newsletter, please subscribe and stay connected. We do a great job keeping parents informed. We are on IG, X, TikTok and School Messenger, My schooldays app as well.
 - Important Dates:
 - Just hosted Grade 8s, 325 students from 10 feeder schools (includes French Immersion Programs). The Dance group performed like a flash mob amongst the grade 8's.
 - Take your kids to work day today.
 - November 8th is the deadline to register for semi-formal, the dance is on November 21st. First time running after COVID-19, over 300 students attending (The athletic award will have a dance in the spring).

- Christmas arts festival Dec 12th and it's \$5 per entry ticket.
 - Grad photos start Nov 11th to 22nd and retake days are second semester. Follow-up dates for retake. Students can always book with the studio for retakes (They have gowns).
 - A prep rally was had to celebrate the athletics and bring school spirit around (playoff season).
 - The playoffs are starting; Classes have options to buy out of class if the teacher feels they have covered enough curriculum to go to a sports event (based on the majority of students per class), Teachers will organize those not attending. It's \$2 for buyout.
 - Trips: Mount Tremble This February 2025 for everyone, Paris 2025, New York City is 2026 for the students in this school year for Grade 11 and under, 2027 Japan. More info to come.
 - Volunteers:
 - Students have risen to the occasion. About 60 kids for CCCSC annual meeting, Remembrance Day at the Legion- 12 students, Santa Clause Parade - 200 students.
 - Students can now volunteer at the church (St. Mary's) however always get your hours approved for community service. St Mary's has a volunteer program that students can sign up for. Log into your child's dashboard to see how many volunteer hours they have. There is an award for the graduating student with the most volunteer hours/contributions.
3. Chaplaincy Report – Scott Samuel
- Thanksgiving Drive with Knights Table and help prep for Christmas.
 - Teachers (classes) collected nonperishable food items from students' and filled up almost an entire van. Great outcome and generosity.
 - Retreats:
 - Grade 11 Semester 1 retreats to the Temple Tour completed.
 - Grade 10 have been going to Dr Simone for this semester.
 - Grade 9 Mega retreat was done at St. Mary's. Grateful to the students that volunteered to help run the day, 292 grade 9 students at once can get hectic. Everyone seemed to have a good time. Grade 9 retreat was at St. Mary's (basement of Church).
 - Grade 11 Temple tour hasn't changed.
 - Planning a Mega retreat for the grade 12's in the spring. In the past the retreats were much smaller but this is for a more celebratory vibe for this retreat. It's in the works.
 - Pastoral Plan has been handed out. (*Plan Reviewed in meeting*). Main Changes:
 - Couple of new faith-based dates like literature, breakfast club, faith finders are a new club to learn more about the prayer, added.
 - Page 3 new dates for this school year
 - Page 315 has all this year's Liturgy dates, Confessions etc.
 - New faith clubs and scriptures org. on Pg 415

- Catholic Education Week: Page 6-10 Teaching departments can add and show how the other subjects contribute to the Catholicity of the school. Done by the departments of heads.
 - Faith Finders-Student and Teachers coalition to learn more about the faith and meets in chapel
 - New Leger Scripture bible study is run by students 45 kids have joined already. May be named Leger Scripture Society!
 - New Pastor Father Peter Marr and associate Pastor Marr.
 - 7:45 am every Wed for Mass in the Chapel at the school.
 - Breakfast club has options for some hot food because they received a grant. Students can come volunteer to set up.
4. Parish Report
- Crime Prevention Presentation Wednesday, November 20th at 7:00 pm, at the Parish Hall, presented by Peel police.
 - CWL Religious Articles Store:
 - Advent calendars, wreaths, and candles are now available in the store. There is also a selection of Christmas cards.
 - The 2025 Sunday Missals are in Cost: \$7.00.
 - The Store operates on CASH ONLY basis.
 - St. Mary's CWL Christmas Bazaar - Saturday, November 9th from 9:30am to 2:30pm, Raffle, Jewelry, Baking, Christmas items, Knitting, Sewing, Treasures and more.
 - Revitalization of our Faith Speaker Series. St. Anne's Church is presenting Dr. Moira McQueen for their annual Revitalization of our Faith Speaker Series. Dr. McQueen is the Executive Director of the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute. Her talk "Catholic Perspectives on 'MAID' and Palliative Care"
 - St. Anne's Church, 115 Vodden St. E. in Brampton on Wednesday, November 13th 2024, at 7:00 pm. There is no charge, and all are welcome to attend.
 - For more information contact Michael Petric at 289-937-9989
 - Friars Student Writing Contest 2025 - Invite Ontario Secondary School students, to submit an essay on the theme of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.
 - Submission deadline is January 13th, 2025.
 - For more information visit: Friars' Student Writing Award (catholicregister.org)
5. Teachers Report – Natasha Bhoorasingh
- Deca Club wrote their multiple-choice exams; the next step is the regional competition.
 - Paris Trip is coming up in March, they have meetings with students every month and a parent meeting will be in February for final details.
 - Tokyo trip (Land of the Rising Sun) for grades 9 and 10 and incoming grade 8's. Launch meeting November 18th at 7 pm more info on the flyers and online.

- ECO Club – Krista is the rep and will be helping out with fundraising and compost material. Looking at getting a grant and hope to plant a vegetable garden for hospitality.
 - Report cards are due to go out 22nd of November and emailed to students. Parents will be notified through school messenger.
 - Parent Discussion: Parents had concerns that they were not able to book parent-teacher interviews. The system was booked up within an hour for open spots. You can call the teacher directly for an appointment. A future waitlist could solve some issues. Some schools only take appointments for students who have marks below a certain threshold.
 - Parent inquiry – can the school look into adding a meet and greet to help alleviate the problem.
6. Student Council Representative Report – Felica
- 84 members and some volunteers helped out with the Thanksgiving drive organized by Mr. Samuel.
 - Planning for Halloween – Pumpkin decorating contest.
 - Kids from St Mary's came over to see artwork.
 - Costume contests were split by grades 9 & 10 first half and the second half by grades 11 & 12. Everyone followed the costume guidelines. Guidelines were reposted on social media and the Teachers were involved in keeping it within the guidelines.
 - November will be for Remembrance Day letters for veterans and in December students will plan for Christmas holiday theme events.

D. Information/Updates (if applicable)

1. Central Committee for Catholic School Councils (CCCSC) Report – NIL
2. Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) Reports – Dubravka Medved
 - Please familiarize yourself with OAPCE (sign up on website) visit OAPCE.Org for more information; occasional surveys for future plans/programs etc. and parents are asked for feedback/opinions, important to stay up to date and watch.
 - Anyone can attend a meeting, just connect with Dubravka.
3. Other Updates
 - Community Rep: Remembrance Day RCSCCCOS Cadets are part of the area and they held a few services for Remembrance Day. Bring forward all the veterans at the cemetery at City Hall with a banner and a wreath ceremony for Brampton City Hall.

E. Action Items

1. NIL

F. Future Meetings

January 15th, 2025

February 26th, 2025

April 24th, 2025 – before Board budget meeting

G. Adjournment