



ST. JOSEPH SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Catholic School Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 30, 2024

7:00 p.m.

APPROVED MINUTES

A. Routine Matters

1. Call to Order and Attendance
2. Opening Prayer
3. Land Acknowledgement
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of Catholic School Council Minutes, (September 25, 2024)
 - a. Business Arising from the Minutes – (List of items **OR** Nil)

B. Trustee Update (if applicable)

C. Standing Items

1. Student Council Report
 - Junior Dance was a great success with approximately 200 students in attendance!
 - Halloween Spirit Week Activities:
 - October 28 - Candy guessing in the Atrium during lunches
 - October 29 - Popcorn Sale in the Atrium during lunches
 - October 30 - Pumpkin Carving Contest in period 1 (teachers will provide pumpkins)
 - October 31 - Civvies/Costume Day (Costumes must follow DPCDSB guidelines)
2. Chairs' Report
 - **Pastoral Plan:** The Pastoral plan is a faith-based plan prepared collaboratively grade-wise for the academic year and is then reviewed and signed off by a Panel which includes the Pastor, Principal, Vice Principal(s), Chaplaincy Leader, Department Heads and Chair of Catholic School Council.
 - **CCCSC Chairs Meeting:** The Family of School Chairs meeting with Trustees, Superintendents and Principals was held on Thu, Oct 24, 2024. In this meeting among others the Volunteer of the Year award is announced and presentations about the Board is conducted. Unfortunately, this event clashed with the Information Night held here in School and so it could not be attended.
3. Treasurer's Report

Our current balance is \$772.04. \$500 was provided for the Parents Reaching Out Grant.



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4. Parish Report

- **MENTAL HEALTH ANONYMOUS:** Deacon George and a member of this parish have started a support group for people with mental health and emotional health issues. It is called MHA - Mental Health Anonymous and will operate along the same lines as an AA meeting from a Catholic perspective.
- Meetings on 1st and 3rd Thursday at Mississauga Valley Community Centre at 7:00 pm starting October 24th. More information contact the Parish Office
- **BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS - Relic Tour – 2024:** November 1st at St Josephine Bakhita Parish. Public Veneration at noon, Veneration For Youth followed by Holy Mass 7:00 pm.
- Nov 1st All Saints Day: Masses at 8:30 am & 7:30 pm
- Nov 2nd All Souls Day: Masses at 9:00 am
- James Cyfko was ordained on October 5 as a Deacon and God willing, he will be ordained a Priest in May 2025.

5. OAPCE Report – No reports at this time. Next meeting is November 6, 2024.

6. Principal's Report

- **Terry Fox Marathon of Hope** – Our school community raised \$3,349.00!
- **Open House** – October 17th, 2024 – A great success! Many parents/guardians attended this event; School Presentation as well as AP Presentation; many students were present to showcase their Clubs and Athletic teams
- **Parent-Teacher Interviews** – October 24th, 2024 – well attended by parents and guardians; Many parents let us know that they liked the new online booking app that was used to book interview appointments.
- **Board Budget Consultation** – The 2025-2026 Public Budget Information Webcast will take place on **Thursday, April 24, 2025, from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm**. The webcast is an opportunity to share important financial information with all our stakeholders. **We will cancel meeting scheduled for April 9th and move it to April 24th at 6:00 p.m.**
- **Trustee Newsletter** – October 2024 was email to all parents and guardians
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - November 6 – Take Our Kids To Work day for Grade 9 students
 - November 14 – 6:00 p.m. Academic Awards Ceremony
 - November 22 – PA Day

7. Chaplaincy Report

- Father Fogarty Dinner – Ethan Smolders was recognized for winning the Catholic Leadership Award as well as a \$1000 Scholarship from the Catholic Principals Council of Ontario
- Retreats Update:
 - Retreat Centre (Regeneration) cancelled all retreats for Grade 11 and 12 classes.



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- New retreats will be led by Mr. Skoko in the St. Joseph Parish Church Hall focusing on Leadership and the Call to Greatness.
- Implementation of Pastoral Plan for 2024-2025 – is ongoing and will be posted on the School Website
- Chaplaincy Club – Ex. of topics discussed with students: How to be Faithful Citizens, Gossip, Judgement, Forgiveness. All grades and faiths are welcome on Thursdays at 2:30 p.m.
- Completion of Thanksgiving Food Drive – Thank you for your support. All donations were made to the Society of Saint Vincent De Paul at St. Joseph Parish. Ms. Nguyen's class brought in 84 items and won a class breakfast for their achievement!
- Christmas Hampers – Homeroom classes will receive a family in collaboration with St. Joseph Parish and the Society of Saint Vincent De Paul. Donations preferred are non-perishable food and gift cards (Walmart, No Frills and Loblaws)

8. Staff Report

Athletics:

- Junior and Senior Boys Cross Country Teams, and Pardeep Bath (a senior girl runner) qualified for OFSAA. OFSAA is held in Ottawa on November 4th)
- Girls Flag Football team is undefeated
- Both Boys and Girls Flag Football teams are advancing to the playoffs.
- Junior Boys Volleyball team is advancing to the playoffs.
- Coaches for winter sports are starting to organize their meetings and tryouts.
- **We will have:**
 - Junior boys basketball team; Senior boys basketball team
 - Junior girls volleyball team; Senior girls volleyball team
 - Swimming
 - Table Tennis
 - Varsity Hockey Team
 - Special Events Bowling Team for Planning for Independence students

Visual and Performing Arts

- Coffee House prep has started. Dec 5th is the night of the event.
- We have a new Dance Club.

Peace Garden: Rosina has received updates and planning for the space.

D. Information/Updates (if applicable)

1. Parent Engagement funding in the amount of \$500 has been received. It has to be used by August 31, 2025.



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E. Action Items

1. N/A

F. Future Meetings

Wednesday November 27th, 2024

Wednesday April 9th, 2025 – cancelled

Thursday April 24th, 2025 – NOTE: This meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the library

Wednesday May 21st, 2025

G. Adjournment