

St. David of Wales Catholic School Council Minutes

October 2, 2024

Catholic School Meeting

Date: Wednesday October 2, 2024

Time: 6:30-8:00pm

Location: St. David of Wales Catholic Elementary School Library
4200 Beacon Lane
Mississauga, ON

A. Routine Matters:

1. Call to Order and Attendance:

In person: Semantha da Silva, Liza Ma, Lorie Black, Ann Sporcic, Lisa Marie Peluso, Lina Castillo (note taker) Stephanie Hanna, Chiqui Manicini, Amanda Milne, Denise Hackett, Diana A. Mendoza, Irene Abseh, Natalia Cristiano

Virtual: Tina Esposito

Regrets: Luz del Rosario

2. Opening Prayer: Lorie Black

3. Land Acknowledgement: Mrs. daSilva

4. Approval of Agenda- all in agreement

5. Approval of Catholic School May 2023 Minutes- all in agreement

*amended minutes: Name correction from Lorie Milne to Amanda Milne;
and from Lorie Meloche to Lorie Black

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a. Business Arising from the Minutes- (Nil)

B. Trustee Update (if applicable)- none

C. Standing Items

1. Chair/ Treasurer's report: Mrs. da Silva

- Opening balance \$186.80
- A cheque still pending
- Total balance for the start year is \$112.80

2. Principal report: Mrs. da Silva

- There was a reorganization this year. One classroom was gained. A new 6/7 class was produced. This change affected 54 students. Mrs. Borges was a 2/3 is now a 1/2. The grade 7/8 became a straight 8. The junior and intermediate classes have a range of 18-23 students.
- We welcome: Ms. Domingues (DECE), Ms. Mesic (FDK), Ms. Rezk (FSL & PT), Ms. Rynkiewicz (3/4), Mr. Albanee (4/5), Ms. Presutto (6/7), Ms. Williams (ERW), Ms. Khan (Secretary) and Ms. O'Brian (SLP)
- Open House was a great success. Thank you to our Catholic School Council for organizing the pizza dinner.
- Catholic community culture and caring; social justice projects will be an important part of the school year. Terry Fox was the first project. The school raised \$895 this year.
- The grade 8s will be leading the first food drive of the school year. The food will be going to St. Vincent de Paul to help out the community and we will be collecting food until October 9th. 7 boxes have been filled thus far.
- This year's theme for Catholic Education week will be Pilgrims of Hope. Staff meetings and school gatherings will open with how we are all pilgrims of hope and hope so we can provide hope to others. An example of this was the Terry Fox drive. At the first staff meeting staff painted a canvas illustrating what it means to be a pilgrim of hope. Paintings are displayed in their prayer centers.
- On September 30th, the Orange shirt day and Virtue of Faith assembly were combined. Orange chains were made to connect how every child belongs. This year, virtue winners will receive virtue rulers.
- October's virtue is Empathy, the date of the assembly will be advertised in the weekly newsletter. Parents are welcome to attend
- Rosary Apostolates came in on Tuesday and visited all classes. Students from 1-8 received a rosary. They will use it once a month to pray.
- The first spirit week, lead by gr. 8s, theme was truth and reconciliation week.
- Three masses will take place in the school this year with Father Felix; Thanksgiving, next Thursday at 10:30. Advent mass in December, and year end mass.
- There was a parent information session yesterday for grade 2s (for sacrament). Please contact the Parish if you missed it. The confirmation meeting will be held on Tuesday October 8th at 7pm.
- Communion will be held on Saturday May 3rd, 2025 at 10:30
- Confirmation will be held on Thursday May 1st, 2025 at 7pm

- Ms. Burnham took 4 intermediates to the Well-being conference to gain ideas on what can be done to enrich the school. Focus on the wellbeing of the students and creating projects that can be done around the school with other students. They will attend another conference in the spring
- Behaviour assembly took place today for the whole school to discuss the expectations and Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations and what it looks like at school.
- EQAO results are in, letters went home for grades 4 & 7 students.
- Grade 3 Scores: Reading - 77% (level 3 and above)
Writing - 82% (level 3 and above)
Math - 77% (level 3 and above)
- Grade 6 Scores: Reading - 75% (level 3 and above)
Writing - 88 % (level 3 and above)
Math, 63 % (level 3 and above)

Sports and Clubs:

- PALS training was postponed until after Thanksgiving
- Choir has started with Ms. Ardiente and Mr. Albanese. They will be performing for the Thanksgiving mass.
- Cross country has started for students grades 4-8. There are 27 participants going to the meet on October 16th
- Dance team tryouts will be starting Friday. They will perform at the Dance Competition with schools from Miss. East, Miss. South, and Miss. North

Food Programs:

- Lunch lady started yesterday. They provide food on Tuesdays and Fridays. Directly through their website, information in the weekly.
- Corleone's Italian sandwiches and pasta will start tomorrow orders made on cash-online and ran on every Thursday
- Subway sandwiches will take place on Mondays, available on cash-online
- Jamaican Patties will be returning on Tuesdays starting October 22nd
- The Nutritious snack program has started, this month blueberry muffins are available for the last reason. YMCA grant has been approved, therefore each month will be something different to offer

School events:

- Picture day was last week
- Chocolate fundraiser started today. Chocolates went home today with students. A few students have to wait for the next shipment to arrive. Chocolate almonds need to be picked up by an adult.
- Mrs. da Silva will communicate with the vendor with an error that arose with the quantity. An email will be sent out to the community

What's new:

- 20 new Chromebooks
- Online booking for interviews is coming this year. Parents choose their time slots. Teachers no longer have to coordinate if a family has siblings. Taking place in November. Not all students will receive a letter.
- Next week, there is a P.A day for students and no school on Monday for Thanksgiving.
- Picture retake is November 8th
- Grade 8 grad trip has been organized to Camp Muskoka. Information was sent home yesterday and forms are due next week. Trip date is November 18-20. Cost is \$550, the school is covering \$65 a student.
- Hack the Rom is a virtual experience for the grade 8s this year with Indigenous leaders and new tech experiences
- Hall passes are a safe measure to make sure students are safe. A hall pass is given to the student by a teacher or hall monitor.

D. Information/ Updates (if applicable)

1. CCCSC Report- NA
2. OAPCE Report

E. Action Items:

1. New Council School Council Roles: (5 votes are need for quorum)
Co Chairs: Chiqui Mancini and Lorie Black
Treasure: Liza Ma
Secretary: Lina Castillo
Parish Rep: Stephanie Hanna
OAPSE Rep: Lisa- Marie Peluso
Members at large: Amanda Milne, Denise Hackett, Ann Sporsic

2. Follow up from Open House:
 - Successful
 - Still waiting on a pizza invoice
3. Fundraising Efforts (pizza) and Allocations of Funds (trips/ sacramental gifts):
 - Pizza will be run by the council. Monthly blocks. Oct 23 to start
 - We will be going with Gino's Pizza this year
 - Liza will run pizza.
 - No late orders will be accepted
 - \$3 for each pizza slice
 - Still looking into a major fundraiser (dance)
 - Mrs. daSilva will post in the weekly newsletter and ask for volunteers. Volunteers will need a Criminal Reference Check
 - The money raised will go towards: Bracelets for the sacraments, \$300 per class for class trips Annual Spring Fling 2025
 - Subsidizing sports- further investigation by council
 - **All voted to keep pizza at \$3**

F. Future Meetings:

- Thursday November 28, 2024
- Wednesday January 22, 2025 (virtual)
- Thursday March 20, 2025
- Wednesday May 28, 2025

G. Adjournment