

ST. AUGUSTINE SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

Date : October 2nd, 2024

Time: 6:30 pm

Location : St. Augustine School Library

Attendees :

Sophia Maloney : **Principal**

Dan Martinic: **Staff Rep**

Laurie-Ann Clark : **Chair**

Anda Cunningham, Marsha Vigneault : **Secretaries**

Anna D'Agostino-Ojar : **Treasurer**

Laurie-Ann Clark: **OAPSE Rep**

Marsha Vigneault: **Parish Rep**

Parmjeet Panesar, Tania Picardo, Kristina Porter-Ovedo, Anand

A. Routine Matters

Meeting Called to Order: 6:45

Opening Prayer

Land Acknowledgement

Approval of Agenda: Anna D'Agostino-Ojar, 2nd-Laurie-Ann Clark

Approval of Minutes: MAY Minutes approved by Anna D'Agostino, 2nd - Laurie-Ann Clark

B. Trustee Update

C. Standing Items

1. Student Report

2. Chair's Report

3. Treasurer's Report

4. Principal Report

-Miss Maloney's first start up at St. Augustine

-there have been some building repairs and upgrades

-upgrade to P.A. System over the summer to a 4 amp system, approved quality

-a lockdown button was installed

-stairs-1 staircase near PIP/Comm classroom repaired

-new buzzer outside with camera

-upgrade-painted exterior doors, hallways, washrooms, main office, all classroom doors paid by the board

-skylight which has been leaking, it is going to be fixed from mid-October to January

-revitalized, Technology Committee-the purpose is to prioritize school needs around

technology, due to a lot of technology being end of life, technology comes out of school budget

- ordered 100 new chromebooks
- ordered some new desktops-4 new plus 3 more for a classroom
- 7 Smartboards have been replaced and another 2 have been replaced
- looking at ordering a couple of new Macs have been ordered for photography course and yearbook class
- library desktops replaced with chromebooks, which has turned into a positive
- made more life into the space, students use it more and can take their chromebooks to different areas and better use of the space-deemed by United Nations
- Black History Project
- International decade of African Descent-this is the end of the decade
- Nadine Williams, a local poet, started a project to commemorate the International Decade of African descent.
- Has installations all over the country
- developing quilts as the project to come to school for grad to read a poem for graduates
- got the quilt last week and was hung up in the hallway
- coming on Monday, October 7th, to dedicate a quilt, with a plaque and the poem
- students are stopping and looking at it
- Wed. Oct. 16th-parent teacher conferences-must book through interview booking website-5:30-7:30-link provided in email
- may have an option of a phone interview, if unable to get an interview the teacher that you want
- most teachers sent up in cafeteria or classrooms
- used uniform sale-1st round was very successful-2nd round at interview night
- let Sophia know if anyone could volunteer for the used uniform sale
- Nov. 13th-6pm- Secondary Information Night-presentation in cafeteria first, followed by student tours
- AP program-thinking of getting rid of AP courses and thinking of getting a regional program instead-number of students sticking with the program through to grade 12 and those who have met the criteria for students to be exempt from taking a 1st year university course
- all these numbers have decreased and not seeing a benefit of offering the AP program
- instead looking for ISTEAM new program(Innovation, Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) (but another high school in Brampton already has a STEM Regional program)
- revitalizing tech courses
- hoping to get a transportation teacher- couldn't find a transportation teacher
- offered another tech course instead
- Construction teacher is offering an HVAC course
- looking to enhance hospitality program (high school majors program in hospitality and tourism)
- baking course had 3 sections
- tourism can be part of cosmetology courses

5. Staff's Report

- new busette-have 2 now
- now can do more trips, retreats, games-took a year
- was plain white and got wrapped in the school colours and logo

- guidance-will be having gr.12 assembly to give tips on how to apply to post secondary pathways
- Oct 17th there will be a post secondary fair at St. Marcellinus
- lots of opportunities for students to participate in a variety of clubs to be involved outside of the classroom
- Oct 3rd-club fair at lunch-clubs will be showcasing what they are doing and inviting students to join the clubs
- breakfast service club every morning,
- found out last week that Breakfast club got funding of \$15,000 from PC
- all students received reusable containers and reusable bag filled with snacks-donation from PC
- Eco team received Gold certification-hoping to receive Platinum certification this year
- senior boys volleyball won tournament

6. Chaplaincy Report

- Thanksgiving food drive being held-donations goes to Regeneration
- retreats are underway
- different themed retreats for each grade
- during the month of October-month of Holy Rosary-praying the Rosary before school every day

7. Parish Report

1. St. Jerome's Parish welcomes our new pastor, Fr. James Cherickal. Fr. James comes to us from St. Francis Xavier Parish in Mississauga. Welcome Fr. James!
2. Children's Liturgy has resumed at the 10:00 am Sunday Mass. If you would like to assist in the liturgy, please contact the parish office. Children's liturgy is open for children ages 5-7.
3. 2,000 Hail Mary Devotion will take place on Saturday October 5th from 6 am to 5 pm in the chapel. All are welcome to attend.
4. On Sunday October 6th at 1:30 pm which is Respect for Life Sunday, the annual national Life Chain will be taking place. Parishioners are welcome to unity in front of St. Jerome's Parish along Chinguacousy Road to pray for our pre-born children as well as at key intersections in Mississauga and Brampton. For more information, please visit the Right to Life website.
5. On October 5th & 6th there will be a special collection for the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. The Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation fund is part of a national effort announced by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. The collection this weekend provides an opportunity for the faithful to contribute to this important initiative. For more information or to donate online, visit www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation.
6. Knights of Columbus is holding a Fall Food Drive in support of St. Vincent de Paul's Thanksgiving Food Outreach on October 5th and 6th. There will be a drive-by, drop off between 10 am and 12 Noon only on both days in the church parking lot. Food donations can also be placed inside the wooden bin in the gathering space before all masses on the 5th and 6th. Suggested food items:

Canned items: corn beef, stew, soup, fish, beans, vegetables

Dried beans, lentils, noodles, cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix, butter/syrup, chocolates, cookies /crackers, rice, pasta/sauce, peanut butter, jam, sugar, flour, juice boxes, pudding etc.

7. There will be a Free Catholic Estate Planning Webinar on Saturday October 19th at 9:00 am. To register, Scan the QR Code in the church bulletin, use the QR link grco.de/WebOct19 or email Development@ArchToronto.org and write "webinar October 19" in the title and your name in the message.
8. Ministry Harvest - all parishioners are invited to the Ministry Harvest the weekend of Saturday Oct 19th and Sunday October 20th after all masses. This event will provide parishioners with the opportunity to meet with leaders of the church volunteer ministries and to sign up and give of their time and talents.
9. St. Jerome's Parish Youth Group registration is now open. If your child is interested in being a part of one of the groups, please ensure you visit the parish website to register before attending. Youth Groups nights will be on Friday's from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The first meetings for each of the groups are as follows:

Edge (GR 5 - GR 8) started: September 27 2024

Life Teen (GR 9 - GR 12) starts: October 4 2024

These programs will NOT happen on the same evening. If you have any question or for the full schedule, please contact group leader Perla Sayah at the following:

stjerome.youthministry@archtoronto.org

St. Jerome's welcomes new Seminarian Sebastián Rodriguez to our parish. Sebastián will be joining us bi-weekly at our Sunday Masses.

D. Information/Updates

1. CCCSC Report

-October 24th meeting is from 5pm-8pm @ Cardinal Leger

2. OAPCE Report

-starts later

-sending out information now

E. Action Items

-Elect new council members

Chair-Laurie-Ann Clark

Treasurer-Anna D'Agostino

Secretaries-Anda Cunningham, Marsha Vigneault

Parish Rep-Tania Picardo (*Appointed Position*)

OAPCE Rep-Laurie-Ann Clark

Parent Members- Parmjeet Panesar, Kristina Porter-Ovedo, Anand

- All members of council must have their Vulnerable Sector Screening

F. Future Meeting Dates

- Nov. 27th, 2024
- Feb. 12th, 2025
- Apr. 24th, 2025 (Public Budget Consultation)
- May 15th, 2025

G. Adjournment

- Meeting Adjourned 7:55