

ST. AUGUSTINE SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

Date : Wednesday, November 27th, 2024

Time : 6:30 pm

Location : Library

ATTENDEE PRESENT :

Sophia Maloney : Principal

Dan Martinic : Staff Rep

Laurie-Ann Clark : Chair/OAPCE

Anda Cunningham : Secretary

Marsha Vigneault : Secretary

Anna D'Agostino-Ojar : Treasurer

Tania Picardo : Parish Rep

Abigail Ayonote : Student Council

Markia Donaldson : BSA

Katrina La Nave, Vijay Ojar, Kristina Porter Oviedo, Anand Kanakaraj, Parmjeet Panesar

A, Routine Matters

Call to Order : 6:40

Opening Prayer

Land Acknowledgement

Approval of Agenda : Marsha Vigneault and Laurie-Ann Clark

Approval of Minutes: Katrina La Nave and Anda Cunningham

B. Trustee Update

C. Standing Items

1. Student's Report

- Semi formal cancelled due to lack of interest. It's not visible right now to have it at school.
- Student council will come up with a proposal about a graduation trip. Few suggestions such as Vancouver, Niagara Falls, Canada Wonderland, Blue Mountains.
- Proposal for Christmas Spirit events is in the works
- Student council more focus on seniors this year

- BSA held a meeting about the use of the N word in school. A lot of discussions about the use of it and what was the backstory behind it. Nobody likes the idea of finding alternative words. They put the discussion on hold right now and are thinking about making a video to raise awareness. A month ago the school had in service for all staff about the use of the N word among students and how to address it. Following the staff training, there was a presentation for students in the class around this issue. Part of the implementation of this was to engage BSA students to have dialogue among themselves about this. It is still an ongoing discussion. From the school perspective, it is in a context of Catholic School community that the word is not to be used to create a safe environment.
- BSA did couple fundraising events, Halloween Candy Apples and Dominos night with Caribbean theme

2. Virtual Presentation

- From Nurse Lommya Ayana from Public Health about Vaping. Getting the right information to parents and students about the trends, health effects and how to have a discussion and conversations with your children. The school is looking into having this presentation with parents and students in the second semester. The session will be free of charge.

3. Virtual Presentation

- Presentation from Christoff Kyere from Flightunit about “Effective Communication for Parents and their Teens”. Offering workshops for students to cultivate strong leaders. The cost will be approximately \$500.

4. Chair/Treasurer’s Report

- No more Pro-grant, Parents Engagement Nights is now at the board level.
- There is a virtual training session on November 28 at 6:30 to 8:30 for Secretaries, Treasures, Chairs, OAPCEs, Parish Reps.
- Account balance is \$861.43
- Feedback from Dominos Pizza, our fundraiser was not very successful based on the headcount. The first one we only raised \$195 and the next one was \$160. We will have another chance and depending on how well that does, they will let us do the second one. Dominos suggested to promote it heavily.
- Suggest to approach Gino’s pizza for the fundraising

5. Principal's Report

- Used uniform sale proceeds \$2,420
- Updates: Building Repairs/Upgrades Skylight repairs are going to be completed early (Forum opens December 9th)
- Secondary School Information Night
 - Huge success - Wednesday, November 13, 6:00-7:30
- New I-STEAM Program (Pilot Year)
 - Grade 9 start in 2025
 - AP Program is not continuing
 - Current AP students can continue
- Academic Awards Ceremony was today
 - Fabulous
- New Vice Principal
 - Antony Pallotta coming from St. Joseph effective Monday, December 2nd

6. Staff's Report

- First time becoming ROPSSAA Champion in Seniors Boy's Volleyball
- We didn't win in OFSA tournament
- From Co-op department, we are the biggest OYAP group in the board
- Motivational speaker presentation (P.E.A.C.E) from CJ and Testament
- We have a junior and senior basketball team, girl's volleyball team, table tennis team that will be going to ROPSSAA, wrestling, Spec-Ed basketball tournament.
- 3 trips for ECO Team, Royal Fair, Sustainability Farm in Caledon, visiting Ukrainian Church on Heritage Rd. that built with reclaimed wood, Airplane Museum
- Krispy Kreme fundraiser
- Community clean up, 4 classes participate, working toward platinum certification
- Academic Awards
- Art and Cosmetology trip to downtown Toronto
- No backpacks policy in library

7. Chaplaincy Report

- Wrapping up a numbers of retreats
- Pastoral plan is completed signed by all the department's heads

8. Parish Report

- **Knights of Columbus - Poster Contest**

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a “Keep Christ in Christmas” poster competition on December 7th from 10 am – 1 pm in the parish hall. The contest is open to students age 5-14. Seating is limited to 75 students. For more information, please contact Chris at 416-277-5225.

- **Knights of Columbus – St. Jerome’s Parish Dinner and Dance**

The dinner and dance will be taking place on Saturday December 14th at the Polish Cottage Hall. Tickets are \$50 per person. Please contact Mike at 905-216-9022 for tickets and information.

- **2,000 Hail Mary Devotion**

St. Jerome’s is hosting a 2,000 Hail Mary Devotion on Saturday December 7th from 6 a.m. in Room B. All are welcome to attend. If you are not able to commit for the whole day, you are welcome to join us for the rosary between 6 a.m. until 5 p.m.

- **Christmas Coffee Morning**

On Wednesday December 11th, we will gather for coffee, baked goods and fellowship in the parish hall after the morning Mass.

D. Information/Updates

1. CCCSC Report

- Training Session as mentioned in Chair’s report

2. OAPCE Report

- Had the first meeting 2 weeks ago about what to expect from OAPCE representatives
- The next meeting is coming up in December and it will be virtual

E. Action Items

- Discussion about doing both presentations from Peel Health about Vaping and Flightunit
 - Pick up dates in Semester 2
 - Student helpers to help with childcare when needed to encourage the parents to come
 - Providing refreshments
 - Providing hand out to parents about vaping

F. Future Meetings

- April 24th, 2025 (Public Budget Consultation)
- May 15th, 2025

G. Adjournment

- Meeting Adjourned 8:15