

ST. AUGUSTINE SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

Date : Wednesday, February 19, 2025

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 (Zoom)
Gabriella Fernandes : Student Council Prime Minister
Ashley : Student Council Deputy PM (Zoom)
Abigail Ayonote : Student Council Faith Ambassador (Zoom)
Vijay Ojar, Parmjeet Panesar

A.Routine Matters

- 1. Call to Order : 6:40**
- 2. Opening Prayer**
- 3. Land Acknowledgement**
- 4. Approval of Agenda : Marsha Vigneault and Anna D'Agostino**
- 5. Approval of Minutes: Marsha Vigneault and Vijay Ojar**
 - a. Business Arising from Minutes
 - b. Public Health Nurse Lommya Ayana has been replaced by Diane Stewart. She is fully on board with the event
 - c. Will reach out to Christoff Kyere if he is available to give a presentation on April 30th, 6:30 to 7:30. We will promote it to feeder schools and make registration links. Hospitality students can provide refreshments. This event can be incorporated with Public Health Nurse to provide information about vaping. Offering child care for parents during presentation. Open registration on April 1st and close on April 22nd. We have enough funds to cover the cost, \$2,420 from uniform's sales, \$1,006.43 from The Parent Grand, and \$355 from pizza fundraiser.

B. Trustee Update

C. Standing Items

1. Student's Report

- Falcon Colour Day in March, it is a colour wars where grades are competing who has the most people in their colour.
- Duo Day in mid March, still waiting for teacher's approval. Students dressed up as iconic duo such as Mario and Luigi
- Planning for Senior Spirit Weeks at the end of June. For example, wearing white T-shirt for friends to sign, wearing shirt from the school where they are going into, senior movie night.
- Mental Health Awareness Week that's going to happen in May. Gabriella, as Mental Health Champion, has a meeting in March at the Board office with student senates to discuss activities regarding this event. Hopefully we can do similar events like last year, such as smoothie day to promote healthy eating, booth that sells stress balls, Photo Booth.
- Falcon carnival or festival, planning to have clubs do certain events, for example basketball club do dunking competitions.
- Bible scavenger hunt in March.
- Belly beads workshop, collaboration between Student Council, BSA, and Mental Health Club
- Multicultural night, planning school and after school activities
- Z Club is planning to have a fashion show sometime in mid May
- Exam prep week activities, having a separate room for students where they are able to go quietly and listening to music during lunch break, providing stress balls. Planning to have a therapy dog come in. Message board for students where they can write or take kindness notes, putting exam tips.
- Proposing Junior dance in cafeteria
- Proposing Domestic Violence awareness week

2. Chair/Treasurer's Report

3. Principal's Report

- Still waiting for 2 staircases to be repaired. One would be done during March Break and the other will most likely in the summer.
- We are looking at submitting Facilities Renewal requests for significant repairs, i.e upgrades in the kitchen as our hospitality program is booming so much that we need more than 1 teacher. Introducing 4 new courses for baking.
- Sad news regarding Mr. Foley passed before Christmas. We had a liturgy for staff and students in January. Our Chaplain leader, social worker are available for

everyone who needs support. We already installed the leaf up on the memorial wall outside the chapel.

- Mr. Michael Strojek has been hired permanently to teach computer science
- For second semester we hired Mr. Giovanni Rossi to teach transportation technology. We did an inspection in the shop and looked at what needed to be done. This help invigorate our Transportation Specialist High School Major
- We also have Construction SHSM, the only one in the board and doing very well. Mr. Sanselone introduced HVAC in the program in addition to plumbing and electrical
- Introducing esthetic course in cosmetology for gr. 11 and 12
- Parent teacher interview would be on March 19 from 5:30 to 7:30, it would the same format as before
- School will be hosting The Dufferin Peel Secondary Skills Competitions on February 26th
- The school will be a site for Federal Election voting on February 27th
- Enough students from grade 9 to join ISTEAM program
- Gr 12 had assembly for graduation and prom. Tickets would be \$100 each. Graduation Mass will be on June 5th, prom will be on June 6th and graduation ceremony on June 26th at noon
- Prom will be at Millenium Gardens Centre and the theme is Once Upon a Time

4. Staff's Report

- Students went to Wonderland for Culinary Day to promote hospitality.
- Coming up trip to Auto Show to promote Auto program
- On going trip to Metalworks Studio to promote music, film, and the arts industry. Guitar class will have the experience of recording sessions
- Literacy committee just met for the upcoming test and will be targeting the redo students

5. Chaplaincy Report

- Alpha club started every Wednesday in the library. It's a place for students to have conversations about life, faith, and purpose. All students are welcome, refreshment is provided

6. Parish Report

- **Lift Higher Jesus Rally**
The Lift Higher Jesus Rally will take place on Saturday March 29th from 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Join in for a day of Prayer Ministry for Healing and empowerment, praise worship music, Confession as well as inspiring testimonies from a number of guest speakers. Tickets for the adult rally are \$49 and for the youth rally \$25. To purchase tickets, or to review the

guest speaker list and agendas for both rallies, please visit www.ljhr.ca. Bus transportation provided for those who do not wish to drive to the event for \$15/person leaving from St. John Fisher's Parish. For more information, please visit the parish bulletin.

- **Stations of the Cross**

Meditation on the Stations of the Cross will take place every Friday during the Season of Lent after the 7:00 pm Mass, beginning on Friday March 7th.

- **Volunteers Needed**

If you are interested in becoming more involved in the parish and volunteering in one of the many ministries, please contact the parish office or speak to Fr. James

D. Information/Updates

1. CCCSC Report

- Marianne Maserato came in to respond to some questions that centre around numeracy, literacy, school safety.
- Wayne Brenton, the Superintendent of Equity and Inclusive Education, will attend the next meeting.
- Request for Superintendent of Special Education to attend another meeting in April due to a lot of questions around Special Education
- Marianne will probably return to the meeting in May with any updates for some other questions.

2. OAPCE Report

- Online meeting from all different regions of Ontario and had a presentation called Pilgrim of Hope from Dr. Josephine Lombardi. She was talking about the Jubilee year and different ways that we can connect more with our religion.
- Conference in Niagara Fall on May 24th.
- Breakout session with the region to introduce the new Director of Dufferin and Peel.

E. Action Items

F. Future Meetings

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

G. Adjournment

- Meeting Adjourned 7:27

