

# **ST. AUGUSTINE SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Date : Thursday, February 12th, 2024**

**Time : 6:30 pm**

**Location : Library**

## **ATTENDEE PRESENT :**

**Sophia Maloney : Principal**

**Yonas Lijiam : Vice Principal**

**Marisa DeOliveira : Teachers Rep**

**Laurie-Ann Clark : Chair/OAPCE**

**Anda Cunningham : Secretary**

**Marsha Vigneault : Secretary/Parish Rep**

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

**Katrina La Nave**

**Vijay Ojar**

**Abigail Ayonote : Student Council**

**Gabriella Fernandes (online) : Student's Voice Rep**

## **MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

**Agenda Approved : Anna D'Agostino & Vijay Ojar**

**Minutes Approved : Anna D'Agostino & Vijay Ojar**

## **TRUSTEE REPORT**

## **STUDENT REPORT**

- Valentine's Day contest
- Finalizes Venue for Semi Formal.
- Election for Student Trustees on Feb 13th
- Ideas for Women's Month in March still in discussion
- Suggest putting back dress down day. It's on hold due to incidents that resulted in many suspensions. It will continue on hold until finding the solutions to the problem. Principal

suggests having bright colour wristbands for students who participate on civvies day to differentiate them from outsiders.

- Students senate had written a proposal to the board for a teachers handbook/guidebook for students to be heard. Will hear more after the meeting on Feb 28

## **CHAIR/TREASURER'S REPORT**

- School Council received \$500 for Parent Involvement Grant
- Will discuss in CSAC meeting if the the grant can be carried forward to next school year
- Ideas for speakers for Parents Engagement Night, ie vaping, mental health, marijuana use. Suggesting to invite both parents and students

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

- Introduction of Sophia Maloney and Teddi Lowie(not present) as new Principal and Vice Principal
- Continuing newsletter
- School website needs a lot of update and is a working project
- Work to build a specialty for school. We have sports, AP courses, only school in the entire school board that has construction course, hospitality and tourism, amazing auto/mechanic program
- Standardisation the board wants to see for school councils includes agenda, zoom option
- Algoma University has started a special program call LEAP with Peel Board in the fall and they are looking at ways of acclimatising students who under are represented post secondary education to university programs. Grade 11 students have the opportunity to study the first semester on campus free of charge and earn both University and high school credit. And added bonus of scholarships if they choose to continue to study there. 4 students had been chosen to participate and 4 schools in the Board are participating in this program
- Observed contributions of Black Canadians for Black History Month. In the final year of International Decade for People of African Descent (IDPAD, declared by UN from 2015-2024), students will be doing and designing IDPAD quilt with author and poet Nadine Williams. Each student will design a tile and it's created to a huge quilt and will be permanent fixture at school with the artist statement and poem "The Fabric of Our Being"
- Showing a new set of uniforms. Will replace the full zip up sweaters to quarter zip up.
- Technology Committee meeting to assess the inventory of chromebooks and desktops. The next meeting will determine how many devices need to be replaced and the budget involved. Survey for the teacher if the school needs projectors and smart boards. Have to replace the printers.
- Need to upgrade the school building for safety. Will repair 3 stairs during March break

- Concern about the PA system getting outdated and not working properly and would become safety issues especially if there is a lock down.
- Concern about the bleachers as is not working properly

## **CHAPLAINCY REPORT**

- Wednesday February 13th liturgies in the cafeteria during period 1 and 2
- Lent charitable drive will be toiletries items, and donations can be brought to the bin outside the chapel
- Students and staff will be invited to pray The Station of the Cross on Fridays during lent in the chapel either before the school start or during lunches
- Black Saints are being highlighted during month of February in honour of Black History Month during morning reflections and prayers
- Newly purchase Black Saint art prints with descriptions would be hung outside the chapel
- Students grief retreat at St. Jerome on Thursday February 14th, offer to students who experience the lost of the loved one and are looking for support to help with coping and grief
- First retreat is scheduled on Friday Feb 15th, group based on grade level. In the order of grade 12, 9, 10, 11

## **TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

- Competition among classes who can bring the most donations for lent charitable drive regeneration. Award will be given to the winning class
- Wake-A-Thon is coming back
- Planning overnight trip for grade 12, looking at Camp Brebeuf, Muskoka or teen ranch in Orangeville
- Basketball season is coming to an end
- ROPSSAA wrestling is happening in 3rd week in February, most likely going to OFSA, we have 4-5 good athletes
- Sending students to Skill Competitions including PIP/COMM students

## **PARISH REPORT**

## **CCCSC REPORT**

- Looking into some speakers

## **OAPCE REPORT**

- Having 85th Celebration of Change on April 12th and 13th
- Commitment and Catholic Education are having conference at Monsignor Percy Johnson Catholic Secondary School Etobicoke and Sandman Hotel Toronto
- Presentation open to all parents about insight of exploring the benefits and drawbacks of ChatGPT and AI technology
- Parents survey on their website asking input into Catholic educations

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Domino's Pizza fundraiser tentative dates are March 13th and April 10th. Anna will follow up about their availability

## **NEXT MEETING**

- April 15 changed to 24
- May 13

## **MEETING ADJOURNED**