

SAINT FRANCIS CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 4, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer - MOS – Prayer of St. Francis
2. Roll Call
Lynsay Gregoire, Angi Watt, Rosalie Bilodeau, Jaime Ann Sproat, Mark Johnson, Johaina Alhasallah, Krista Moscato – Principal, Fraser Hebert – Vice Principal, Amanda Sabatini – Teacher Representative, Rachel – Student Council
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Election of Chair and/or Co-Chairs - Mark Johnson - acclaimed
5. Disclosure of Interest: MOS announced and confirmed no conflicts

B. STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Rachel: Started Phoenix card. Sales began in Sept. 30\$, providing incentives and perks for students throughout the year. 2000\$ in prizes. 270 cards sold. Some money will be donated to the community. Lots of positive feedback.

Perks: out of uniform days Oct. 11 th

Popcorn available to card members.

Replaces multiple small fundraisers.

Discounts on school dances and events ie Prom/Semi

Friday 13 th food truck day. 1 st of 2 scheduled days. Cash/Debit available.

Halloween activities upcoming – scavenger hunts etc.

Nov 2 nd Hollywood themed dance. 10\$ School Cash Online

Gr. 9 Elections Oct. 5th - 2 of 6 positions available

Oct. 5. World appreciation Day. Food and Coffee available to teachers.

Council's goal is to listen to the student body to create a positive atmosphere.

C. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Principal's Report:

1. Pastoral Plan
 - o Dec 13th Advent Mass Bishop Bergie
 - o Feb 14th Ash Wed Liturgy
 - o May 9th CEW Mass
 - o June 11th Grad Mass @ Star of the Sea – Father Richard
 - o Chapel Masses early morning – Oct. 11 start - May
 - o Gr 9 Retreats at Star of the Sea
 - o Gr .12 Retreats - Oct 12th Heartland Forest
 - o Secondary Chaplains hosting Gr 8's Jan 24, 25, 26, 29th
 - o Feeder schools participating Gr 8 Retreats
 - o Attachment to be posted on website.

2. Student Achievement,

- School Improvement Plan – Student Achievement Plan being developed.
- PC's did needs assessments Strengths/Needs
- Includes Faith component
- Alignment with system and board goals
- Specific Math Achievement Plan with specific goals
- Working with Ms. Sabatini and Board using EQAO data
- Focusing on questions such as: How does attendance impact student learning?
- Literacy Tests: November and Spring Online
 - a. No longer Academic and Applied now we are in Destreamed. Not sure what the practice test will look like, but we are expecting one.
- Numeracy: GLS now. Allows us to target numeracy gaps especially from elementary.
- Change for EQAO Math – 2 parts being delivered during the exam schedule.

3. Spirit Wear

- Cost conscious approach
- Generic spirit wear with variety of price points to make it accessible for all

4. Creating Pathways for Success

- How are we meeting the needs of students in all pathways, not just traditional University/College
- Success teams have been meeting with Gr 9's to discuss the new transitions into Grade 9. How are they doing and where do they see themselves going.
- Trying to start conversations earlier to start the pathways
- College and University presentations have been ongoing
- The Niagara College Fair is upcoming.
- SHSM is being promoted to provide experiential learning for what they are interested in. Red Seal provides opportunity for students.
- Health Wellness new sector at STF.
- SHSM group went to Shaw Theater
- Certifications available – such as Leadership and first aid.

5. Transition Plan

- STF Family of Schools gathering together to generate a comprehensive plan.
- Oct 19 – Elementary schools invited to watch Varsity Girls Basketball Game.
- Transportation constraints exist.
- We go into schools to discuss Cheers Fears Unclears
- Gr. 9 Scheduling support from Guidance Counselors
- December Music Roadshows
- Feb. Sr. Boys BBall Game
- Media Literacy
- Gr 6 Science Olympics
- Process of building an Athletics council to assist with Student Council and integrate with Elementary athletics/counselors.
- Sidewalk Chalk – Gr 3s invited.

6. Food and Beverage Policy – School Plan

- 10 Days allowed to sell outside of the food/nutrition plan
- Working with Student Council to develop days
- Plan will be shared
- 1st planned day - Oct 13 Food Truck
- Other days in the works: Beachwood Day, December Days, Feb 14 Cupcake Day, Culture Days, Rankine Run – Freezie, Recognition Day, Food Trucks
- Plan is fluid and tentative.
- Chartwells are responsible to adhere to the food and nutrition policy
- Vending Machines have tap, are well received, and adhere to policy.

7. School Safety:

- Improved Cameras are in the plans
- Additional security measures for door access: Door access will become limited.
- Plan will be developed for student in portables to access school

8. Graduation

- June 26 @ Performing Arts Center
- Grad is a major milestone and having a significant location will highlight the student achievement.
- Grad Lunch after Grad Mass is in the works. Possible transport to offsite location.
- Student Services have been in classes discussing graduation
- Information available in NCVLE

4. Fundraising:

- Financial restraints. 3 Areas of request
- President's Choice Grant, Accepted – final \$\$ yet to be determined.
- NFCE – Needs support from schools to continue offering support for Families
- Used Uniform Sale, Gr 9 orientation day sold \$2500, hoping for support from CSC to help run and organize.

Very blessed to have as many events and dedicated contributors to provide for students.

General discussion about the benefit of using School Cash Online.

5. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report – need a representative

6. Ontario Association for Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) – need a representative

7. Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) Report – need a representative

8. Catholic School Council Financial Report

a. Carm D'Intino financial secretary

b. Ongoing conversation on how we recognize student awards such as CSC Grad Awards.

D. POLICY REVIEW AND FEEDBACK

1. Please provide feedback regarding the following policies
 - a. Admission of Elementary and Secondary Students Policy 301.1
 - b. Community Use of Facilities 800.2
 - c. Please submit feedback to anna.pisano@ncdsb.com by November 1, 2023

E. STAFF REPORT

- Ms. Sabatini: Grape and Wine, “The Best Float There!”
- Mr. VanBakel and Ms. Lambert created the design and was a great representation
- Students were wonderful ambassadors of the School
- Sports Update: Fall sports are well underway. Teams are doing well and and students showcasing resiliency.
- School Items: Pilgrimage Committee planning is ongoing.
- College/U applications ongoing
- President’s Choice Charity Grant was accepted
- Breakfast Club in Student Services until construction completed
- Construction aimed to be completed when deficiencies are addressed and approved
- and inspected by the City. The Construction Room and Weight Room are complete.
- BPSN: Sports website that highlights the successes of student and local sports.

F. AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- Will IB/AP Courses be available at STF?
Mrs. Moscato is exploring IB and in the information gathering stages.
- Discussion: “Got to be Phoenix” T-Shirts. Can elementary schools wear Phoenix spirit wear?
- Can STF Staff Members/Students go to Elementary parent meetings?

G. NEXT MEETINGS:

1. November 22, 2023
2. February 7, 2024
3. April 3, 2024

H. ADJOURNMENT

I. CLOSING PRAYER