

Mission: *Disciples of Christ, nurturing mind, body, and soul to the fullness of life.*
Vision: *Changing the world through Catholic education.*

AGENDA

Catholic School Council Meeting

Date: November 20, 2024

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Location: Notre Dame CSS 2 Notre Dame, Brampton, ON L6Z 4L5 Library

A. Routine Matters

1. Call to Order and Attendance
2. Opening Prayer
3. Approval of Agenda - Fahid and Peter
4. Approval of Catholic School Council Minutes (September 25, 2024) - Fahid and Peter
 - Business Arising from the Minutes
 - Sell uniform next year or only provide for students in need
 - There are many students in need of uniforms, and it is difficult to provide vouchers
 - In the past, some uniforms were held back for those in need and most others were sold
 - Create a system and put guidelines in place – there is a process currently in the office for loaning out uniforms
 - Communicate early on the program and availability and prioritize those in need first
 - Graduation mass and awards on June 23rd @ 11am at St. Leonard's Church, Graduation Ceremony is June 24th
 - Christmas donations
 - Basketball nets – Daisy will look into an option with the City and we will table this at the next Council meeting once Daisy updates

B. Trustee Update (if applicable)

C. Standing Items

1. Chair/Treasurer's Report
2. **Student Council Report**
 - Council reps shared a presentation of the items that they have accomplished to date
 - Basketball events/games – students and teachers
 - Night of the Nines
 - Senior Sunrise for grade 12 students – symbolizing new beginnings and spending time together
 - Grade 8 tour day – over 100 student volunteers!!
 - Halloween Week
 - Club Fair
 - Grad Wear for the grade 12s to wear as part of their uniform throughout the year
 - To Knight Shows on Thursdays
 - Friday Faith Talks
 - Monthly Bulletins

- Christmas Events
- Family Feud – Teachers on the stage
- Jingle Jam – Christmas Talent Show with Knight Mascot
- Christmas Market – students to show off their entrepreneurial spirit
- New Year – Culture Week, etc.

3. Anita Maheisuria (Public Health Nurse)

- Notre Dame is starting a program to support students with addiction needs
- Presented Peel Public Health's 2024-2025 Secondary school programs including Substance use and prevention (vaping prevention), Mental well-being, and Physical Activity (Student travel planning)
- Nurse can support schools with vaping prevention presentations to school staff, parents, and student leaders, highlighting information on what is vaping, contents of e-liquid, signs youth are vaping, reasons for vaping, health effects and resources to support youth who want to quit. We are planning to present information to feeder schools in March/May.
- Two resources are being used to support students to quit vaping, Quash and Not An Experiment, these resources have been introduced to support staff at Notre Dame to support an addictions program for the school through the Brief Conversation Toolkit that the nurse presented to the support staff.
- Notre Dame is one of the few schools to initiate use of these resources to support student addiction and reduce suspensions. These resources will support remedial work during suspensions to target the underlying cause.
- Mental well-being program aims to build opportunities for student empowerment, leadership, and promotion of social emotional learning. Mental well-being protective factors are emphasized to teach students skills to support their mental well-being and support schools to meet PPM 169 and the secondary curriculum. Mental well-being program is a student led, health promotion initiative with train the leader model.
- Physical activity program through school travel planning (STP) to promote healthy and active lifestyles, encourage students to be physically active by walking, cycling, rolling or scootering to school. Nurse can support bike month initiatives and school Eco teams.

4. Principal Report

- Activity fees are down
 - Civvies day during the last week of school before the break – generate fees
 - Either \$10 or pay the activity fee of \$45 for the year
 - Student ID needed, need to keep the school safe
 - Criminal Record Check is required – email to sylvia.fiore@dpcdsb.org
 - Black Excellence to support the community and is for all students – very positive feedback Clubs, Murals
 - Spoken word -Dec 4 4th period in library – invite classes
 - Advent liturgy – Dec 4
 - Catholic Code of Conduct – email sent out to community
 - Guest speakers in the school – email sent to parent/guardian opt out letter
- Infusing our Faith into the culture of the school – we embrace all faith, and everyone belongs, but we need to embrace the Catholic Faith being a Catholic School

- Every Mind – support boys/Black males to help decrease suspension
 - Trades Event on April 9 6pm-8pm
 - OFFSA 20th in province Emily Reid Grade 11
 - Winter sport team – girls JR team made it semi against Xavier
 - Christmas Concert – December 12 6pm-8pm
 - Breakfast of Champions – Dec 18
 - Christmas Market Place – Dec 18 lunches
 - Therapy Dogs – Dec 18 during lunches 3BC
 - Literacy increases in the school – students can see themselves in their learning OSSLT 90% of students passed
 - Introduce a music recording studio club in Winter 2025
 - Dance program is starting for next school year
 - Grade 8/IB Open House– well received, parents were so happy and felt the sense of belonging
 - Post Secondary Night- great success
 - Parent Engagement Night – Peel Public Health in May 2025
5. Chaplaincy Report – Pastoral Plan
 - Outreach initiatives – serving the homeless in Toronto, plus tour of St. Michael Cathedral – for the kids’ part of Chaplaincy
 6. Parish Report
 - St. Leonard’s is looking for a children’s choir - 16 years and younger
 - Youth Ministry – post a flyer on social media – Daisy to send it in
 7. Good news items with Tara Nadal
 - Representation, modifications to gym uniforms
 - Knights for Mental Health – put positivity notes on desks and chairs, bully prevention with a focus on respect
 - Student Services – University writing skills, promoting scholarships
 - Raise Programs – polar express theme
 - Math – thinking programs, EQAO prep classes
 - Green Knights – picked up a lot of garbage – 15 bags of trash!
 - Fair Trade
 - About 12 students will be attending Enercare to have hands on experience with HVAC
 - Coop opportunities with organization called FRIES

Information/Updates (if applicable)

1. Central Committee for Catholic School Councils (CCCSC) Report
 - Chairs will join this group
1. Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) Reports
 - There is a link for parents to sign up and Peter will pass it to Sylvia to post
 - Push for Catholic Education
 - Memo went out - there is a virtual session on Children’s Aid Society and Duty to Report

1. Action Items

- Parents are parking on the same side where the busses park
- Student monitor to help out with parking at the side
- Public Health will be called to assess the parking situation
- School will send out a flyer and also post on instagram

F. Future Meetings

February 5, 2025

April 24, 2025

May 28, 2025

G. Adjournment @ 8:00 p.m.