



St. Michael Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 3, 2024
School Library
6:00-8:00PM

In Attendance:

School Staff – Josie Lorenzon, Catherine Lindsay

Student Voice – Estela Merino

Parents – Mike Brunetto, Diane Borrelli, Gabriella Di Pietrantonio, Mary D’Adderio, Francisco De Vacas, Giovanni Borrelli, Giselle Varonelli

Parents via Zoom/Phone – Heather Prechner, Mark Prechner, Jaspreet Shergill, Nicole V, Tina Le Buffe, Cecilia Lacalamita, Dionne Mettucci, Marand, Franco Libralato, Inderjit

Opening Prayer – Mary D’Adderio

Land Acknowledgment – Gabriella Di Pietrantonio

Approval of Minutes (April 10, 2024) – Motioned Francisco De Vacas, Seconded Diane Borrelli – Motion Passed

2024/25 COUNCIL ELECTIONS

- C. Lindsay read over all positions on a Council, brief explanation of roles read; J. Lorenzon noted all nominations received, and any presented from the floor
- Parent Positions filled as follows:
Chair – Mike Brunetto; Co-Chair – Gabriella Di Pietrantonio; Secretary – Heather Prechner; OAPCE Rep – Francisco De Vacas; Parish Rep – Mary D’Adderio; Treasurer – Diane Borrelli; Fundraising – Giselle Varonelli; At Large – Giovanni Borrelli, Mark Prechner, Cecilia Lacalamita
- Administration Positions held:
Teacher Rep – D. Lettieri; Non-Teacher Rep – N. Lago-Byrne; Chaplain – I. Saliba

Dates for future meetings:

- Always held on Thursdays at 6:30 pm
- November 7th
- December 12th (social)
- January – skip
- February 6th
- March 20th
- April 24th (could change)
- May 15th (???)
- June 5th (social)



TREASURER – D. Borrelli

- Opening Balance: \$6,450.00 with contribution made to St. Michael Feast Day (\$500.00) present balance at \$5,930.33

YEAR OPENING NOTES – J. Lorenzon, C. Lindsay

- Unfortunately no mass in the morning day of Feast; mass was held week earlier and was not well attended by students – a typical student response “I don’t want to sit on the floor”; mass was only 30 minutes – encouragement to parents to not sign students out
- Cafeteria is not large enough to hold entire school mass
- Not as many participants in the day as was wanted
- Inflatables
- Would have been better if held on original day
- Ice cream truck
- Looking into other options for next year
- Colour Wars – November 3rd (???)
- Parent/Teacher Interviews coming soon

CHAPLAIN – J. Lorenzon for I. Saliba

Retreats:

- Grade 10s this year will be going to Albion Conservation
- Grade 11s are going to the Exchange in town – need funding here to help cover the cost of buses
- Wings of Faith – hoping food driver numbers increase; a challenge has been sent out to each homeroom to ‘fill their boxes’

CHAIR – M. Brunetto

- Going forward, future meetings need to be kept on time and if someone (students or teachers) wishes to request funds from CSC, a template needs to be filled in (a proposal template) and to let council know what the focus will be for the year as to how to allocate funds. G. Di Pietrantonio to forward fund request form; Staff will be asking to fund clubs, etc. (retreats) and council is asking administration to vet all proposals before coming to council and presenting them

QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION

- One option for funds is to update the sound system
- They will be raising funds this year using two dress down days and the funds will go to the following:
 - ShareLife
 - Helping families in need in the community
- Right now there are plans for three dress down days, where the first one was just recent (Feast Day). Instead of dress down, students can wear swag clothing

OTHER BUSINESS:

- A request was put forward for the cafeteria to provide less sugar free drink options. Too much aspartame and Stevia, but sugar cane is okay.
- Smoke detector question – no smoke detectors (or vaping detectors) have been installed yet. If suspicion of vaping is going on; administrators can enter the bathroom(s).
- New cell phone policy is in place

Closing Prayer – Mary D’Adderio

Meeting Adjourned at 7:08pm

Next Meeting: November 7, 2024 6:30pm