St. Michael Catholic School Council Hybrid Meeting
Thursday March 23, 2023
6:30 – 8:00 pm

*“We would like to asknowledge that this is the sacred territory of the Mississaugas of Credit First Nation, and we thank them for being stewards of this land “*

**In Attendance:** Mr.Tantalo, Josie Lorenzon, Catherine Lindsay, Sandy Sicoli, Maria Moran, Gabriella Di Pietrantonio, Francesca Nosotti, Giovanni Borelli, Diane Borelli, Mike Brunetto, Vanessa Eliseo, Natalia Agostino, Debbie Famele, Heather D’Ambrosio, Eliana Morizon, Saveria Mazzo, Nicole Galvalo, Tania Vincent, Heather Pretcher

Opening prayer - Gabriella (5min)

**1) Student Voice**: E.Morizon (5min)

- Student council had busy month, including Spirit Walk, Picture Day, Activities at lunch

- Currently uploading picture files for Instagram

- Inauguration of student trusty across the Board

\*Heather D’Ambrosio asked if Student Council have decided on Car-Wash, BBQ activities for Grade 12, this year graduates?

\*S.Sicoli made a suggestion – the Leadership class for Grade 12

\*Mr.Tantalo added, Grade 12 in Leadership are very helpful, as we have few dates for feeder schools when they come for visits here – “Get Ready Program” at the end of August, to welcome and guide new students at school, get familiar in the building, ease anxiety.

E.Morizon added, student council works on Leadership - for re-election for Student Senate

**2) Proposal from teachers**: S.Sicoli (10min)

To boost Mental Health, school would like to open Wellness Room – for students who are looking for quiet environment - not as in cafeteria or ect. ; kind of Zen-zone. To equip this room, we are looking for following items (the new items for safety reason): Lamps, Lamp stands, Chairs and Benches, Board games, Healthy snacks, Phone charges, Plants, Pictures, Music, Motivational posters etc. List (with reasonable cost) to be send to Mr.Tantalo for decision to make with the group. Lights are priority to create the atmosphere, art-wellness supply for therapy, board games, and puzzles.

School-cash-online open for donation

**3) Teacher’s report**: V.Eliseo (5min)

- Students had visits at Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness and stores;

- April is for Special Olympics, flow hockey

- Planning visits for Black Creek Pioneer Village, and places in Peel

**4) Teacher’s report**: Saveria Mazzo (5min)

- Sweet Thunder café open at lunch once per week, takes no debit or interact, just cash on site

- Therapy talk dog come to visit kids

- Stain glass window in progress, the artist will come to put window together on Friday 8:30-9:30

- Prayer wall-bulletin board, students organized it; 800 prayers came for Planning for independence during Holy week, prayer together

\*Mike added, Town of Caledon, for community events, outing around $300 for sensory room at CCRW, money suppose to spend next year

\*Heather showed t-shirts for PIP-group with printed logo, saved money on that

**5) Chaplaincy Report**: T.Vincent (5min)

- School celebrates Holy Week with choir, dance class, visual art class

- School-cash-online open for donation; donations will go for Hospitality program, earthquake relief in Syria and Turkey

- Period 4 Masses, Grade 10-11 in a Chapel with Father Andrew

- Share Life collects money, tradition goes every year, all money split in three places

\*Maria asked if any Rosary Apostolate comes to visit school? T.Vincent – not aware of it. Ms.Lindsay – will get the name, to pass it on.

**6)** **Teacher’s report:** S.Sicoli(5min)

- Sports and extracurricular: Varsity Boys Basketball team having their 3 V 3 tournament tomorrow; they came in Second before and will receive a Banner!

- Intramural Soccer tryouts; intramural Basketball staff VS students;

- Award Night: April 13-th, at 6:00pm - We would like to ask if Parent Council is willing to sponsor the “Parent Council Award” in $100 as they use to do in the past?.. Here is the description: <<*This award is presented to a student in with a good work ethic, motivation and dedication to St.Michael community. They demonstrate the school spirit and enthusiastically participate in school events* >>

- Early progress report getting ready;

- Monthly Virtue nominations in recognition of our Catholic Virtues were just given to students at breakfast;

- Chess tournament: 6 students will be attending in April, we are asking Parent Council to help with jerseys/t-shirts for students attending chess tournament?.. We priced out some navy golf-shirts and will get the printing done ourselves*. It will likely cost between $20-$25 per jersey for a total of about $160-$200 for all the jerseys (8 in total).*

- Girls Varsity Lacrosse: Coaches Fontaine and Della Mea are happy to bring this girls varsity team back after 3 long years! Tryouts/practices will begin in gym shortly. *Please rich out to the coaches if interested in trying a new spring season sport, no experience needed!*

- Library: sends reminders to return chromebooks, charges and any overdue books ASAP; as well to purchase Print Packages from School Cash Online if printing is needed at school.

- Upcoming events: March Manga Madness (begins this Wednesday and runs to Easter), Wellness Wednesdays, and Spirit Reading Programs. Please check out Library Google Classroom site for Students for more information;

- The school band will be hosting a Music Night fundraiser which will include performance by the students, dinner provided by Hospitality, and a wine/gift card basket raffle. Tickets will be $15 and all profits will support the cost of performing at Nationals in Niagara. The cost to just perform at Nationals is over $100 per student, so we are trying to raise funds to help offset this coast. Date/time - TBD

\* *If there are parents who can help with this evening, we would be forever grateful!*

- Ottawa trip for Grade 10/Civic classes in the fall, the coast is about $900, started to collect;

- March 29-31, a number of students in the Sports SHSM program (as well as some are not in the program) going on the trip to Ottawa, to participate in a Rich Ahead experience with the Ottawa Senators. They will also visit three university campuses – Queen’s, uOttawa and Carleton;

- Grade 10 Literacy test for 2022-2023 is on Tuesday April 18 and on Wednesday April 19. Students will write over the course of two days: booklet 1 - on Tuesday, booklet 2 – on Wednesday.

- Prior the test dates all Grade 10/period 1 classes can work through the OSSLT practice test, available on EQAO website, which mimics actual test.

**7) Principal report: Mr.Tantalo (10min)**

- Parent-teacher interview coming soon, parents can book their interview time online again; appointments will appear 3 days before April 20-th.

\* Question from parent, Gabriella on school safety, during the exam time the Humberview school was in Hold-and-Secure position, our students were not aware about and just walk by, how soon the OPP can inform school administration regarding this matter?..

\*Mr.Tantalo, the OPP has their time frame/ rules to communicate to schools; what we do here is the follow by Board rules in a Lockdown/or Hold-and-Secure protocol/ procedure; the training for both Lockdown and Hold-and-Secure goes regularly, we just had recently one done right after March Break. All communications going through the Board, if other Board does the same, if their communication are the same?.

Mr.Tantalo added, St.Michael has uniform for students, uniform helps for this matter to identify the kids belonging or not to school community.

* Students washrooms to be used during the lunches, one at the time to keep it safe;

\* Ms.Sicoli added, results in the school survey shows needs in a hall-passes; for now during the 1-2-4 periods school has 1 bathroom opened upstairs /and downstairs

* Guidance prepares to put post-secondary fair, probably during parents-teacher interview; more info to come

**8)** **Treasurer report**: Dianne Borelli (5min)

* $767.11 opening balance
* $166 Parent-teacher night raffle baskets
* $727.95 Christmas event basket raffle ($390.95 online + $337 cash)
* $1,699.32 Raptors tickets
* $500 Gabriella
* $500 Parents Engagement Grant
* $1,375.92 Krispy Kreme fundraiser

Total funds: $5,736.30

\* Dianne suggested some of the money to put on GIC for 6 month, get profit %

\* Ms.Lindsay added, to look on constituencies first, regarding money in the bank

Dianne updated on Krispy Kreme fundraiser, 117 boxes been sold, that’s about the same as last year, rest of boxes to sell at the Matrix.

\* Mr.Tantalo/Maria, on Paul Davis event had suggestion from the parents to provide his event during the day for students.

\*Maria asked: how many people attended Paul Davis presentation at St.Michael school on March 2-d?

\*Natalia – 139 people; with Paul Davis it makes to 140 who attended event.

\*Gabriella is asking to support in recognition of Teacher-of-the-Month nomination

\*Maria complemented student’s arts-and-crafts work under the teacher’s guidance; Cards at the Library were amazing!

Maria added, April 22/2023 OAPCE Conference in Kingston

**9) Chair/ and Co-Chair report**

Due to elapsed time at current meeting, report will be moved to the next meeting or send in the email to record in Minutes

Next meeting is moved from May 18-th to May 4-th

Questions/Answers

Closing prayer – Heather

Adjournments