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St. Michael Catholic School Parent Council Meeting   
Thursday November 3, 2022  
6:30 – 8:30 pm

*Land Acknowledgment – M Brunetto*

*“We would like to acknowledge 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:** School Staff - Mr. Tantalo, G Lorenzon, L Marra, T Altieri, V Eliseo T. Vincent,

Student Voice - Elaina Morrison

**Parents:**

Diane Borelli, Natalia Agostino, Mike Brunetto, Heather D’Ambrosio, Gabriella DiPietrantonio, Kathryn Scott, Heather and Mark Prechner,

**Opening Prayer**: T. Altieri (5min)

**Approval of Minutes**: Natalia (2min) Not Conducted. **To be approved December 5 council meeting**

**Student Voice**: Elaina Morrison (5min)

* Student conference including team building, integrity, leadership opportunity, some activities we are implementing in our school.
* Christmas week planning
  + \*Question (Heather Ambrosio) Are you planning on Toy Drive/Gift Cards collection?
    - T Altieri – We collected over $600 worth for food drive
  + \*Mr. Tantalo added, students prepare food for Exchange
* Student’s Council – thank you for ideas, we do like them, we will discuss in our next meeting

**Teacher’s and Planning for Independence Reports:**

T. Vincent on Pastoral Plan (10min) Highlights on Pastoral Plan in PowerPoint presentation: - we are many, we are one

* retreats suppose to start next week at Holy Family, and St. Elizabeth Centre for students in the exceptional learning class
* Kids always listen better to other kids, Grade 9/10 go on Retreats, Grade 11 to Exchange. Grade 12 to Regeneration in Brampton
* Masses for school planned with Father Andrew, masses at Period 4 only for 3 classes from the Grade to keep more close attendance in a private atmosphere
* Canadian food for children at Dr. Simone warehouse
* Wings of Faith activities
* Elizabeth Bells makes concerts of Christmas activities at York, that we could take a look (\*suggestion from parent)
  + \*Question (Mike) Christmas/Easter do these events fall in all Pastoral Plan? – Tania V., Just parts via departments
  + \*Question (Mike) Inclusive Mass? - Chair has invited the Chaplaincy to join him in planning potential events in school and will advise what we are doing at the Church
* Students had activities this fall, consistent group of kids attending Wings of Faith, we had our first after covid Street Patrol, a trip that involve taking kids to downtown area near the St. Michael’s Cathedral to bring a bag with food to homeless people, stroll around and at the end kids visit the Eaton Centre

**Teacher’s report:** T. Altieri (5min)

* Sports - football, volleyball, basketball are going on, boys and girls, juniors and seniors
* Mental health activities this coming Wednesday
* 40 kids from Grade 11 in Ottawa for Civic trip this week, organized by social science department, arrived safely to Ottawa today
* School concluded Halloween week, with TV announcements, contests for costumes, pumpkins
* next Friday is Remembrance Day, planning a collaborative event
* 86 Geography students went to the Campbell’s Cross farm, our former teacher holds it, activities, faith opportunity

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

* successful parent/teacher interview
* PIP team hosted a meet and greet for our families
* Parent Council Chair M Brunetto has been working with the Town of Caledon to renew and build out suitable day programs for our students. A renewed agreement with the Town has been developed for daytime community outings. M Eliseo and L Marra requested from parent council for financial support to cover the expenses of these events. Approximation 300.00.
* Motion passed to fund the events. Congratulations to our Planning for Independence Team
* M Brunetto advised we need to continue to fund, and support the events that matter most in the development of life and social skills. This is a primary goal of this parent council and we need to ensure this goal continues on for future administration and councils to come
* Breakfast club every Thursday
* attending Grade12 Religious class
* Several other outings are planned including grocery store, farm, CCRW, using the school’s Thunder Bus
* D Borelli, we will continue to ask for community support and raise funds through gift baskets.

M Brunetto, Council members continue to welcome ideas from school admin, and student council **Teacher’s report**: L Marra (5min)

* Sports are seen as integrating in a community, Special Olympics, Sports in Caledon
* Jerseys / uniform are needed for such events, so that our students can support the athletic culture, as they represent our school. L Marra asked for parent council to support this initiative with finding interested vendors.
* M Brunetto asked about an approximation / idea of the need and how many. Will this be a one-time purchase, or per year of approximately 20 jerseys. L Marra sees this as a one-time investment and we can reuse the informs each year.
* L Marra, M Eliseo and Mr. Brunetto will coordinate on a plan to pursue this need further.
* M Brunetto has been reaching out to a couple of community supporters / contacts that would help. One is the Knights of Columbus. More to come on this development next month
* Mr. Brunetto our goal with raising funds will continue to focus on serving the most vulnerable and preserving our Faith for our students and their families
* Suggestion from parents: MVR is in town and may have $10 shorts / shirts;
  + Or a supplier used by the BWSC also could get special pricing on after season uniforms. Vistaprint, Cricket Machine (Heather D’Ambrosio will ask)
  + L Marra participated in Geneva Conference for Autism\* Suggestion from parents- Jump Start, Tim Horton’s support locals. K Scott to work with M Brunetto and others on this opportunity to leverage Jump Start

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

* **Report on funds:** $65 student generated fund, next year parents are asking for $70, projection per school 960 students x $65. substantially not enough to funds all activities or needs. In Hospitality department, broken dishwasher cost $4000 to repair or $10 000 to replace it; for sport competition sending kids as closest to Brampton $60 one-way cab, had number of kids participating in game – transportation cost was $400; photocopier broke down – another cost, and etc. Awards Night would not happen if no funds, Grad ceremony – parents paid $120 last year, cost went up, quote given to us is very high; Retreats are goes on funds; Year Books $20, now would be different; we used to have commissions from cafeteria that helps on repairs service can cost $500-$700 etc.
* Queen of Apostles potential outing if funding permits
* Christmas concert November 24
* Strike tomorrow
* Synchronized learning starts on Monday
* Grad Photo would be moved further
* Interview night went well \*Suggestion from parents – we need somebody in hallways to direct parents to classrooms, for easy navigation
* boys’ washrooms are closed during lunch time everywhere except Matrix, for better supervision; girls washrooms remain open
* in spring The University Fair is not happening in our school but may in other school
* November 17, midterms marks/report cards
* November 29th, report cards; CPT and Exams are back at different value –exam 20% cpt 10%
* Grad sweaters can order till November 20 with delivery
* the new addition to school uniform zipper coat, cost ~ $60; maybe hoodie would be available as well
* Halloween went well, no issue
* Proof of pictures going to the teachers’ boxes tonight, students’ cards printing. retake pictures are scheduled
* Grad pictures on November 7, in case of strike will be re-scheduled
  + \*Question from parent: Where we can find list of your Clubs and Sport teams, if students are interesting? - / Connect with Athletic director for info /

**Parish Rep Update MBrunetto**

1. Youth Ministry Kick off was Oct 1 Runs after 5:00 mass with dinner (6:00 – 8:30)
2. Voices and Musicians needed – A call out to St Michael’s musicians and all students if interested. Contact the Church directly.
3. All Souls & All Saints Days tribute with evening mass November 2. We pray for the departed loved ones.
4. Chair provided Pastoral Plan feedback and Input submitted to Chaplaincy Leader and Principal
5. Working on potential Inclusion Mass – For the community (Coming in 2023)

**Chair Report M Brunetto**

*Parent Council – Potential Parent Council Socials*

* Community Social BBQ & Networking (2023)
* Christmas Table/ Marketplace (December 2022) ( Arts)
* Easter Mass and Marketplace (March -April 2023)
* Fundraising - Initiatives that inspire Faith preservation, support for inclusion, awareness and community outings;
* Year-end council dinner / event (appreciation night)

***Parent Council Achievements (not already mentioned):***

* Participated in Grade 8 Open House
* Participated in Parent Teacher Interview night
* Had our first 2022-2023 raffle. Diane & Debbie looked after selling tickets for the Gift Basket from Garden Foods: winner is Barbara, our school Secretary Congratulations! **Special thanks to Garden Foods for supplying the basket and Diane for developing that relationship**

**Next Upcoming Meetings of Interest and Initiatives:**

* Virtual Training for elected roles coming soon November 17. Review the by law section that pertains to your role. **Meeting has been moved to Thursday December 1 2022**
* Next Parent Council Meeting & Christmas Social (Monday December 5, 2022)
* Sharing - CAFFI Housing – A recognition to the St Michael’s students (and other high school students) who took part in volunteer hours for the clean-up of the housing project in Caledon.
* Sharing - CAFFI Network - Relaunch social Sunday Nov 13 Christ Church 2-5 PM
* PIP Open House – Meet & Greet Social was a success. Introductions to several PIP staff making the face-to-face connections with our community team. **Thanks to the staff for hosting!**
* Chair has ongoing partnership with the Town of Caledon programs team for interested students to volunteer and or work for the town in Inclusive /Integrating support roles. Partnership continues.

***Upcoming Parent Council Dates:***

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| Thursday | November 3, 2022 | 6:30 - 8:00 |  |
| **Monday** | December 5, 2022 | 6:30 - 8:00 |  |
| *January Christmas Break from Parent Council Schedule* | | | |
| Thursday | February 9, 2022 | 6:30 - 8:00 |  |
| Thursday | March 23, 2022 | 6:30 - 8:00 |  |
| *April Easter Break from Parent Council Schedule* | | | |
| Thursday | May 18, 2022 |  |  |
| Thursday | June 8, 2022 | 6:30 - 9:00 | Meeting & Social |

**OAPCE Rep and Co-Chair** Maria Moran was absent, she sent info from OAPCE regarding speakers, for parent’s engagements meetings. Decision needs to be firmed up if the school is going ahead with Paul Davies speaker in March. M Moran to raise this at December 5 meeting or sooner with principal

Mr. Tantalo Closing remarks: Christmas Concert November 24, dance, band - school is open for all families, all are welcome /could be cancelled due to CUPE/ Parent council will be included to raise funds with baskets

**Closing prayer:** M Brunetto

**Adjournments**

Next Meeting: Monday December 5 at 6:30 PM