

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

Minutes

Catholic School Council Meeting

Date: Wednesday, March 19, 2025

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Location: St. Marguerite d'Youville 10815 Dixie Road, Brampton, Ontario L6R 2W5 - Library,
Meeting was also available virtually through Zoom

A. Routine Matters

1. Call to Order and Attendance – Matthias Ramirez (VP)
2. Opening Prayer & Land Acknowledgement - Andrew Selvam
3. Approval of Agenda – Chairperson/All - Student leaders sent their regrets
4. Approval of Catholic School Council Minutes, (Date- Wednesday, January 15, 2025)
 - a. Business Arising from the Minutes
 - Question about the Guest Speaker Approval Process, School Administration answered that staff have access to a board approved list and an application tool to submit new guest speakers

B. Student Representation

- 1 Arleen Johal - SC PM – unable to attend
- 2 Seerat Mann - SC DPM and Mental Health Champion – unable to attend

3 Standing Items

- a. Chaplaincy & Teacher Report – Andrew Selvam
 - Gr 11 Semi Formal March 27th - Tickets are available until March 24 for \$65, Chandi Banquet Hall
 - Skills Competition at St Augustin on Feb 26 – Students in tech classes & ASPIRE & RAISE programs attended, 4 medals were won
 - Athletics – List of Spring Sports starting (Jr & Sr Boys Soccer, Girls Slo-pitch, Boys Baseball, Track and Field, Badminton, Ultimate Frisbee)

Chaplaincy Items - Updates

- Feb 26 Team building Retreat for Chaplaincy students at SilverCreek
- Shrove Tuesday March 4 Pancakes served by students, Liturgies on Ash Wednesday on March 5th led by students
- Local Nursing Home Trip in Mid-February to spend time with the elderly

Coming up

- Weekly Lenten Morning Masses at 7:40AM in the chapel
- Holy Week Liturgies on Holy Thursday for all grades
- Bible Study offered at Lunch on Mondays, after school on Wednesdays
- Retreats for Gr 11 & 12 will take place in the coming months
- Prayer Night with student bible student group during Holy Week
- Fast & Servious Overnight Event for 90 students – open to all grades, program to ShareLife and other charities, students are encouraged to raise/pledge \$60 to participate, activities include: feeding homeless, Good Shepherd Ministries



Villages of Sandalwood Park Retirement, evening mass, station activities, morning brunch

- Toiletry Drive for Lent
- Catholic Education Week and Mental Health Awareness – with Pilgrims of Hope theme : Guest Speaker from the Vocations Office, Community Fair for Faith and Mental Health Supports

b. Principal Report – Rob Weatherbee

- Summer School Dates & Locations have been announced by the Board – visit [board website](#) , Programs & Services, Summer Learning
- Principal spoke on scheduling process based on student demand, new courses: Dance, A.I. in Business
- Congratulations on the election of Student Trustee, Mayo Martins Donus from d'Youville who will represent Brampton & Caledon students at Trustees meetings
- 140 Gr9 applications to STEM regional program starting next year
- School has submitted application for ICT SHSM that future students in grade 11 & 12 can take
- D'Youville will host Construction Skills Development for the board on April 23-24
- School allocated funds for buying new desks on the 1st floor, 2nd & 3rd floor in coming years
- D'Youville will have 30th anniversary next school year – Staff will begin to plan
- Principal spoke on board change to Chaplaincy Services
- Grade 9 Chromebooks have been distributed, question from parent about when board will replace Special Education Assistive Technology, admin will follow up

c. Vice Principal Report – Matthias Ramirez

- Midterm reporting – By April 22 – Midterm report card will be distributed electronically to student emails
- Parent Teacher Interviews – Thurs April 24 5:30-7:30, site SchoolInterviews for bookings like previous semesters, email will be send to parents
- Black History Month : Trip to Cinema, Performance at Rose Theater, Black Futures Symposium, thank you to staff for organizing opportunities - Parent thanked Nicole Bailey for her contributions
- Question: Not possible to book interviews back to back on site, challenging for parents with more than one child, VP will reach out to vendor
- Get Ready dates have been released – August 26, 27 – Orientation for new Grade 9 students

d. Chair Report – Sunny Kanabe

Meeting – March 6th Presentation from Equity Department to Catholic School Council Chairs

Thursday March 27th – Social Workshop *Understanding Bullying* for Parents at Cardinal Leger 75 Mary St Brampton @6:30 Next Meeting – April 10th for Catholic School Council Chairs



- e. Treasurer's Report – Beverly Kerat
- f. Parish Report – Andrew Selvam
 - St Vincent de Paul Fund Raiser – Musical Social Event Fundraiser for Indigenous Community called North of 60 on March 22 @6PM in the Parish Hall. Potluck Dinner all invited. Free Entrance.
 - Small Group Faith Ministry - Join meetings on Wednesdays and Fridays - email SGFM.smdy@gmail.com
 - Lent – Weekday Morning Mass (Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday) remains at 9:15AM, Mass every Weekday evening (Monday-Friday @ 7PM), Stations of the Cross each Friday @7PM, Confessions: Tues April 8th 5-7PM, Wed April 9th 9:45AM-12PM & 5-7PM, Friday April 11 5-7PM
 - Jubilee Year 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope – Pick up Jubilee Pilgrim Passport to enter all activities you participate in the year at the Parish Office

4 Information/Updates (if applicable)

1. Central Committee for Catholic School Councils (CCCSC) Report – Sunny Kanabe
2. Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) Reports – Samantha Francis
 - [Future in the Skilled Trades](#)
 - [Catholic Education: Power of Choice](#)
 - [OAPCE Parent Survey 2025](#)
 - [OAPCE Conference May 24 2025](#)

5 Action Items

- a. Possible Guest Speaker – Board provides staff and Approved List to select speakers and online form to submit new applicants
- b. Used Uniform Inventory – Principal emailed elementary principals of Feeder schools if families in need could benefit, vouchers from McCarthy are available at the Main Office, Sale of items at reduced prices in the coming months

6 Future Meeting

May 14, 2025

7 Adjournment