

MINUTES

St. Marguerite d'Youville Catholic Secondary School Catholic School Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 20, 2024 6:30 p.m |

In Attendance

Principal - Rob Weatherbee
Vice Principal – Nancy Tsiobanos
Vice Principal – Matthias Ramirez
Teaching Rep – Angie Ceci
Non-Teaching Rep - Terri Caroleo
Sunny Kanabe – Chair
Nicole Bailey – Parish Rep
Jia Sharma – Student Voice Rep
Jayde Bernard – Prime Minister
Lorenzo Coward – OAPCE Rep

Opening Exercises

Meeting was called to order by Principal Rob Weatherbee
Opening Prayer & Land Acknowledgement by Chaplain Angie Ceci
Welcome and Introductions
Previous minutes approved.
Approval of Agenda

Student representatives

Student council President- Jayde Bernard

- Student council planning an Easter egg scavenger hunt during week of April 2-5
- Student council to check with our chaplain and mental health committee about a Carnival Day in May from the 5th-9th because Mental Health and Catholic education week fall at the same time.
- The carnival day might begin with a school mass (junior grades during period 1 and senior in period 2) then lunch and carnival for the remainder of the day. Each grade would be assigned a colour, and wristbands would be distributed to identify d'Y students.
- help may come from; student council, panther pack, BSA, SASA, SEE, etc.
- ideas for the carnival include: bouncy castles, henna, waist beads, face painting, raffles, knock out game, bean bags with foam balls, races between grades around track, obstacle course, duck pool, tug of war, end of the rainbow, food trucks such as Chateau chicken, and a food truck (about \$750-1000 per truck).
- Dress down: Thursday, March 21, 2024; students encouraged to wear green but don't have to

Jia Sharma, Student voice

- Last student voice meeting was with equity member and indigenous council, trustees, and students. They made a song and had speakers, indigenous focus and a song of empowerment. Retired math teacher working with board to increase mathematic competencies,
 - Jia Sharma, Trustee elections: Jia won student trustee for Brampton/Caledon North! First non- Catholic to win. She said a speech about Catholic education and her experiences and respect for it.
 - Leadership class will continue intramurals second semester during lunch and offer e-sports too.
 - Black history month went well—door decorating contest was “beautiful”, most classes participated.
 - Black History Spirit week was successful and well received by students: black out Wed, hair accessories, Throwback Day, Bob Marely film trip
 - STEM day, Friday Feud (every Friday of April possibility)
 - Paws Days cancelled, Panther Pack to do something for new students; target grade 7s.
 - There are many more clubs: students thank Mr. Weatherbee for being accessible
 - Spring starts starting, Panther Press, STEM, debate
- Terri Caroleo, Non-Teaching Staff:
- Semi formal; kids and staff had a great time, D.J.s were former students.
- Heritage night: phenomenal
- Phys. Ed: new athletic insta (d’Y Panthers athletics) intramurals continue, spring sports coming up (badminton, soccer, football, etc.) Co-ed volleyball tournament on Thursday, April 25th,
- Mrs. Steinhofers kinesiology course: visited a health and wellness business, did a workshop about injuries and nutrition, our own graduate presented to the class during their visit

Staff Representative Reports

Chaplaincy Report: Angie Ceci for Andrew Selvam

1. We started a Bible Study in December - 15-20 students attending, student-driven, students share their thoughts about scripture - we meet every other week
 2. Shrove Tuesday - Chaplaincy students with the help of Hospitality classes gave out 600+ pancakes to staff and students
 3. Ash Wednesday Liturgies took place February 14 - Grades 9-12 from Periods 1 and 2, a Lenten display in the matrix
 4. Black History Month - Social Media Campaign sharing information about Black Saints and Black Figures in the Bible
 5. Valentine's Day Cards made by Chaplaincy for Patients at Tall Pines Nursing Home
 6. Silvercreek Trip - 60 kids attended for a team-building day
 7. Lenten Toiletry Drive - Grade 9s (Pair of Socks), Grade 10s (Soap), Grade 11s (Toothbrush/paste), Grade 12s (Deodorant)
 8. Ordinandi Youth Event - 6 Catholic School Boards and attendance of over 800 kids, Emmanuel Ajudua (Grade 12 student) co-emceed the event
 9. Holy Week Liturgies - Holy Thursday next week
 10. Weekly Lenten Mass on Fridays at 7:30 am in the Chapel - Fr. Roger has been celebrating
 11. Grade 11 Retreats conclude next week, Grade 10 and 12 Retreats at Various Dates in April and May
 12. Fast and Servious - hoping to have at least 50 students participating in a Day of Service and Overnight Fast
- May 10-11 (The last day of Catholic Education Week)

- Service Day includes: Villages of Sandalwood Park Nursing Home, Sara Elizabeth Centre, Knight's Table, Street Homeless Mission, Vita Centre, Good Shepherd Refuge

Principal Report

-will be proposing a regional STEM program for d'Youville to Associate Director next week. Proposal was shown to the council.

-d'Youville has had declining enrolment due to low elementary school levels

-STEM education has many benefits and skills can be implemented with a Catholic lens for Catholic Graduate expectations

-Healthcare SHSM, robotics, computer engineering,

-ICT for the future

-co-op with 70 STEM related placements

-STEM club

-iSimuate has been purchased and will be used in our Health Care Programs.

-e-sports: enter into competitions across Ontario

-flag football tournament

-Hybrid council meetings possibility in May

Parish Report

Mrs. Bailey: Parish Rep

-Sharelife having a fundraiser: goal to earn \$70 0000 to support domestic violence, anti-human trafficking, supporting unhoused

-May 4th Knights of Columbus table having a spring dinner at Ceaser Hall

Chairperson Report

March: pizza drive, each one you order the school gets \$5 but must be online

Impressed with the Heritage Night

SEESA March 7th last meeting, had an alumni award, speak to Mr. Paul about former student stars

Future meeting: May 15, 2024—suggested to have a speaker using Council funds

June – Potluck date TBD

Next Pizza Day March 27th suggested to advertise on d'Y screens.

Any Other Business

Next Meeting

TBD Potluck June?

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m