

St Mark School Council Meeting
3675 Sawmill Valley Drive, Mississauga
Meeting Minutes: October 7th, 2024
6:30pm to 8:00pm - **On-line Zoom Meeting**

Present: Norma Resendes, Annette Jackson, Melissa Marchewka, Mark Joseph, Joanna Trojan, Trish Christina, Christa-Rose Mant, Leonor Munoz
Guests: 9 parents (18 participants)
Regrets: n/a



Routine Matters

- **Call to Order and Attendance**
 - Opening Prayer - Melissa M
 - Land Acknowledgement - Melissa M
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Mover: Trish C
 - Seconder: Joanna T
 - Meeting minutes from May 27th 2024
 - Approval of the meeting minutes
 - Mover: Trish C
 - Seconder: Melissa M

Standing Items (6:40)

- **Chair's Report - Melissa M**
 - Oct 24th - school councils training meeting
 - hoping to do some new fundraising this fall
- **Treasurer's report - Trish C**
 - Opening balance \$24,975.75
 - Total source of revenue \$500.00
 - Total expenditures \$19,492.40
 - Total remain per books \$5,983.35
- **Principal's Report - Norma R**
 - Smooth start up thanks to our hard working staff!
 - Students settled into a good routine quickly.
 - 365 student last year - now 383 student
 - 16 classes in the school including four Gifted classes.
 - There was no reorganization this year.

- Welcomed some new staff this year: Mrs. McCarthy teaching grades 1/2, Madame Kravets teaching French, Ms Korolas teaching grade 4, Mrs. Spadafina teaching grade 5/6
- Students in grade 5-8 are permitted to bring their own device, phone or other. However, it is to be turned off during the day. All messages/phone calls through the office.
- We raised \$680.00 for Terry Fox.
- Please drop in and see the library mural
- We've order 30 new chromebook - already in use
- New piano
- New gym equipment

- **Teacher's Report - Christa-Rose M**

- Extra curricular activities have begun, they include Junior volleyball boys/girls, tryouts for intermediate volleyball, mindful club, cross country has begun, youth faith ambassadors, and student counsel has begun
- 2 volleyball tournaments are scheduled for October 8 and 9 (Junior girls and boys)
- Cross country family meet is October 16th and the board meet is October 22nd
- Student counsel has started selling cookies
- We had our first mass today with Father Alex
- We have a Thanksgiving Food Drive that is taking place this week. Thank you to those who have already donated.
- We had our first virtues assembly on Faith that was done by our Youth Faith Ambassadors.
- Orange Shirt Day was on September 30th. Staff and students wore orange to recognize truth and reconciliation
- Confirmation and Communion registration is happening at the Church
- Photo day was on October 2nd
- Karaoke club has been a huge success. Students participating are having a blast singing their favourite tunes.
- Pizza and sub orders have started
- Oct 18th grade 5s & 6s trip to the Cineplex
- Oct 21 dental screening for grade JK/SK, grade 2
- Rosary apostolate has begun
- Halloween dance will be on Friday, October 31st. Students are allowed to dress up for the dance.

- The Terry Fox Walk was a success and we were able to walk around the neighborhood
- PD Day this Friday
- **Elections for Council 2024-25**
 - Melissa Marchewka - Co-chair (acclaimed)
 - Joanna Trojan - Co-chair (acclaimed)
 - Mark Joseph - secretary (acclaimed)
 - Trish Christina - treasurer (acclaimed)
 - Jennifer Mostowski - community rep
 - Diane Brown - OAPSCE rep
 - Nicole Shipley - parish rep
 - Jessica - voting member
 - 5 council members needed for quorum
- **Action Items**
 - Fundraising Initiatives
 - Off to good starts with pizza and subs
 - Fall fundraiser - MacMillan's
 - Online ordering
 - Frozen products
 - No minimum to order
 - They organize for us
 - Hot Lunches
 - Adding other services?
 - Swiss chalet, lunch pails/box, pita pit, Lunch Lady etc.
 - First fundraising event vote
 - Going to discuss in an upcoming meeting
 - Continue Flipgive? It is an ongoing fundraiser
- **Upcoming meetings (all Mondays):**
 - Oct 28th
 - Jan13th
 - Mar 24th
 - May 5th
- **Adjournment**
 - **Hail Mary**
 - Mover - Joanna T
 - Secunder - Trish C