*St. Francis Xavier School Council Minutes of Meeting*

*Thursday, January 9, 2025*

**Meeting called to order** – 6:35 pm

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| **Attendees** | **Present** |
| Principal Ferdinando Tantalo | Yes |
| VP David Parisotto | Yes |
| Chaplain: Betty-Ann Pickett | Yes - Online |
| Teacher Representative | No |
| Student Reps (SAC): William Hung | Yes – Online |
| Anita Kesauan | Yes |
| Clyde Roach | Yes |
| Claudia Molina – Leupolt | Yes |
| Caroline Roach | Yes |
| Shafqat Shan | Yes |
| Renata Kupresak | Yes |
| Airene Cunanan | Yes |
| Karen Canlas | Yes - Online |
| Rosa Rongrong Hu | Yes |
| Debieen Chowdhury | Yes - Online |
| Tim Kwan | Yes |
| Masalay Oldurde | Yes - Online |
| Sameer Bhagirathi | Yes |

**Trustee-** Thomas Thomas in attendance

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Ms. Claudia Molina - Leupolt followed by the Opening prayer by Ms. Betty-Ann Pickett (Pilgrims of Hope) and Land Acknowledgement by Ms. Claudia Molina - Leupolt.

**Motion of Approval**

Motion to approve agenda for 2025-1-9 CSC meeting.

* Approved by: Caroline Roach and Renata Kupresak

Motion to approve minutes from 2024-11-14 CSC meeting.

* Approved by: Shafqat Shan and Renata Kupresak

**Trustee Report: Mr. Thomas Thomas**

* Catholic education week theme Pilgrims Of Hope
* Dec 10th board report was presented – online available
* Estimate of operating budget $38.8 million deficit – LTD plan, EI, CPP, transportation, technology and curriculum are all underfunded
  + Bigger deficit was projected
  + Sold one property on Lakeshore – city took over the land for 30% of value
  + Peel board is interested to buy, hoping to get market value
  + This year deficit will continue
  + Majority of elementary schools have vacant spaces, for a total of 16,000 – about 30 schools – no directive from the Ministry to close schools, they need to approve – could solve some financial issues. Closing schools is a 2 year process
* Capital budget $82 million – used for rebuilding and maintaining schools, building a new school in Brampton
* St. James IB registration Jan 13-16
* St. Sophia registration already took place
* Elementary entry program for differing abilities – parent info session coming up
* Identification process for students – info session for parents
* More information on above topics in trustee newsletter
* New Associate Director Max Vecchiarino - now new vacant Superintendent position
* PowerSchool Cybersecurity breach – Superintendent put in position to investigate
  + PowerSchool is offering free credit monitoring for those affected

**Student Council (SAC) Report: William Hung, Prime Minister**

* January

o Therapy dogs Friday January 17 – from St. John’s ambulance, helps with mental health

o Online social media campaign for Bell Let’s Talk day – videos will be posted with positive messages Wednesday January 22

o Wednesday January 16 – civvies day

**Chaplain’s Report: Chaplain Ms. Betty-Ann Pickett**

* Liturgical season is changing, end of Christmas season
* This is Jubilee Year of Hope
* Prayer continues before period 1 and before exams
* First mass of the year – January 10th during period 1 in chapel
* To support grade 12 with volunteer hours – blueprint competition for Garden of Hope – student draw blueprint of the garden
* Eco t-shirt logo competition – students create a design, which can be printed on t-shirts for Catholic Education Week
* This Friday after school – student led prayer group 2:30-3:00 – this week’s theme is Epiphany and new years’ resolutions
* Bible in year and Rosary in a year – available online apps and on Spotify
* February 14th is PA day and family Day weekend – students will create a video with positive message for families

**Parish report: Ms. Airene Cunanan**

* St. Francis Xavier Church – altar servers can earn volunteer hours
* Still requesting gift cards for families in need St. Vincent De Paul
* December 24th began the Jubilee Year – Special time for the catholic church of reconciliation and tradition, special events organized– churches can be visited for prayer and receive special blessing

**Chair’s Report: Ms. Claudia Molina-Leupolt**

* Report on Christmas campaign

o School Cash Online deposits

o 2 weeks with different amounts to donate

o 10 families donated - $10 to $240

o Anything above $20 is tax deductible

* Account was just over $700 minus $500 (for DECA) plus Christmas drive = just over $1200
* Budget can be used for prom, grads, families in need, student achievement, other student needs
* The School Cash Online donation campaign can be run again in the spring – email request to Mr. Tantalo

**OAPCE report - Rosa Hu**

* Reminder to support Catholic Education – website to direct your funds from property tax
  + <https://www.mpac.ca/en/MakingChangesUpdates/SchoolSupportDesignation>

o 33% of school funds come from property taxes

* How to keep faith with teenagers – how to connect with God and family – be a role model for your children

**Principal’s Report: Mr. Ferdinando Tantalo**

* Painting continues through semester 2
* Exterior doors will be painted when weather gets warmer
* Murals will be refreshed
* HVAC units are back up
* Course selection starts after Family Day weekend

o Grade level presentations will be from guidance on courses and MyBluePrint

o Grade 9 and 10 pre IB – courses are pretty pre-determined

o Grade 11 IB students need to decide on a pathway, which will affect Higher Level and Standard Level courses

o If student is undecided – summer school is an option

o Non IB students can use MyBluePrint to determine prerequisites

o Please pay activity fee

* Summer school registration is in spring time (April/May)
* Night school registration is happening now
* Family supports services campaign raised $2000 in gift cards of various denomination

o Child and Youth Worker will work with students who are in need

* Uniform or coat, no extra sweaters - need uniform for exams
* Sign out procedure is for appointments or physically leaving building, not for missing classes while in the building
* Volunteer hours

o Check Guidance Google classroom - Peel Youth program, paid employment summer program

* EQAO math for grade 9 – next week, write with math class

o 10%-30% of course evaluation needs to be EQAO – our board is assigning 10%

o 24-48 hours for school to get results

* Exams
  + schedule for exams – January 22 -27, 8:30-10:30, 1.5 hour exam for grade 9 and 10s, 2 hour exam for grade 11 and 12s

o Students cannot leave room early, even if finished

o Contingency day is Jan 28

o Busses still come at a regular departure time – students can leave early, not obligated to stay until end of day

- Semester 2 starts Friday January 31

- Kiss and ride

o Signs are up

o Lights on Hurontario St. are running longer to relieve traffic

- Funding from YMCA for breakfast club was received

- Postsecondary fair was well managed – in conjunction with St. Joe CSS

o More group conversations to relay the same information

o Well managed and well organized

o Was open to all students, but primarily grade 12

**Questions**:

* Vaping monitors update
  + More of a deterrent, will not stop vaping
  + Peel Health had presentations for students in December
  + Peel Health also did presentation to staff also to watch for symptoms and reasons for vaping
  + Can utilize Peel Health during Catholic Education week to speak to parents
* Heating & HVAC update

o 104 units replaced

o Temperature issues – cold in “new area” of the building

o Units weren’t turned on properly

o Students can wear jackets in class if necessary

* Descriptive feedback – can teachers provide detailed and timely feedback?
* Number and frequency of assessments – weekly evaluations are overwhelming and impact student mental health

o Should have a conversation with teacher

o Evaluations should be varied and balanced

* What support does administration need from parents?

o Funds – fundraising and donors

o Technology

o Manpower to walk the schools and monitor

o Speaker system in the cafeteria and gym are getting old and need replacement – probably around $100,000

o Library will need to be replaced

o In tandem with Child Youth worker and Social worker – high demand for support (anxiety, mental health) – need more support staff

o The role of Superintendents is to support the administrators at schools

**Next meeting:**

Thursday, March 6, 2025 at 6:30 pm

**Motion to adjourn**:

Motion to adjourn meeting by Shafqat Shan and seconded by Renata Kupresak

**Meeting adjourned @ 8:25 pm**