St. Francis Xavier School Council Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, November 14, 2024

**Meeting called to order** – 6:35 pm

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| **Attendees** | **Present** |
| Principal Ferdinando Tantalo | Yes |
| VP Derek McWilliam | Yes |
| Chaplain: Betty-Ann Pickett | Yes - Online |
| Teacher Representative | No |
| Student Reps (SAC): William Hung | Yes – Online |
| Student Reps (DECA): Isabella Ruan | Yes – Online |
| Student Reps (DECA): Nadita Sanju | Yes – Online |
| Claudia Molina – Leupolt | Yes |
| Caroline Roach | No |
| Shafqat Shan | Yes |
| Renata Kupresak | Yes |
| Airene Cunanan | Yes - Online |
| Karen Canlas | No |
| Rosa Rongrong Hu | Yes – Online |
| Shaneen Cullen | Yes - Online |
| Wei Du | Yes |
| Nomy C James | Yes |
| Tim Kwan | Yes |
| Nimmy Jose | Yes |
| Yi Lu | Yes |
| Sameer Bhagirathi | Yes |

**Trustees-** Thomas Thomas and Stefano Pascucci

Not in attendance

**Call to Order**

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

**Motion of Approval**

Motion to approve agenda for 2024-11-14 CSC meeting.

* Approved by: Shafqat Shan and Renata Kupresak

Motion to approve minutes from 2024-10-10 CSC meeting.

* Approved by: Shafqat Shan and Renata Kupresak

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

* Movember mental health and cancer awareness - Movember Mondays, fundraiser in foyer - cotton candy, profits going to Movember Foundation
* Monthly therapy dogs November 15 and December 13 from St. John’s ambulance
* December - planning Winter Spirit Week – December 16-20

**DECA representatives: Isabella Ruan and Nadita Sanju, Presidents of DECA**

* DECA has run for over 25 years at Xavier
* 240 members – largest club at Xavier
* Cafe night
  + Christmas show for charity December 5th, 6-9 pm
  + Tickets on sale now, $7 each, expecting 400 attendees
  + Last year - $6000 raised during events for 7 charities including Sick Kids
* Looking for sponsorship
  + Parent council previously donated $500
  + Council will donate to DECA, but first we have to look at finances and check amount
  + Mr. Tantalo will follow up with DECA regarding amount after council approves amount

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

* November - grade 11 retreats completed as of today
* Grade 12 retreats coming in Oakville and Open Door in Square One – the theme is compassion in the city
* Pastoral plan is completed - “Pilgrims of Hope” is the theme - maps out religious activities, masses and charitable events, breakfast club and others
  + Needs to be signed off by principal, chair of council, priest, faith ambassador and Ms. Pickett
* Christmas initiative - gift card challenge for Christmas drive
  + Last year 20 families, given confidentially via Guidance department
  + Student and staff can donate on school cash online
* Advent masses in December
  + December 3rd (St. Francis Saint Day), grade 9
  + December 5th, grade 10
  + December 10th, grade 11
  + December 12th, grade 12

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

* Save the date for Thursday November 28 - online council members training

**Treasurer’s Report: Mr. Shafqat Shan**

* Current balance is $713.40 (same amount as last year)
* Need to save some money for grad or prom

**Parish report: Ms. Airene Cunanan**

* Spaghetti and Movie night at St. Francis Xavier parish - November 23rd after 5 pm mass
  + Movie “The Christmas blessing”
* Sunday December 1st, 5 pm - Christmas tree lighting and carol singing followed by fellowship
* Novena of Grace, November 24th to December 2nd
* Feast of St Francis Xavier December 3rd at 7 pm
  + Mass celebrated by Bishop Camilleri, refreshments available after
* Volunteer hours available - alter servers needed, contact [altarservers.stfrancisxavier@gmail.com](mailto:altarservers.stfrancisxavier@gmail.com)
* Need volunteers for Society of St. Vincent De Paul - visit families and friendship - ssvpfxmississauga.ca

**OAPCE report - Rosa Hu**

* Engaged parent is an informed parent
* SuperParents - advocate for your child
* Social media – on Instagram @OAPCE85, on X @OAPCEONTARIO, on Facebook OAPCE85
* Parent 2 Parent Press <https://oapce.org/parents-4-parents/>
* Earlier this year we had the 85th conference
* Year of the Jubilee – celebrated every 25th year, “Pilgrims of Hope”

**Administrative Report: Mr. Derek McWilliam**

* Heating pump work - Good news story #1
  + Pleased with progress
  + Some adjustments are needed
  + Question: Is all work done?
  + Answer: Major work is done
* Water damage at the beginning of the school year on 1st floor - Good news story #2
  + Improvements as a result - music room has brand new carpet, drama room painted, elevated stairs with new flooring
  + Gym floor damage - will be sanded and painted over summer 2025
* Additional work – Cinderblock on 3rd floor is being repainted
  + Gives school fresh look
  + Exterior doors will be painted
  + Work is done after school – will take several weeks
* Courtesy seating update
  + Xavier is unique because of IB - serves Mississauga North
  + Some students are granted bussing based on learning profile
  + All names are now updated (3 waves finished)
  + Parents are encouraged to create STOPR account and check on status of their application

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

* Report cards - Emailed to child’s school account next Thursday, parents have 14 days print out if you need it
* Grade 10 - OSSLT this week and next week, students who have English this semester - need to pass to graduate
* Grade 11 and 12 - make sure they have 40 community hours to graduate
  + Number of hours in MyBlueprint is the most accurate
  + Can collect past 40 hours
  + Can get awards in grade 12 for extraordinary number of hours - collect artifacts and evidence
* Diwali night - Next Thursday, 6:00-8:30 pm - tickets on School Cash Online
* Yearbook
  + Last year’s yearbook will be available January/February - activity fee covers it
  + 2024/25 year - school cash online will open soon - $40 covers only yearbook
    - Should be delivered in June - no date yet
* Sports
  + Girls’ basketball - made it to ROPSA semifinals but lost
  + Junior boys’ volleyball – made it to ROPSA finals - lost to peel
* Parent-Teacher interview feedback
  + Coordinating appointments for siblings – many teachers to see
    - Cannot book appointments for both parents simultaneously with different teachers (i.e. each parent sees half of the teachers) - cancels the first appointment if there is a conflict
    - Each parent would need their own account to book – but how to coordinate times with all teachers and both parents?
    - This was easier with old system
    - Every time you schedule appointments back-to-back, you get a warning message about possibly not being able to make it in time – unnecessary warnings
  + Appointments filled up fast - Parents can still meet teachers outside of the date, call teachers and schedule
    - Progress report given in first 6 weeks of schools - for students whose parents need to be informed
    - Marks should not be a surprise to parents, if there was an issue, teacher would reach out
* Youth vaping
  + Mr. Tantalo reached out to trustee, but no news on vaping detectors
    - Funds have been giving to boards, but no purchasing done yet
  + Not sure if the detector will be available for EACH washroom or just few
  + Detectors are app based - if there is vaping, notifies admin, difficult to catch students, because of delay between detection and reaching the bathroom
  + No timeline for installation available
  + Peel health was here for scheduled visit and smoking signage is all up to standards
    - Question: Where are the signs?
    - Answer: Exterior doors, change rooms and washrooms - designated areas
  + Question: Are students and members aware of the rules and consequences?
  + Answer: They were notified at grade assemblies
  + Question: How to reduce the occurrences?
  + Answer: Admin can suspend, Peel enforcement officers and give ticket
  + Students can use online reporting tool – anonymous
  + Question: Can we get feedback from student body via Student Council?
  + Answer: Mr. Tantalo will ask William at next council meeting
* Mr. Tantalo gave summary of presentation from Peel Health on youth vaping
  + Peel health is in Phys Ed classes this week educating
  + What is vaping, sings, trends, health effects
  + Important to talk to your kids
    - <https://www.notanexperiment.ca/>
    - Health Canada has facts
    - #StopVaping
    - Quash – App to help quit
* Tech plan
  + There is a discussion of providing Edwin in secondary school - idea is to have 1 to 1 for every student, start grade 9, then other grades
  + Edwin is given in grade 7 now

**Additional business**

* Council asked for help from Student Council for additional fundraising
* Question: Is it possible to get student volunteer to help with fundraising in the school?
* Answer: Yes
* Send Mr. Tantalo 2 or 3 fundraising ideas – he will pass to William to get student input
  + Idea #1: Set up school cash online donation - seems popular
  + Provide letter to parents on behalf of parent council
    - Suggest min/max donation amount and specify where the money will go
* Question: What are the results of the city of Mississauga study to monitor traffic?
  + No U turn sign is suggested
  + Suggested to provide literature to community re safety of scooters and helmets
  + Improvement: Left turn lane onto Hurontario – signal is longer to help with traffic movement in morning and afternoon dismissal
* Question: Access to LMS (google classroom, D2L) while traveling
* Answer:
  + Access used to be granted by principal - no longer available as of 2 weeks ago
  + Access is only available in North America only (Canada, US) - reason: cybersecurity

**Next meeting:**

Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 6:30 pm

**Motion to adjourn**:

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

**Meeting adjourned @ 7:45 pm**