St. Francis Xavier Secondary School

Catholic School Council (CSC) Minutes of General Meeting

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

**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 | No |
| Teacher Representative | No |
| Student Reps (SAC): Irene Theratil and Aslan Khan | Yes  |
| Claudia Molina – Leupolt  | Yes |
| Shafqat Shan  | Yes |
| Nina Guha  | Yes |
| Caroline Roach | Yes |
| Renata Kupresak  | Yes |
| Julie Sandhu | Yes |
| Debleena Chowdhury | Yes |

**Trustees-** Thomas Thomas and Stefano Pascucci

Send their regrets for not attending

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Claudia Molina – Leupolt followed by the opening prayer by Principal F. Tantalo and Land acknowledgement by Claudia Molina – Leupolt.

**Motion of Approval**

Motion to Approve minutes from 2023-04-12 CSC meeting.

* Approved by: Shafqat Shan and Nina Guha

Motion to Approve Agenda for 2023-10-04 CSC meeting.

* Approved by: Shafqat Shan and Caroline Roach

**Student Council (SAC) Report by:**

**Irene Theratil, Prime Minister and Aslan Khan, Deputy Prime Minister**

Event planning since the start of the academic year:

* **Night of the Nines** - Grade 9 student interaction day – 150 students signed up and attended. Event included photo booth, cotton candy, popcorn, games, good opportunity for Grade 9s to mingle and meet SAC reps.
* **Senior Sunrise** – Grade 12 students attended the event on the track to watch the sunrise at 7 am before school. Good opportunity to get memorable photos, play games and have fun at the start of their final school year.
* **Mental Health Day Planning** – TBD. SAC plans to offer hot chocolate to the students and bring in therapy dogs to the school to build awareness.
* **Club Fair** – around 20 clubs in attendance and students were able to apply and explore the various clubs in September and early October.
* **Orange Shirt Day** – Sep 29, 2023 we reminded students to wear an orange shirt to school and recognize that this is in our history and acknowledge that indigenous lives matter.
* **Breast Cancer Awareness** – Cookies Drive
* **Events during Halloween Week (last week of October)**
	+ Door decorating contest
	+ Encourage students to wear Halloween costumes that are in line with DPCDSB values.
	+ Halloween mystery to solve for students
	+ Pumpkin Painting Contest

**Chaplain’s Report by Principal F. Tantalo on behalf of Chaplain Betty-Ann Pickett**

* Ms. Betty – Ann Pickett has been preparing for the religion retreats
* Thanksgiving food drive is currently ongoing

**Teacher’s Report: By Principal F. Tantalo on behalf of Ms. K Marques**

* Chipmunk app through STOPR allows parents to track the GPS position of the school bus en route. The school currently only has 3 buses.
* Cafeteria Services are up and running. There is a new service provider – **Just Catering.** Meals are priced at $5 - $6 for kids.
* Friday, Oct 6 – PA Day
* Funding Model for students is $180 per student and it has not changed over the years. Activity fee is required for the year books, semi-formals and other extra curricular.
* Teacher Rep – Ms. Marques is not present but will continue on the CSC.
* Equity Team Ambassadors have started at STFX SS.
* Extra help for Math – Tutoring has started on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school for Grade 9 and 10. The student simply needs to sign up.
* OSSLT – fall and spring provincial literacy tests for Grade 10 students. After school preparatory classes will commence extra help. Information will be sent out soon.
* Open House – for Grade 8 – Nov 8, 2023 - 6 pm to 8 pm
* Post Secondary Fair will be held on Oct 25, 2023 for Grade 12 students. Communication has been sent out.

**Parish Representative – Priya Fernandes**

Nothing to report

**OAPCE Representative – Renata Kupresak**

Nothing to Report

**Treasurer – Shafqat Shan**

Current Balance at $1213.14

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

Nothing to Report.

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

* Mr. F. Tantalo gave the CSC a brief synopsis of his journey that led him to be our new Principal at St. Francis Xavier Secondary School. He started his teaching career as a Science Teacher at Notre Dame Secondary School in Brampton and since then has been with DPCDSB for 17 years as a teacher and administrator at different schools within our Board. CSC welcomed Principal Ferdinando Tantalo and looks forward to working together.
* Excited to announce that the Hospitality SHSM is planning a culinary trip to Disney. The details will be shared in short order. There is a meeting to discuss pricing and other details on Tuesday, October 10, 2023.
* At this time there are 5 people on the Administration Team at the school and Ms. Claudia Lehecka will be retiring soon.
* Number of Students in School for the academic year 2023-2024: 1890. All current students attend school and none are online in the hybrid model. There are approx. 700 IB students.
* HVAC refresh project was started during the summer at the school. 30% of the work still has to be completed.

**Appointing the new CSC for 2023-2024 Academic Year:**

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| **Catholic School Council Executive** | **Position** |
| Claudia Molina- Leupolt  | Chair |
| Nina Guha | Co-Secretary |
| Caroline Roach | Co-Secretary |
| Shafqat Shan | Treasurer |
| Julie Sandhu | Parish Representative |
| Renata Kupresak | OAPCE Representative |
| Ferdinando Tantalo | Principal |
| Kristan Marques | Teacher Representative |
| Betty-Ann Pickett | Non-teaching Staff Representative |
| Student Council Executive | Student Representative |
| Debleena Chowdhury | Member |

Principal F. Tantalo will complete the legislative requirements with the school board to confirm executive members and set up the new CSC Members for the year 2023-2024 and then email everyone to confirm.

**Five meetings per year - Tentative Future Meeting Dates**:

Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 6:30 pm

Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 6:30 pm

Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 6:30 pm

Thursday, April 4, 2024 at 6:30 pm

**Meeting adjourned @ 8:00 pm**