

St. Teresa of Avila Catholic School Parent Council Meeting

Meeting date: March 26, 2025

Location: School Library and Virtual via Zoom Meeting

Start time: 6:00 pm

Attendees: Cristina Roda- Principal, Ms. Lotesto-Teacher Rep, Catherine Kirkpatrick-OAPCE Rep, Ms. Pimental-Teacher Rep, Ms. Piscitelli-Teacher Rep, Nina Graham-Council Chair, Claudia Coniglio-Non-Teaching Rep, Sarah Barreca-Burrows, Vice-Principal, Brenda Morales-Secretary

Virtual Attendees: Stacey McLeod- Treasurer and Fundraising Representative, Abby Egonu-Parent at large

Absent: Brea Corbett- Trustee, Ken Jim- parent at large Ms. Sequeira-Non-Teaching Rep, Andrew Egonu-Parent at large

Opening Prayer: Hail Mary

Land Acknowledgement:

We would like to acknowledge we are on the sacred ground of the indigenous territory and thank the Mississauga's of the First Credit Nation for being stewards of this land.

Current Agenda: N/A

Review of previous meeting minutes: Typo in last meeting minutes, Avila is the only school in west Mississauga, Page 2
Approved by Nina Graham, seconded by Stacey McLeod

Chair report:

- No updates

Parish Report:

- No updates

Treasurer report: No extensive report discussed; numbers are in good standing.

- School bank account changing from TD to CIBC
- Council account currently holds \$9,270.15
- Generated – from Breakfast club, trips, \$25,803.37

OAPCE:

- No updates

Principal's report-

Catholic Faith Life

- St. John of the Cross-Sacraments – All information with regards to sacraments will be communicated through the church, school newsletter, and school email.
- Daily morning prayers are held at 8:35am each morning.
- Staff liturgies held monthly through Adult Faith Ambassadors
- Monthly Virtue assemblies- each grade/division asked to sign-up.

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- Monthly in-person visits from the Rosary Apostolate (3rd Wednesday of each month) – April 17th to be rescheduled on a later date
- Full-school Lenten reconciliation occurred on March 20, 2025- all students from grades 2- 8 participated.
- Full School Lenten retreat occurring on Thursday, April 17, 2025. All students will participate in faith-based activities and then gather for the Stations of the Cross. All students will receive Lenten Pretzels. Donations for pretzels will be collected online- proceeds to be donated to ShareLife.
- During the Lent season, students and staff were encouraged to bring toiletries throughout the 40 days, for donations
- Catholic Education Week: We are Pilgrims of Hope (May 5- May 9)
 - Monday- Journey into Learning (pm)
 - Tuesday: Mental Health Awareness Day (also Mental Health Week)
 - Wednesday: Mother's Day Tea
 - Thursday- Shining Stars Special Olympics Event
 - Friday: Avila's Got Talent!
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Liturgy-May (supported by Rosary Apostolates & Classes)- 2 presentations- 1 for the Primary, and 1 for the Junior/Intermediates
- Jubilee activities take place in Rome/Summer 2025

Instructional

- Early Literacy Intervention as per the recommendations of the "Right to Read" report remain the focus of the primary teachers
- EQAO has been scheduled for the Grade 3 and Grade 6 classes.
 - Grade 3- May 28 & 29
 - Grade 6- May 26 & 27
 - Make Up Day- Grades 3 and 6- May 30

Extracurricular

- Intermediate boys' and girls' basketball underway.
- SKILLS Competition (grades 5-8), occurring March 27, 2025 (tomorrow!)- Mr. Bentivegna
- PALS continues to occur over lunch recess
- DPA club is happening in classrooms- intermediate students are representatives
- Lego Robotics, Coding club, Girls who Game, and Hacker Girl is still happening over lunch
- Choir continues to prepare for faith gatherings & for Catholic Education Week-
- Chess Tournament scheduled for April 3, 2025- Teams are being trained
- World Autism Day will be celebrated by St. Teresa of Avila by engaging the students in a number of activities on April 2, 2025. St. Teresa of Avila currently supports twenty- three students on the spectrum, with more students joining the community in the fall.
- Eco Schools- Big Crunch, we provided all apples to the students, the big gulp is coming up! Through a collaborative effort, St. Teres of Avila is hoping for Platinum!
- The annual perennial drive begins to coincide with the Our Lady of Guadalupe presentation. Messaging to be sent to families soon.
- Walking Wednesday Wellness Club happening each week supported by CYW, P. Brathwaite. All invited to attend!
- Activity Avenue has been installed along our resource hallway. Thanks to the efforts of our Peel Health Nurse, Jaclyn Titanic and our Child Youth Worker, Patricia Brathwaite

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- Patricia Brathwaite has engaged with Jays Care Organization and has already received resources to support athletics with students experiencing trauma, emotional dysregulation and other social pressures.

General Updates

- Welcome to Sarah Barreca- Burrows, our new vice principal! Ms. Barreca-Burrows is supporting St. Bernard of Clairvaux and St. Teresa of Avila – Ms. Barreca-Burrows will supporting the live newsletter
- Weather continues to be closely monitored- making calls about whether the recess is indoor or outdoor
- See/Hear Clinic occurred at the school over two days on January 23rd and January 31st
- Peel Vaccine Clinic back in the 2025-2026 school year for the Grade 7 & 8 vaccines- forms were already sent home to grade 6 parents
- DPA Committee- through the Peel Health Nurse
- PALS- up and running with the CYW and teacher support.
- Board game club for primary students
- Lunch options are popular- students have been taking advantage of all food options- pizza remains the most successful- Looking at other providers for next year- just to remain competitive. Little Caesars is offering a pizza program
- Breakfast club is alive and well! Staff and community volunteers support daily with cooking, cleaning and entertainment- we have reapplied to PC School Lunches, and we hope to receive the funding again for next year.
- Book Fair is happening at the school During the week of April 28, 2025- May 2, 2025. Parents welcome to the school over lunch to make purchases in they wish
- Gym has been completely painted! Carefully monitoring the budget to see if mural work is possible this school year.
- Ms. Coniglio has planned a Talent Show – morning show and afternoon show – special surprise at the end, May 9th
- Ice-Cream truck has been booked and paid for through SGF for playday.
- Class placements process will begin soon- work in progress, parent requests are always honored where possible.
- Our school is growing! We will be adding an additional classroom to St. Teresa of Avila for 2025-2026.
- A more collaborative relationship between English and French Immersion streams at the school.
- Fans are needed for the classrooms – Ms. Coniglio to take a short survey amongst staff to know how many are required for purchase. Parent Council voted to approve the purchase of these fans.

Upcoming Events:

- Grade 8/Grad Trip, discussions underway

Meeting ended: 7:09 pm

Next meeting dates:

- Wednesday May 21, 2025, 6:00pm