

St. Teresa of Avila Catholic School Parent Council Meeting

Meeting date: May 21, 2025

Location: School Library and Virtual via Zoom Meeting

Start time: 6:02

Attendees: Cristina Roda- Principal, Ms. Lotesto-Teacher Rep, Catherine Kirkpatrick-OAPCE Rep, Ms. Pimental-Teacher Rep,

Virtual Attendees: Stacey McLeod- Treasurer and Fundraising Representative, Brenda Morales-Secretary, Abby Egonu-Parent at large, Ken Jim- parent at large

Absent: Brea Corbett- Trustee, Ms. Sequeira-Non-Teaching Rep, Andrew Egonu-Parent at large, Ms. Piscitelli-Teacher Rep, Nina Graham-Council Chair, Claudia Coniglio-Non-Teaching Rep, Sarah Barreca-Burrows, Vice-Principal

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.

Review of previous meeting minutes: meeting minutes approved.

Chair report:

- No updates

Parish Report:

- No updates

Treasurer report:

- \$2,000 has been allocated for Grade 8 Graduation, does not affect the \$10,000 Council has now
- Currently looking at school supplies that can be purchased before end of the year – Principal to inquire to perhaps replace a Smart Board – will also survey teachers to see what may be coming down the line
- Mural for the gym – Artist will not get to our school this summer – perhaps get a quote before fiscal year ends

OAPCE:

- No updates

Principal's report-

Catholic Faith Life

- Crowning of Mary occurred on May 14th by a former Student Teacher of Avila
- Catholic Education Week was a fun success this year
 - Monday- Journey into Learning (pm)
 - Tuesday: Mental Health Awareness Day (also Mental Health Week)- guest speaker Miguel Martinez presented to both primary and

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junior/intermediate students. Our Peel Health nurse, Jaclyn Titanic also supported presentations for the primary and junior/intermediate students.

- Wednesday: Mother's Day Tea & Provincial Mass
- Thursday- Shining Stars
- Friday: Talent Show- AM and PM performance- funds raised for ShareLife.
- St. John of the Cross Sacraments – All information with regards to sacraments will be communicated through the church, school newsletter, and school email

Instructional

- 44 JK registrations for next year which will equal 3 full classes
- School continuing with reading strategy – 30 min a day of direct support of reading
- EQAO is scheduled for the week of May 26th, Grade 6's will begin the week, writing Mon and Tues to help teachers with potential glitches in the system, Grade 3's will write Wed and Thurs – Make up day is May 30
- Staff liturgies held monthly through Adult Faith Ambassadors
- Monthly Virtue assemblies- each grade/division asked to sign-up.
- Monthly in-person visits from the Rosary Apostolate (3rd Wednesday of each month)

Extracurricular

- Intermediate girls and boys' soccer not happening on May 21ST
- PALS continues to run
- DPA continues as well
- Girls who game continues and is very successful at Avila
- Currently there is popcorn sales every Monday to help support the Robotics team (STEAM Effort)
- Walking Wed Club continues through Ms Braithwaite, all are welcome
- Jays Care is a Charity - revitalize different diamonds – coordinate with schools to allow the opportunity to children who wouldn't otherwise be able to participate in organized sports to participate in organized sports – has connected with Ms Braithwaite – have hand picked students that will benefit the most from this initiative

General Updates

- Fans have been purchased
- Money from Council to be held to start up the Breakfast Club in September
- Order of morning routine has changed – Prayers, Land Acknowledgment, Anthem and finally Announcements
- World Map in the lobby has been shifted to highlight the 7 Elements of Well Being/Wellness
- School continues to monitor the weather – field conditions dictate the type of recess the kids get to enjoy – students are behaving well
- Vaccine clinic is back for grades 7 and 8, June 4th – suspensions for those not vaccinated have also returned after the pandemic – suspensions were given out at Avila until the vaccinations were taken care of
- The nurse assigned to our school is highly interested and invested/involved in the school's well being and is very connected to the initiatives in place

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- Lunch Options: Little Caesar's pizza is able to support a better price for the upcoming school year
 - They have a budget for outreach in the community each year – they inquired about initiatives our school has and are able to support financially – they want to double whatever the school is supporting for example, if we help 10 families, they want to help 20 families
 - Inquiry made for gluten-free pizza as historically Little Caesar's does not offer that – Principal to inquire or continue to order gluten-free from Domino's to have available each pizza day
- Grade 8 Graduation Trip was successful (CN Tower, Ripley's Aquarium and Medieval Times)
- Ice Cream Truck has been booked for Play Day 2025, June 25th
- Avila school colours are blue and green
- Inquiry made for School Jersey's - \$5,000 approved for 50 new jerseys

Upcoming Events:

- Track and Field May 28 (tryouts)
 - Scientist in the School (Grade 3), June 2
 - Beading Buds (Grade 2-7), June 3
 - Vaccine Clinic, June 4
 - Co-Ed Intermediate Softball Tournament, June 5
 - Volunteer Appreciate Tea, June 6
 - Track and Field Tournament June 11
 - Scientist in the School (Grade 2), June 12
 - St. Elizabeth Seton Grade 4 students visiting, June 12
 - Swim to Survive, June 13
 - FDK Graduation, June 13
 - Year End Mass at St. John of the Cross, June 17
 - FDK Father's Day Event, June 17
 - Jump Rope of Heart, June 18
 - Grade 8 Graduation June 20
 - Report Cards sent home, June 24
 - Play Day, June 25
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- Open House BBQ – next school year, September 25, 2025

Meeting ended: 7:00 pm

Next meeting date to close out 2024/2025 School Year:

- Thursday September 18th, 2025 6:00pm