

# Holy Name of Mary CSS School Council Agenda/Minutes

Date: Mar 1, 2023

Attendees: Claudia Kline, Anthony Scanga, Bijikumnar Benjamin, Amitava Roy, Carmen Laudi,	Regrets:
Dionne Small, Ginette Valente, Aneela Chaudray, Michelle Onyschuk, Mr & Mrs Ghazala	

Topic	Notes/Response
Welcome/Prayer	Opening Prayer and Liturgy – Anthony Scanga Land acknowledgement - Claudia Kline Prayer for Week of Prayer for Lent – Petitions and Prayers
Approval of Agenda/Previous Meeting Minutes	Approval of the minutes for Jan 25, 2023  Motion to Approve the Minutes – approved by Anthony Scanga and seconded by Carmen Laudi  Motion to Approve the Agenda – approved by Amitava Roy and seconded by Anthony Scanga  Anthony Scanga bought a Motion forward to Amend the Minutes of Jan 25 to add the following under New Business:
Chairs Report	Discussion on Student Bus Transportation with Brampton Transit and the Chat GPT app – Minutes have been amended.  - Biji discussed the Parent Engagement Night for our parent and guardian/ community. Claudia discussed that she had contacted the Elizabeth Fry society to have a speaker attend the session to discuss Human Trafficking – Event to be held on March 21, 2023, in the school Gym at 7.00pm to 8.30pm- open to school community.

# Student Representative Report

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## **Parish Report**

Parish Representative: Anthony Scanga

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with the Holy Name of Mary School Community.

Your dedication and support of Catholic Education continue to be a source of light and hope for the communities of the Peel Region.

During Lent Father Joseph encourages the school community to take 10 minutes daily to have a personal time of conversation with the Lord. Communication is the foundation of all relationships. The traditional Lenten practices of prayer, sacrifice and almsgiving ought to be the focus of our days during the next six weeks.

The wonderful news, our Holy Father has appointed the bishop from Montreal, the Very Rev Bishop Frank Leo to be our new Archbishop on the retirement of Cardinal Thomas Collins. Bishop Frank brings to us his many talents; he speaks four languages, he has worked in the Vatican diplomatic offices, he has served as the secretary of the Canadian Bishop Conference, he has taught at the Grand Seminary in Montreal, and he has extensive pastoral experiences in the Montreal parishes. His installation will be on the Feast of Annunciation, Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at St Michael's cathedral. Pray for our new archbishop, Frank Leo!

The parish continues to provide a variety of spiritual outreach to the community.

During Lent there will be three significant events.

Next week the Parish will host an evening retreat time on Monday to Wednesday, May 6 to 8 between 7:00pm to 9:00 pm. The retreat leader is Father Errol Fernandes S.J. He is a very animated speaker from India. He is with the Jesuit Darjeeling province in India travelling across North America.

Stations of the Cross; Every Friday evening during Lent starting at 6:30 the Parish will pray this devotional practice followed by the celebration of the Eucharist.

Silent Eucharistic Adoration is from 9:30 am to 6:00 pm Monday to Friday

I will provide the school and the school chaplain with the schedule of liturgies of Holy Week April 2<sup>nd</sup> to April 9th

**Daily Operations:** 

Monday – Friday 8:00 – 8:45:

**Rosary & Scripture Readings** 

9:00am Mass Followed by Eucharistic adoration.

Tuesday: 9:30 am to 9:00 pm 9:00 Mass Followed by Eucharistic Adoration & 7:00 pm Mass & Novena to St Anthony

Except First & Last Thursday & Friday of the Month: 7:00 pm Mass

Saturday: 9:30 am to 6:00 pm 9:00 Mass Followed by Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena

The church is open for prayer and for those wishing to drop off non-perishable food items or financial donations to the office. The Parish website is

St. Anthony of Padua website https://www.stanthonyofpadua.ca

Call Office: (905) 793-8030

Office hours Monday to Friday: 9:30am to 8 pm with full service

Saturday 9:30 am to 5:00 pm

You may obtain a weekly bulletin from the Parish website or it may be sent directly to your email account. Simply submit your email to: padua@on.aibn.com

## **Church Activities:**

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring two Lenten activities:

- 1) On Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm the Knights will be serving soap and a small bun prior to the retreat program.
- 2) On Good Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> the Knights will host the annual outdoor stations of the cross in downtown Brampton at the corner of Wellington & Main (City Hall) at 9:00 am. Wear appropriate coats and footwear.

SHARE LIFE: During Lent the Church encourages us to provide financial support to forty Catholic service agencies across the archdiocese.

We encourage the Holy Name of Mary school community to continue to be a leader in its fundraising efforts. For many years HNM has been among the top 10 schools in the archdiocese and the held #2 position in the Dufferin Peel Catholic District Board to raise significant funds for Share Life. This is an accomplishment for a school with its small student &staff population in comparison with our larger schools.

Once again I encourage the students and the staff to continue this tradition in support of the Share Life campaign.

#### Spiritual Digital Resources:

The Parish continues to encourage the teachers and students and their families to use the online resources of video and lectures that are paid by the parish to deepen and to enrich the faith development.

The parish is hosting a daily podcast offered by Father Michael Schmitz. It is called the Catechism in a Year. By listening to this podcast & you tube version you will read the entire Catechism of the Catholic Church throughout the year 2023. You will get the opportunity to be given a short explanation of the essential ideas of our faith and why it is important.

This program is a resource for the curriculum in our Religion programs from grade 9-12.

For more information:

www.ascensionpress.com/ciy

## **Teacher's Report**

#### **Awards Ceremony**

- ➤ Preparations have begun for the 2021-2022 Academic Awards Ceremony. This event will take place in house on Monday April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023, from 12:15 pm 2:10 pm.
  - Invitations will be distributed to students through their homeroom classes at the beginning of April.
  - Parents are invited to the event although space will be limited. RSVP will be required through a QR code on the student invitation by April 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - All students will be present at this school wide event.

#### **Black History Month**

- Multiple initiatives occurred throughout February to highlight the achievements Canadians of colour.
  - Black Brilliance announcements highlighting trailblazing black Canadians.
  - Black students highlight their own personal accomplishments and academic achievements on Royals TV.
  - Pan-African Colours Dress Down Day.
  - Caribbean African Bake Sale and Trivia contests.
  - o Black Student Association club continues to meet weekly on Thursdays.
  - Multiple HNM students attended the Black History Month Showcase and Notre Dame.

#### Prom

- ➤ The Prom committee is currently planning prom and collecting prom fees.
- The event to be held on June 1, 2023, at the Mississauga Convention Center
- > Tickets will be on sale until March 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **Graduation Ceremony 2023**

- > The ceremony will be held at The Garden Banquet center on June 29, 2023.
- > Students must pay their grad fee on school cash online.
- > Grad gowns will be ordered this week for all Grade 12 students.

- At the student request, the grad ring fee was separated from the overall grad fee. Graduation rings will not be offered this year due to lack of interest and sales.
- Preparations continue.

#### **OSSLT**

- > Grade 10 students are now being prepared for this semesters' OSSLT test.
- ➤ The event will take place March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> in the students' respective classes.
- Practice test dates will be March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **Departmental Initiatives**

#### Art. Media Arts & Yearbook

- > Yearbook is currently putting the book together as we have a theme and many photos at this point.
- ➤ Broadcast club had a busy month of broadcast announcements with Black History month. We still broadcast daily. Announcements can be accessed by anyone on our YouTube channel at any point.
- > VPAC is currently organizing Arts week (April 24-28) with our traditional <u>HNM's Got Talent</u> talent show at the end of the week. This will prob be a "buy in" event.

## <u>Business Department – Business SHSM</u>

➤ Our Grade 10 recruitment process is well underway. Recently our business department teachers provided a virtual presentation to potential interested grade 10 students. To date, approximately 35 grade 10 students have provided their applications to join our Business SHSM, Business World Leaders' program for September 2023. Applications continue to be accepted over the next few weeks.

## **ARD/ESL Departments**

Our team is preparing our students for the upcoming OSSLT Spring Session. We have arranged for our Assistive Technology Board Itinerant teacher to support our students' practice session, March 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **Mathematics & Computer Science**

- > The Waterloo math contests were run in February. Several students from grades 9, 10 and 11 participated.
- > Several HNM students also participated in the Waterloo Computing Contest in February.

## **Moderns**

➤ The French dept is holding our annual French Speech Contest on Friday March 29th. All students are welcome to participate. Each student will create their own 3 - 5 minute speech in French. Students will compete in two categories: Juniors and Seniors.

## Science

- > The Science department is currently planning Science Week. It will be held from April 11-14, 2023, with lots of fun activities planned for the students.
- > S.W.I.S. club is starting up second semester after a brief hiatus, every Wednesday after school.
- Eco Club has enrolled HNM is the Ontario Battery Recycling Challenge. Students and staff are encouraged to bring in any old batteries and we will dispose of them properly.
- > Science department will be hosting the Grade 11 and 12 Waterloo Chemistry Contests in May once again. Students will be required to sign up before the end of April.
- > S.W.I.S. has organized a school wide Doctors without Border Presentation on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **Non-Teaching Report**

#### **NON-TEACHING REP REPORT:**

ESC finished a great Valentines spirit week - next will be preparing for elections (May) + MAAD Canada assembly

VPAC - preparing an Arts week (week of April 24) which will include a Talent Show Diversity - preparing a Multicultural week (week of May 1st) which will include a show BSA - continuing Black History month events - dress down, bake sale, etc <u>Library:</u>

## **Wellness Wednesday**

supports student well being Activities.

\*\*painting pinecones
making jewellery, bracelets, necklace
making art using pebbles (stones)

# **Accelerated Reader Program**

Supports literacy

	students take out a book/ read.
	Grade 9: need 40 points.
	Grade 10: 30 points
	takes quiz which is multiply choice.
	need 70% to pass.
	Students receive 5% at the end of the term.
	Community Table: Featuring Coloring Pages
	HNM library staff are also looking for ways to create meaningful community connections.
	It engages the students to work collaborative and gets students unplugged from their devices.
	This month we are featuring coloring pages.
	Coloring is a healthy way to relieve stress and calm the mind and helps your body to relax.
	Main Office
	Carol has been contacting Parents/Guardians to collect the School Activity Fee for 2022-2023 School Year.
	The School Activity fee for 2023-2024 is open on School Cash Online as well. \$70.00.
	Catholic Churches in Brampton will be contacted to publish a notice in their weekly bulletin for the 2023-2024
	Registration.
	School Cafeteria opened on Feb 21 run by Aramark.
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Treasurers' Report	School Council funds in Bank Account \$352.01
OAPCE Report	
	Next Meeting for OPACE : Wednesday, March 29, 2023 (virtual)
	Requested to Join for a regional council OAPCE rep meeting and special presentation:

Teresa Harnett will present God's Design for Us: Who are we Called to Be and Who are we Capable of Being

Each human person is created in love by God, with special gifts and talents. We carry God's image within us, but what does that look like in our lived experience? This is a chance to look at who we are, how we came to be and the purpose of our lives. We are each unique and special, with our shared faith providing a foundation for living – for joy!

Invites will be posted on the website and sent out in March with the links to register.

Saturday, April 22, 2023, OAPCE provincial 84th Conference, in Kingston. There is a poster in the December Parent4Parentpartner newsletter if you want to share and details will be posted to the website in the coming weeks. (All parents are welcome to attend!!)

Thursday, May 25 2023, OAPCE Dufferin Peel annual volunteer celebration and school year wrap up. This is planned as an in-person event and details will be shared after March break.

Amitava Roy discussed the minutes of OPACE meeting of Jan 18, 2023

# **Principals' Report**

Claudia discussed the following:

- Communication messages to parents/guardians via SMS/School Messenger/ email, phone/twitter. IG/newsletter/ outside electronic sign, Royals Tv Youtube channel
- Exams proceeded as scheduled except for a Snow Day except for Day 2 exams defaulted to contingency day.
- Report cards followed on 2<sup>nd</sup> week of February.
- Beyond the Classroom Tutoring continues with new Intake as well as Math & TVO Mathify tutoring
- Feb Newsletter provided some updates/ pics of recent student and school activity.
- Semester 2 started on Feb 3
- Many IPRCS were completed in February.
- Issues with school temp are being taken care of by the DPCDB Plant dept.
- Cafeteria reopened on Feb 22 looking for feedback from students in April.
- Students had an OSSLT practice on March 10, 2023
- EQAO will run in mid June (gr 9 MTH1W only)
- Completed additional training on gym AV system.
- Projection system in caf on hold t the large expense approx. \$30K

Next Meeting Date	April 19, 2023 in the School Library.
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 8.30pm
Closing Prayer	Closing prayer by Ms. Kline/ Anthony Scanga
	Anthony Scaga also put a motion forward to pay an honorium to the Elizabeth Fry Society for \$50.00.  Amitava Roy offered to donate the \$50.00.
	He proposed that a survey be sent out to students.
Other Business	Anthony Scanga updated info on Student Transportation with Brampton Transit – he is in discussion with Brampton Transit to operate bussing for our students from different Bus terminals in Brampton.
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	Catholic Education Week – We are One We are Many.
	21. Assembly on Mar 1 for Grade 9 & 10 students – Fresh Start/ Safe School
	7 <sup>th</sup> , Multicultural Week, Harmonies, Grade (June 29) Parent Engagement Evening: Elizabeth Fry Society – Human Trafficking Parent Education presentation March
	Many Spring Event to prep – Academic Awards (Apr 24), ESC elections (May), Prom (June 1), Royals Gala (June
	Staffing scheduling for Sept to start/ Registrations for 2023-2024 are continuing.  Easter & Grad Masses