

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>St. Stephen Catholic School Council</b>  <b>Monday September 18, 2023</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">6:00pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Minutes prepared by Julia Suppa</p>		
<p><b>Present:</b></p> <p>Andrea Pierce-Ghafoor, Arjola Dardis, Christina Privato, Domenica Gosio, Julia Suppa, Alexandra Ellul, Maria Pirocchi, Monique Misterowicz, Tina Ceko-Drinovac, Nadia Bottero, S. Bomben, Casey Cabral, Alex Ellul, Tetyana Sahan, Vanessa Gareri, Arjola Dardis, Stacey Persi</p> <p><b>Absent:</b></p>		
Agenda	Decision/Action Taken	Person(s) Responsible
1. Call to Order	The Council meeting was called to order at 6:05pm.	Domenica Gosio
2. Opening Prayer	Prayer and YCDSB Land Acknowledgement	Ms. Casey Cabral, Ms. Bomben
3. Review and Approval of Previous Minutes	Ø Motion: To approve the June 2023 Minutes.  CARRIED	Domenica Gosio/Monique Misterowicz
4. Review and Approval of Agenda	Ø Motion: To approve the September 18, 2023 Agenda - adjust order CARRIED. Add: 20th Anniversary	Domenica Gosio/Monique Misterowicz
5. Treasurer's Report	<b>\$6425 in the acct</b> - remaining from 2022/2023 - portion that is accounted for Healthy Schools - need to confirm rebates	Christina Privato
6. Principal's Update	<p>This year we welcome to St. Stephen 417 students. Presently, our school is comprised of 19 classes and the break down is as follows:</p> <p>4 FDK classes; 2 Grade 1 classes; 1 Grade 2 class; 1 Grade <math>\frac{2}{3}</math> class; 2 Grade 3 classes; 1 Grade 4 class; 1 Grade <math>\frac{1}{2}</math> class; 1 Grade <math>\frac{1}{4}</math> class; 1 Grade 6 class; 3 Grade 7 classes; 2 Grade 8 classes</p> <p>We welcome new staff to the school as well and they are:</p> <p>Ms. Bomben (Our New VP); Ms. Macri (ECE); Ms. DiSalvo and Ms. Antonacci (Grade 3); Ms. Storto (Grade <math>\frac{1}{2}</math>); Ms. Miraglia, Ms. Mossa and Ms. Giacomini (Grade 7); Mr. Quito and Mr. Culmone (Music); Ms. Verney and Ms. Bello (Physical Education); Ms. Zomparelli (Itinerant De-streaming Teacher (IDT): The primary focus of the role is to provide targeted support to students in Grades 7 and 8 prior to transition into a de-streamed Grade 9 classroom. Ms. Tersigni (Pathways Teacher); Ms. Puzzo (SEI – Support and Educational Intervenor); Ms. Kimber (EA – Educational Assistant)</p> <p>Start of the school year:</p> <p>→ It's been challenging this September with our school buses. We currently have a total of 4 buses. Most are arriving by 3:15 pm and leaving by 3:25 pm at the latest. Parental concerns are the length of time it is taking their children to get home, partly because bus drivers are new and are learning their routes. I've been in contact with the Transportation Department at YCDSB.</p>	Ms. Casey Cabral Ms. Bomben

	<p>St. Stephen Open House:</p> <p>→ Our Open House will be on Thursday, September 21st, 2023. There will be two sessions: one at 6:30-7:00 and then 7:00-7:30 pm. At 7:00 pm, we will have the gym ready with information tables for our parent community. (CSC table, 20th Anniversary Uniform Wear table, AST table)</p> <p>Our Catholic Faith:</p> <p>→ This year, we continue to celebrate our Faith. We had our first Welcome Back to School Liturgy on Tuesday, September 12th.</p> <p>→ We will continue to have school masses with Father George being our Celebrant.</p> <p>→ Our Grade 2 students will be receiving their Sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday, February 29th, 2024 at 6:30 pm and their Sacrament of Communion on Sunday, April 21st at 2 pm and our Grade 7 students will be receiving their Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, May 24th @ 7pm.</p> <p>→ This Friday, September 22nd is a PA day for our students. On this day, the staff will be celebrating Faith Day with different planned activities throughout the day including a mass for our family of schools at Padre Pio Church with Father George as our celebrant.</p> <p>→ We continue to celebrate the Virtues of the Month. For the month of September, the Virtue is Courage.</p> <p>→ Terry Fox Walk, Run and Roll will be taking place this year on Monday, September 25th and the raindate will be Tuesday, September 26th. Donations can be made online. They will also be welcomed at the school. Ms. Cutcher has volunteered her time again this year to help out with this great event! Students also had the opportunity to purchase Terry Fox Shirts which will be in on time for the event.</p> <p>→ This year, we will be celebrating Catholic Education week from May 5 th - 10th. The Theme is “We are Called to Love”</p>	
	<p>School Safety Week:</p> <p>→ School Safety Week is Monday, September 25th - Friday, September 29th, 2023</p> <p>→ During that week, we will be having our various practice drills. We will be keeping in mind that some people may experience sensitivities to these types of scenarios. We encourage our staff to continue to have healthy conversations with our students about the importance of school safety plans.</p> <p>→ We will be having fire drills, lockdowns, hold and secure and shelter in place during that week.</p> <p>Sporting Events:</p> <p>→ We have already begun our Volleyball tryouts and practices for our Intermediate students.</p> <p>→ Intermediate Boys Volleyball November 6, 2023 at Pope Francis</p> <p>→ Intermediate Girls Volleyball November 7, 2023 at St Stephen (Hosting at SSN)</p> <p>→ We are also looking to host 2 volleyball after school tournaments in October.</p> <p>→ We have also begun our Cross Country training for our Junior and Intermediate students.</p> <p>→ Cross Country Event is on Monday, October 2, 2023 @ Bruce's Mill</p> <p>STREAM Centre of Excellence:</p> <p>→ We continue to have our STREAM Centre of Excellence at St. Stephen CES</p> <p>→ Throughout the first term, we have 4 dates available to 4 classes for a visit. October 10th, 2023, November 6th, 2023, December 4th, 2023, January 15th, 2024</p> <p>→ We will also have 4 additional dates in term 2.</p>	

	<p>Excursions:</p> <p>→ This year we are encouraging our teachers to book a class field trip in term one and in term two.</p> <p>→ We will continue to have extended day trips for our graduating class and we are also looking to do extended day trips for our Grade 7 students.</p> <p>→ Our FDK students will be taking a trip to the Farm on Tuesday, October 10th, 2023</p> <p>Cashless Schools:</p> <p>→ We will have a meeting on Tuesday, September 26th to learn more about the system's implementation. There will be more information to follow after that meeting.</p> <p>Important Dates:</p> <p>→ Rowan's Law Day is Wednesday, September 27th, 2023 (to recognize the day, our students may wear a purple shirt)</p> <p>→ Picture day this year is on Wednesday, October 11th, 2023</p> <p>→ Vaccination for Grade 7 and 8 students is on Thursday, October 12th, 2023</p> <p>Policy 606:</p> <p>→ New policy to be reviewed by Catholic School Council (handout)</p> <p>Policy 606 Catholic School Councils.docx Final Draft.pdf</p> <p>Catholic School Council Constitution:</p> <p>→ A common Constitution has been developed for immediate implementation at all schools.</p> <p><a href="https://doc-0o-9c-apps-viewer.googleusercontent.com/viewer/secure/pdf/90vqr8ftmjogkborn9oilkmed35ndi/v372crdjseqvst09kb9n55n5bs95sfk/1694205450000/gmail/11168743269741310174/ACFrOgCWLPgI5M9dzKoxFPFRumUqtMikUu2QYRUxdnPkbrJapabyRUI_h6mZLsz1kCUWL0WlpXb0Xw5Q-TCAOqj1nMHbxi-64ksfgeCbrug_yAYAeFOPKlvO3ux3JII=?print=true&amp;nonce=1v7rh5rrr9j7m&amp;user=11168743269741310174&amp;hash=c7qf0t62m68erm274g7adpahugcssbfn">https://doc-0o-9c-apps-viewer.googleusercontent.com/viewer/secure/pdf/90vqr8ftmjogkborn9oilkmed35ndi/v372crdjseqvst09kb9n55n5bs95sfk/1694205450000/gmail/11168743269741310174/ACFrOgCWLPgI5M9dzKoxFPFRumUqtMikUu2QYRUxdnPkbrJapabyRUI_h6mZLsz1kCUWL0WlpXb0Xw5Q-TCAOqj1nMHbxi-64ksfgeCbrug_yAYAeFOPKlvO3ux3JII=?print=true&amp;nonce=1v7rh5rrr9j7m&amp;user=11168743269741310174&amp;hash=c7qf0t62m68erm274g7adpahugcssbfn</a></p> <p>Extreme Weather Alerts:</p> <p>→ Cold and Heat Weather advisory - remains same</p> <p>→ Students will be kept indoors during inclement weather (rain or cold). Temperatures of -18 C or colder, students will be kept indoors.</p> <p>→ Heat (review temperatures)</p> <p>Our Community:</p> <p>→ We are grateful for the ongoing support from our families and community; their warm smiles, daily reassurances truly go along way in motivating the staff and students! We are so blessed to be living and working in such a supportive community.</p>	
<b>7. Dissolve Current Council</b>	Council Dissolved	Council
<b>8. Declaration of Employment with the YCDSB</b>	<p>- Maria Costa</p> <p>- Tetyana Sahar</p>	Council

<b>9. New Candidates for 2023/2024</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Michelle Mariotti -- NEW</li> <li>- Tina</li> <li>- Tetyana</li> <li>- Nadia</li> <li>- Cathy (absent today) — NEW</li> <li>- Arjola</li> <li>- Kevin Costa — NEW</li> <li>- Vanessa</li> <li>- Alex Ellul</li> <li>- Andrea</li> <li>- Maria</li> <li>- Monique - co-chair</li> <li>- Domenica - co-chair</li> <li>- Christina - treasurer</li> <li>- Julia - secretary</li> </ul>	Council
<b>10. Elect Executives</b>	Domenica Gosio / Monique Misterowicz: Co-Chairs Christina Privato - Treasurer Julia Suppa - Secretary	Council
<b>11. Set New Meetings</b>	Upcoming CSC Meetings: Tuesday, October 17 @ 6 pm; January 16, 2024; March  Council Dinner: December 5, 2023 Xmas Social: December 1, 2023 Tentative Year-End BBQ: June 6, 2024  Sub committees can meet on alternate dates	Monique Misterowicz
	Pizza Lunch - Chair: Maria  Hot Lunch - Chair: Andrea  Volunteer Coordinator - Chair: Nadia  Communications - Chair: Domenica  Parish Rep - Chair: Tina  Healthy Schools - Chair: Monique / Christina;  Fundraising - Chair: Michelle TBD  Community Builder - Chair: Domenica, Vanessa, Julia  Shrove Tuesday - Chair: Domenica, Tetyana	
<b>12. Committee Leads</b>	20th Anniversary - Chair: Julia	Council
<b>13. Additional Business</b>	Julia to investigate T-shirt ordering for September Curriculum Night / Open House	Julia Suppa
<b>14. Adjournment</b>	Meeting Adjourned at 7:48 pm	Council