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AGENDA

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday October 2, 2024

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**Location: St. Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School
3801 Thomas St. Mississauga, Ontario, L5M 7G2
Rm 105**

A. Routine Matters (2023-2024 Council)

1. Call to Order and Attendance – A. Bomben
2. Opening Prayer – S. Smalridge
3. Land Acknowledgement – S. Smalridge
4. Approval of Agenda – G. Ling, A Longerich
5. Approval of Catholic School Council Minutes, (N/A - No June meeting)
 - a. Business Arising from the Minutes (N/A)

B. Business Matters - Election/Assignment of Positions for 2023-2024 School Year

1. **Chair** – G. Ling
2. **Secretary** - Unfilled
3. **Treasurer** – A. Longerich
4. **Parish Representative** - Unfilled
5. **OAPCE Representative** - Unfilled
6. **Catholic School Council Member (Parent Member) (4 positions)** – J. Tran, T. Russell

C. Annual Review of Catholic School Council By-laws – A. Bomben

D. Standing Items

1. Student Report – PM – A. Syed
 - The student council is hoping to have a stronger presence in the school this year. Each minister has been given the responsibility to come up with three initiatives for their role. Student Council participated in Orange Shirt Day to set an example for the rest of the student population. The council is planning homeroom visits to promote Terry Fox Run/Walk
 - Upcoming Events:
 - Senior Sunrise is taking place on October 3, 2024
 - Terry Fox Run/Walk - October 8, 2024
 - Semi-Formal Date TBD



2. Teacher/Chaplaincy Report – S. Smalridge
 - Grade 9 orientation and retreat took place on September 12, 2024
 - Grade 10 retreats are winding down
 - Grade 11 retreats to Bronte Creek are coming up
 - V.O.I.C.E. club, supported by chaplaincy, initiatives related to the virtues and charity work
 - The focus for October is the theme of gratitude
 - Students will try to build up a habit of gratitude amongst themselves and their friends
 - The students will be starting a food drive for Thanksgiving
 - AFC (Angels for Christ is a Catholic youth group at SJA who is meeting regularly to promote our neighboring parishes and encouraging students to remain faithful when they depart our hallways
 - Bands (instrumental, guitar ensemble, senior band, etc) are all underway
 - The Golf team participated in the ROPSSAA qualifier on October 2, 2024, the golfers had a great day, but did not qualify for the ROPSSAA tournament
 - Mosaic Club worked on Truth and Reconciliation Week. They were instrumental in coming up with different activities for students during their lunches recognizing the importance of the indigenous culture in Canada
 - Arts & Culture SHSM will be travelling to Haliburton for a reach ahead experience
 - Boys Volleyball (Sr & Sr) have started. SJA is hosting a tournament on October 3, 2024 and October 22, 2024. Both students and teachers have put a great deal of effort into running this very successful event
 - Students in the ASPIRE program are participating in a Bocce tournament
3. Treasurer Report N/A – A. Longerich- the current balance in the School Council account is \$138
4. OAPCE Report N/A
5. Parish Report N/A
6. Chair Report - G. Ling
 - The math night held in the spring for current and future parents was well organized and well received
 - There is a plan to have a School Council table at school events in order to promote parent participation
7. Principal Report – A. Bomben
 - Great start to the school year
 - Early projections from last year were 977 students. The current enrolment is 1011. As a result, the school should be getting an additional vice principal and at least one permanent teacher
 - October 17 is parent-teacher interview night – 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm. An online registration form will be sent to the community closer to the interview date
 - October 24 is Post-Secondary Evening – representatives from Ontario universities and colleges will be present to discuss their respective programs with students and parents/guardians. We will be hosting the event this year with St. Aloysius Gonzaga



- The importance of parent engagement was discussed. There is a tendency for parents to withdraw their involvement slightly in high school. Mr. Bomben expressed his belief that this is when parents should increase their involvement. As high school students gain more autonomy, parents should be there to advise and guide their children as they enter the world of adulthood
- The new math initiative at SJA was introduced. There will be a math support for grade teachers twice a week every other week

E. Information/Updates (if applicable)

- Who to contact when and admin introductions
General Inquiries can be sent to st.joanofarcinfo@dpcdsb.org
School Council inquiries can be sent to joanacscinfo@dpcdsb.org
Website: <https://www3.dpcdsb.org/JOANA>

F. Action Items - none

G. Future Meetings:

Wednesday December 4, 2024
Wednesday February 5, 2025
Wednesday April 9, 2025
Wednesday June 4, 2025

H. Adjournment – G. Ling, A. Longerich