



**Immaculate Conception  
Catholic School Council  
Minutes for October 11, 2023**



**Executive Members**

<b>Chair</b> Giulia Falco	<b>Co-Chair</b> Kim Derkach	<b>Treasurer</b> Monika Young	<b>Secretary</b> Kim George
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<b>Non Teacher Rep</b> Pia Augello	<b>Teacher Rep</b> T.L. Unsworth	<b>Principal</b> Jennifer Townsend- Leendertse	<b>Vice Principal</b> Sam Musa

Members in attendance:

**Attendance:** G. Falco, K Derkach, C. Ennis, L. Murphy, L. Ho, M. Main, R. DeMatos,  
D. Cheeranjie, T.L. Unsworth, C. Filinski, J. Townsend-Leendertse, S. Musa

**Regrets:**

Topic	Notes/Actions taken (to be)	Motions (if necessary)	Responsible	Next Steps
Welcome/Land Acknowledgement			Townsend	
Opening Prayer			Townsend	
Review and Acceptance of Minutes	<a href="#">Minutes</a>	First: L. Murphy Second: K. Derkach		

**First and Second for Agenda: G. Falco and R. DeMatos**

Principals/Vice Principal Report			
Topic	Details	Minutes	Next Steps
Welcome/Good News Items	- Food Drive is underway - Rebranding - Students have settled in well - Cross country - Sports/clubs have started	-Over 1000 pounds of food- sent to the Ancaster food bank -Rebranding underway... finalizing the design -The design includes STARS and motto Kind Thoughts, Kind Words, Kind Actions -1 shirt per student...fundraiser for each student to have spirit wear shirt to wear every Friday -cross country went well (many top 10) and football is going well	
Start of the Year	-Reorganization - approximately 80 students were affected Students have settled in	-issue getting French teachers into position. (Mrs. Bozzelli (LTO) and Ms. Carriero (LTO) doing 6 periods each and Ms. Togmus 2 periods). Teachers will remain until Mmd. Douliou and Morgante return	

		-Mr. Mauro is in for the 5/6 class and has been added this week (started yesterday)	
Mrs. Filinski	-Roots of Empathy -Triple P Parenting -Role of CYW	-Roots of empathy in grade 5 (5A) and Mrs. Baumgartner (KA class) – 27 week program -Triple P- next Monday – 6 sessions all welcome to join - Roles of CYW- evidence based SEL lessons/activities – zones; tools for life and various groups; part of restorative practice meetings -Restorative practice questions: “What happened?” “Who was affected?” “What do we need to do to make things right?” – repair relationships...not to take the place of consequences. -Open door to come and visit CYW- kids can come and see...not a social worker, but can relay to others	
Anti-Bullying Plan	-Currently working with staff to update <a href="#">Plan</a>	- Juniors are working on “fist bumps” and creating a community- students have started to seek this out and it has begun to establish relationships and openness -Primary- brag and drag – once a week to build culture and empathy -Kindergarten- working on circle talks to help build empathy -Schoolwide we are going to focus in on fewer things -Greeting in the morning will be one major -Create a safe and welcoming environmental- what can we do at a school level to build that climate -Pro Grant (Parent engagement) - want to bring awareness to social media and issues that arise there- Paul Davis to speak to parents about internet safety and present to 6,7,8 classes (along with other Ancaster school) - Dec 17 <sup>th</sup> @ 9 a.m. community Mass with our Choir and students will lead. Snacks and drinks. (Spring 5 pm mass will be tried out) - New priest- Fr. Luke- he was able to lead mass within our school this year	
EQAO Results	<a href="#">Results</a>	- Results were posted EQAO interactive dashboard → choose board and then the school -results tabled to next meeting when released publicly -At IC Math a bit of struggle (overall do well- but still an area to work on) - Math will continue to be a focus and board wide looking at new Language curriculum -SEL math is full effect- SEL was the start of the year- Growth mindset, etc.	
Number of Bullying Incidents to date	-3 incidents so far -1 anonymous -2 reported via phone call to the office	-Addressed the anonymous report by addressing the whole division as we didn’t have more detail -other issues dealt with specifically -1 incident that lead to suspension (2 students)	

Council Business			
Topic	Details	Minutes	Next Steps
Treasures report	3046.35		
CSC Fundraising Maj	2252.00		
CSC Min	794.35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o \$844.35 (Funball replacement on yard)</li> <li>o \$50.00 (donation for Parent Conference)</li> </ul>	

15 year celebration	6,013.57	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-talked about taking the money and moving it to major and/or minor and using it for t-shirt, technology and curriculum support</li> <li>-after the postponing of the 10 year now think it might be better to move it further back; other schools have done for (25, 50, 75 years)</li> <li>-6 in favour of spending money in school year and 0 for saving</li> <li>- all in favour of using money for Spirit Wear, Jerseys, technology</li> </ul>	
Identification of Charities for 2023_2024 School Year		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-10% of all money to charity</li> <li>-table the identification of charities until May</li> </ul>	
Identification of Fundraisers  Major: Spirt Wear (VOTED In Today)  Minor: Food Days		<p>Major- not food related (have had some issues with healthy choices); <b>spirit wear fundraiser</b> might be another option- (have options of items that can be purchased and they could wear on FRIDAYS); could be used for sporting events and trips are an option</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-could limit things- spirit wear</li> <li>-could we create "parent of",</li> <li>-past options- greeting cards, pizza</li> <li>-allowed a school major (always Boo-a-thon) and minor</li> <li>-food lunches have been the minor for (CSC) consistently in the past</li> <li>-grade 8s have used popcorn as a fundraiser for grad and yearend trip</li> </ul> <p>Spirit Wear Major Vote: 7 for and 0 against</p>	
Identification of Projects/Programs to support through the proceeds of CSC Fundraisers		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-<b>Christmas hampers</b>- last year donated to 3 schools (St Kateri, Canadian Martyrs, St. Pats and 3 baskets went out to IC community some went to CCAS)</li> <li>-normally do a basket per class</li> <li>-gift cards have been a good way to show dignity so that people were able to select their items</li> <li>-Christmas Snowflakes in hallways...can purchase a snowflake that goes up in the hallway</li> <li>-CCAS also had a dress down day to support them</li> <li>-will organize things in the gym; Student Council and CSC get together to organize</li> <li>- Nov. 6 information for the Christmas Hampers/Snowflake Kick-off will be shared</li> <li>-Get the kids involved and taking part, food gets divided- get kids together to look at things in another way- classes wrap their own gifts</li> <li>-<b>Reverse Advent boxes</b>- student bring in items to donate into the box and the box can be used to help fill up the items</li> <li>-will reach out to families from within the community who also need support</li> <li>-contact Ancaster Community Services and we need 25 families- see if they have lists</li> <li>-Tues Dec 12<sup>th</sup> build the Hampers (school gym)</li> <li>-Friday Dec 8<sup>th</sup> everything is due</li> <li>-Friday Dec 15<sup>th</sup> Hamper pickup</li> </ul> <p>(Dates are tentative, but can be adjusted)</p>	
New Business			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>		<p>Draw awareness to peace and the need for it in our community and the world. Find ways to share with students</p> <p>Kiss and Ride...major issue is the left turn out the parking area.</p> <p>Milk day- is it an option? Look into lunchbox or local community options</p>	

		Dismissal at the end of the day- numerous students missing last part of the day and curriculum.	
Next Meeting Date		Next Meeting: Monday January 15 <sup>th</sup> @4:30 pm 4 <sup>th</sup> Meeting: Thursday April 29 <sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 Last meeting: Thursday June 6 <sup>th</sup> @8 pm	
Adjournment		<b>First: G. Falco</b> <b>Second: L. Murphy</b>	

Next Meeting: **Monday January 15<sup>th</sup> @4:30 pm**