

## Minutes- St. Pio's School Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 6:30 pm

### **Attendance:**

A. Kwiecien – Principal, H. Bountas, S. Pascucci – Trustee, A. Rego, D. Anisko, G. Ferrari, J. Flex, N. Eagles, P. Asare, P. Bothelo, S. Nazareth.

**Regrets:** B. Donofrio, D. Ferrari, G. Asare, L. Marin.

**Opening Prayer & Land Acknowledgement** Led by G. Ferrari

Reviewed minutes from the previous meeting – approved by A. Rego 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Anisko.

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

- Gianluca led prayer and land acknowledgement.

### **TREASURER REPORT:**

- Phillip reported the January statement with paid-for coffee, pictures from the Christmas open house, and expenses for J. Flex.
- February statement shows no spending other than the monthly fee. The March statement has a balance of \$4243.18.
- Upcoming expenses are spelling bee \$125 (5x25 gift cards), agenda books, and bus for school wide mass.

### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

- Mr. Kwiecien updated us on the literacy, numeracy, and coding initiatives. The school will focus on high-impact strategies.
- Numeracy activities will shift to grades 2 and 5 to help prepare students for EQAO assessments in grades 3 and 6.
- The school funds were used to purchase 10 iPads and 20 Chromebooks.
- We discussed school pavement upgrades, late arrivals, and activities off campus.
- The "Grab and Go" nutrition program runs well, with money from the YMCA, Knights of Columbus, and parent donations.

### **TRUSTEE Report:**

- Mr. Pascucci informed us about the declining enrollment in the GTA, including Dufferin Peel, with a slight increase in the last two years. According to the government, small schools must remain open
- The board is in a deficit position and is asking the government for additional funds to assist with the shortfall. The government has requested that the Board sell two closed schools to service debt.
- Graduation season is coming up.

#### **PARISH Report:**

- Passion plays a success at church, and Bishop Leo led mass “make the Bible the center of your life.”
- Street Patrols will distribute sandwiches to Toronto’s homeless.
- The OAPCE conference, featuring keynote speaker Steven Lecce, ensures that during tax season, parents are informed about directing our taxes to the English Catholic Separate system.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- The bowling event is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 16th, from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM.
- We discussed end-of-the year ideas. School council will purchase meat to help reduce cost for parents. We will quote a Magician. The coffee Lady will bring the sound system. Ice cream truck by Hajdi. Enbridge BBQ. The event is scheduled for Thursday June 27<sup>th</sup>, from 6pm to 8pm.

#### **NEXT MEETING SCHEDULE:** At 6: 30 pm

TBS, September 2024

All meetings will be at 6:30 PM in the school library.

#### **CLOSING PRAYER-** Led by G. Ferrari.

Last Meeting for 2023/2024

The meeting adjourned at 7: 52 pm.