

Minutes- St. Pio's School Council Meeting

Thursday February 6, 2025, 6:30pm

Attendance:

A.Kwiecien–Principal, J. Fleck, G. Asare, L. Marin, A. Rego, N. Eagles, P. Bothelo, H. Bountas, N. Fernandes, S. Nazareth

Regrets

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Opening Prayer & Land Acknowledgement Led by A. Kwiecien (Principal)

Reviewed Minutes from earlier meeting - approved J. Fleck, 2nd by A.Rego

CHAIR'S REPORT

- The Christmas event received positive feedback from the school community.
- Appreciation was extended to all the volunteers involved.

TREASURER REPORT:

- G. Asare reported a bank statement balance of \$5,944.67 as of January 31, 2025. \$4.95 bank fee.
- Spook-a-thon fundraiser: \$3,212 raised.
- Pending Issues: Two unresolved reimbursements related to uncashed council checks.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- The draft council communication letter was shared for group review and approval.
- Late student arrivals remain an issue; communication will be sent to parents.
- The nutrition program will continue this year, supported by YMCA donations and community contributions, and will run three days a week.
- A proposal was made to merge the school bank account with the council account to reduce fees.
- Upcoming Catholic week May 2025.

TRUSTEE Report:

- Discussion on the data breach occurred where our school was affected by, as many others. Emphasis on robust security measures to prevent future breaches.
- Updates to the school flag policy.
- Review of uniform policies in schools.
- Questions and explanations regarding Catholic system.
- A question was raised regarding funding policies.
- Explanation of eligibility for registration in primary and high school (rule clarification).
- Announcement of a new school opening in Brampton and South Mississauga.

PARISH Report:

- A. Rego shared updates on activities led by Father Mario at St. Peter and Paul Church, including:
 - A trip to the Dominican Republic, with a benefactor doubling donations.
 - The upcoming Passion Play.
 - Mass confessions scheduled for February 25 in the church.
 - Street Patrol: Sandwich distribution to homeless in Toronto.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The birthday card fundraiser (BIG BOX) was closed on February 7th.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Rego provided details on the Krispy Kreme fundraiser to be held on March 7th
- Shrove Tuesday (March 4) was discussed and will require additional planning.
- Various event options were considered, including cooking in the gym vs. catering.
- The limited number of volunteers must be clarified to support decision-making; using two schedules per volunteer could be evaluated.
- A tentative date of February 28 was proposed for Bowling Night; updates on pricing and scheduling are needed.
- A Spelling Bee will be organized this year; confirmation of prize support was discussed.

Upcoming Events:

- February 2025 – Potential Bowling Night
- June 2025 – End-of-Year BBQ

CLOSING PRAYER- Led by J. Fleck

NEXT Meeting for 2024-2025

Thursday April 24, 2025

Meeting adjourned 8:14 pm