

# St. Martha Catholic School

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## Catholic School Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### St. Martha Catholic School Learning Commons

**In Attendance:** Lauren Kirk, Char McKenna, Lisa Bickerstaffe, Sue Smallegange, Stephanie Stuart, PJ Lee, Carla Rodrigues, Paula Martins, Shannon Jones

**Regrets:** Ashley Burns, Claire Haley, Anja Cahill, Jenna Knight, Cindy Guy, Glen Perry, Emilia Chojnowska, Cheryl Shaw

**Welcome and Opening Prayer:** Lauren Kirk

#### Approval of Minutes from February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 School Council Meeting

**Changes:** No intermediate dance at this time.

**Motion to approve the minutes:** Stephanie Stuart

**Motion Second by:** Lauren Kirk

#### The Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education Update:

Lauren Kirk (information from Jenna Knight)

- The OAPCE's annual conference is back and being held at Regi this year! If anyone is interested in going, it's free and I have attached the itinerary with a link to register.
- OAPCE is addressing the ministry of education on behalf of parents of students at catholic schools across Ontario regarding "catching up" after the pandemic. They are suggesting that possibly bringing back OAC or grade 13 might be a good way to do it.
- Anthony Perotta is offering 1-on-1 sessions to parents about "When Faith Meets Movies". He is an educator and vice principal of 20 years and will now be offering parent sessions to discuss how you can navigate watching movies as a family through a faith-based lens. Check it out here: [www.whenfaithmeetsmovies.com](http://www.whenfaithmeetsmovies.com)
- If anyone would like to receive mental health resources to support their children at home, please visit [oapce.org](http://oapce.org)

**Budget Update:** PJ Lee

**Motion to approve the financials:** Carla Rodrigues

**Second:** Stephanie Stuart



Account	Balance
Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant	\$0.00
School Council- Parent Engagement Grant	\$2,954.87
Parent Council- Parent Involvement	\$0.00
School Council- Hot Lunch	\$6,640.87
School Council- General	\$373.73
McMillians Fundraiser	\$1,868.70
<b>Total balance forward</b>	<b>\$11,838.17</b>

- Allocating \$100.00 this spring for each classroom to use on spring.

**Motion to approve \$1400.00 for classroom teachers:** Lauren Kirk

**Second:** PJ Lee

In order to have a majority vote an email will be sent to the whole school council.

**Hot Lunch Update & Fundraising:** Carla Rodrigues, PJ Lee, Lauren Kirk

Mary Browns on three occasions: May 5<sup>th</sup> May 26<sup>th</sup> and June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Charging \$7.25

### **FundScrip**

First intake cheque coming soon.

Another FundScrip intake date Spring BBQ June 1<sup>st</sup>. Gift cards would be delivered June 19/20 before the end of school.

Domino's Pizza Night- Another date in May TBD.

Plantables- table for the next school year.

**School Report:** Lisa Bickerstaffe and Sue Smallegange

- PRO Grant evening with Dr. Sian Phillips – Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>  
Spread the word to families. Registration is currently low. Refreshments will be provided.
- Pittsburgh Community Benefit Fund (PCBF) – grant update and AGM  
Message to be sent on School Messenger mid-May celebrating the Pittsburgh Community Benefit Fund grant.  
Playground planners on May 2<sup>nd</sup> coming onsite to look closer at the yard and an provide an accurate estimate.
- Lion King update  
Rehearsals starting on weekends.  
Tickets are now on sale.  
Day time tickets were sold out in one day by surrounding schools.

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**Other Items:**

- School Year Calendar (upcoming/important dates and events) – Lauren Kirk  
June 1<sup>st</sup> Spring BBQ 4:30-6:30 Food being supplied by the Parent Engagement Fund  
Logistics to be planned at our next meeting May 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Student BBQ- Tuesday June 27<sup>th</sup> (hosted by School Council)
- Freezie Day- Wednesday June 28<sup>th</sup> (provided by School Council)
- CSCA update- ALCDSB surveys completed by students showing a lot of students born outside of the country and that approx. 900 students identify different genders. ALCDSB families may include more than biological parents and are extending to blended families and grandparents/guardians at home.
- Welcome to Kindergarten will be happening May 31<sup>st</sup>  
Tour of the class  
Package from Father Wes  
Bus tour around the community
- Hopeful for Queen's Football players to come into the school to talk with classes about perseverance and working towards goals, and to play outdoors with classes.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 5:30, St. Martha Learning Commons \*Note- new time

**Recommendations for agenda for next meeting:** Planning June BBQ

**Motion to adjourn the meeting:** PJ Lee

**Motion passed to adjourn the meeting:** Carla Rodrigues

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