

St. Theresa Catholic School Council
Wednesday, January 24, 2024

Attendance

Lisa Romano, Charlene Laundry-Kyte, Alix Shilton, Dorothy Quick-Macklin, Jessica Mulhall, Kennedy Potts, Max O'Byrne, Suzanne White, Gillian Robinson

Land Acknowledgement

We are meeting today on the traditional territory of many nations, including the Anishnaabe and Haudenosaunee. St Theresa Catholic Secondary School acknowledges our shared responsibility to respect and honour these lands and the many rich resources found here. As settlers, we are grateful for the chance to meet here and we thank the generations of people who have taken care of this land for thousands of years before today. We recognize the contributions and historic importance of Indigenous peoples and declare that we are committed to build relationships with Indigenous neighbours and friends. This acknowledgment is a first step in our ongoing commitment to reconciliation.

Prayer

Review and acceptance of agenda

Approved by all in attendance

Review and acceptance of the minutes from November 1, 2023

Approved by all in attendance

Student Council Update

- Mental health week went very well, gift bags were handed out to all students and the comfy clothes day went well too.
- Pancakes will be served on Shrove Tuesday
- Valentine's cookie grams will be sold for \$1 on February 13 as Ash Wednesday is on February 14
- Titan Tuesday is February 13 as well
- In March there will be a student-teacher basketball game

Guest Speaker - International Education Program

<https://studyincanada.network/homestay-program>

Presentation about the Homestay Family Program. Click the link above for more information.

There will be a French exchange information night in April.

Treasurer's Report

Current balance is \$871.

OECTA Update

- Upcoming exam week
- Basketball is finishing up

- The school is open for any student needing a space to study on days that buses are cancelled
- Grade 9 EQAO is complete

OAPCE Update

- Next meeting date is February 8, 2024 at 7pm
- <https://oapce.org/all-regions/>

Fundraising Discussion

- Cobs Bread fundraiser
 - 5% of sales if St. Theresa's is mentioned during purchase.
- **MOTION:** To participate in the Cobs Bread fundraiser gaining 5% of sales if purchaser mentions St. Theresa school.
1st - Dorothy Quick-Macklin 2nd - Gillian Robinson
- Clothing sale
 - Not enough inventory currently
 - There is a plan to get uniforms from the graduating students.

Parent Engagement Grant

- Combine with other schools to get a guest speaker. General consensus is to do a virtual speaker.

Principal's Update

- Titan talk is now on YouTube
- Exams are happening now
- Tuesday afternoon is grade 9 orientation
- Next school year there is a change that all students need a tech credit to graduate
- Literacy test results are back and the results were good
- Board published graduation rates and St. Theresa school is above the provincial rates

Next Meeting

May 29, 2024 at 6pm

Adjournment

1st Dorothy Macklin 2nd Gillian Robinson