



St. Therese of the Child Jesus

Parent Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 25, 2023

6:30 PM – 8:30PM

ZOOM CALL (WEATHER STORM)

Agenda

6:30 pm	Introductions & Welcome	All – Linda Marcuzzi
	Opening Prayer / Land Acknowledgement	All
	Approval of Agenda	All
	Approval of Minutes	All
6:45pm - 8:00pm:	Treasurer Report	Lorraine Pereira
	Fundraising Report	Andrea D'Souza
	Parish Report	Fred Mathews
	OAPCE Report	Alex Piasecka
	Principal Report	Cathrine Duke / Linda Marcuzzi
	Chair Report	Robin Patinios
	New Business	
8:30 pm	Closing Prayer	All

Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer: Prayer for Courage

God of Courage,

May we always seek to do what is right, no matter what others say or think. May we face our fears knowing that you are by our side.

May we honestly try to be the best we can be, each and every day.

We know that we may not always be brave, but with your gift of courage, May we be always willing to try new things as we follow Jesus, your Son, Our model of courage.

Amen

Land Acknowledgement

Please click below to hear The Land Acknowledgement.

A decorative border made of beadwork. It features two large blue and red butterflies at the top and bottom corners. In the center, there are two yellow and white flowers with green leaves. On the left and right sides, there are vertical stems with green leaves and small green buds.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We begin by acknowledging the land and our responsibility to care for and respect all that Creation gives to provide us with life. This land upon which we live, work and sustain ourselves is the ancestral and treaty lands of the Michizaagiig Anishinaabek also known today as the Mississaugas of the Credit, the rightful caretakers and titleholders of this land. We also recognize that this land is rich in pre-contact history and relationships, which includes the Anishinaabek and Onkwewhonwe and since European contact has and continues to become home for Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.

As a responsible community we believe all people are sacred and possess inherent and immeasurable worth and dignity.

Colonialism displaced and dispossessed Indigenous Peoples of their ancestral lands and continues to deny their basic human rights, dignities and freedoms. We are committed to the sacrament of reconciliation, making reparations and fulfilling our treaty obligations, duties and responsibilities as outlined in the Gdoo-naaganinaa (Dish with One Spoon) wampum. This treaty governs and affirms that we actively maintain mutually beneficial relationships and collectively respect and care for the land, water, animals and each other in order to guarantee a good life for our future descendants.

Artwork by Rhaya Clyne based on Woodland style beadwork. Published 2021 by DPCDSB

The logo for the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, featuring a stylized 'D' and 'P' with a cross inside the 'D'.

Dufferin-Peel
Catholic District
School Board

Approvals

Approval of Agenda	Agenda for January 25, 2023 meeting was previously distributed.	Motion: “The agenda of the meeting held on Jan 25, 2023 be Accepted”. Moved: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• First• Second Carried
Approval of Previous Minutes	Minutes from the meeting held on November 9, 2022 were previously distributed.	Motion: “The minutes of the meeting held on November 9, 2023 be Accepted” Moved <ul style="list-style-type: none">• First• Second Carried

Treasurer Update: Lorraine Pereira

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SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AS AT Jan 25, 2023

<i>Opening Balance per Bank Statement as at Sept 1, 2022</i>		5,464.41
Total Funds Raised from Pizza Open House		208.95
Big Box Fundraiser		5,566.44
Dec 9, 2022 Parent Grant Received		500.00
Full Year Bank Charges (Sept 22-Aug 23)		(49.50)
Reserve to be kept in the bank account		(500.00)
Less: Prior Year Commitments *		
Chq #268 50% cost of 2 Benches for Mrs Wild - \$3714.24 invoice	(1,857.12)	
Chq #261: Grad Balloons for 21/22 (via Lorraine)	(153.79)	
Chq #254: Molisano Bakery 2021 Valentine cookies - Jun 22 staledated chq	(294.00)	(2,304.91)
Less Current Commitments 22/23 ***		
Scientist in the School - 50% of 1300	(650.00)	
Artist - Dance	(800.00)	
Artist/Drum Presenter	(1,000.00)	
Guest Speaker - Paul Davis	(800.00)	
Chq #267: Jungle Gym (50% share)	(2,000.00)	
Valentine Day Cookies	(250.00)	
Communion/Confirmation (Ice Cream)	(80.00)	
Sacramental Pins	(150.00)	
Track and Field (Freezies)	(80.00)	
Grade 8 Graduation Parent Council Award	(100.00)	
Grade 8 Graduation Decorations	(350.00)	
Jump Rope for Heart (Freezies)	(80.00)	(6,340.00)
Chq #266: Movie Day - Popcorn and Chips (via Robin Osaka)		(312.18)
Funds available for future Commitments as Jan 25, 2023		2,233.21

Fundraising Update: Andrea D'Souza

Kernels Popcorn

- ▶ Starting at \$1.25 per bag plus tax.
- ▶ The size of the bag is approx. 8" H x 6" W, and contains approx. 2.5 cups of popcorn.
- ▶ Our suggested selling price per bag is \$2.25 - \$.25. **Resulting in \$0.95+ per bag profit.**
- ▶ 6 Flavour Options

Frozen Cookie Drops

- ▶ \$15 per container/ 40 cookie drops
- ▶ 14 cookie varieties
- ▶ Purchase through Terracotta Link
- ▶ \$6 profit

READ-A-THON FUNDRAISING

- ▶ Children receive pledge sheets
- ▶ Family and friends donate to pledge based on number of sheets read

50/50 DRAW FUNDRAISING

- ▶ Could require special permission
- ▶ Sell tickets for purchase through cash online.
- ▶ Ticket price set by council

Parish Update: Fred Mathews

Knights of Columbus “Knight of Hearts Valentine Dinner and Dance”

- Saturday, February 11, 2023 at Apollo Convention Centre. Tickets available.

Parish Movie Night: Gods Not Dead 2

- Friday, January 27, 7:00pm
- Register online
- <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/>

Prime Time Club: inviting everyone aged 55 years and over for a **Revival Potluck Social**

- Saturday, Jan. 28, 6:30pm in the Hall.
- Music, dancing, games, & fun.
- Registration after all Masses

Youth Group: Trivia Night

- Saturday Feb 4th
- \$10/team
- Doors Open 6:30pm
- Light dinner provided

OAPCE Report: Alex Piasecka

OAPCE = Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education

- December Meeting was held on December 14, 2022
- ▶ Main focus was to hold an election for OAPCE Dufferin Peel team
- **Parent 4 Parent Press** - news from OAPCE Provincial and our local regions; share information to get everyone involved and engaged
- ▶ <https://www.oapce.org/parents4parents-press/>

Principal Report: Cathrine Duke / Linda Marcuzzi

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: January 25th 2023

▶ **Welcome: Local Trustee: Mrs. Brea Corbet**

- ▶ Principal: Ms. Cathrine Duke
- ▶ Vice-Principal: Linda Marcuzzi (WELCOME)
- ▶ Secretary: Mrs. Joy Lusk
- ▶ Teacher Rep: Ms. Kelly Silva (WELCOME)

▶ **Catholic Faith Life**

- We welcome to our faith community: Ms. Coleman who will be taking over for Mrs. Spottiswood (EF PT & Gr 8 Job share) & Mrs. Bartella who is our new SERT teacher replacing Ms. Viola
- Bell Let's Talk Day took place today. School CYC, Kellie Donaher did individual presentations with various classes
- Virtue Presentations & student acknowledgement will take place monthly both online and person
- Virtual daily morning prayers held at 9:20am each morning
- ShareLife Spirit Fundraising – Candy Cane sales .50 through our YFA's they sold: \$556.59 – To date we have raised \$997.04 for ShareLife through our spirit week and school initiatives
- Rosary Apostolates – takes place every second Wednesday of the month
- Tuesday, February 21st – Shrove Tuesday (pancakes for students)
- Wednesday, February 22nd – Ash Wednesday liturgy (parents welcome to attend)
- Black History Month Liturgy – will take place on Tuesday, February 28th at 10:00am (parents are invited to attend)

▶ **Assessment For, As and of Learning**

- Term 1 Report Cards: will be sent home February 14th, 2023
- Interview Night: February 16th evening & PA Day interviews February 17th
- Whole Math Focus:(also a school Board initiative) Descriptive feedback
- Teachers are working divisionally to co-create criteria for students to use feedback to improve their work. Thus far teachers are starting to see an improvement in student responses and reflection
- New diversity literature has been provided to all staff divisionally to focus on equity and diversity. The books are picture books with beautiful messages of inclusivity and are outlined for staff to use to create discussion and link to our Catholic Graduate Expectations
- Reading Mastery Program in being offered to select students in primary to improve reading skills. This program will be taught by Mrs. Bartella. This will replace the Empower Program as the teacher Ms. Viola is no longer with our staff and we are not permitted to continue the program this year without someone trained

General Updates

- FDK Registration is running
 - Parent Engagement Grant has been forwarded - \$500
 - See & Hear Clinic was at school on January 19th, 20th & 24th with an additional day added as we had over 160 students sign up
 - Sports will now be held in PODS – held during school hours with a tournament competing against other schools
 - Basketball – Junior Boys & Girls is underway (coaches: Mrs. Mills & Mr. Quintana)
 - Jr & Int Boys & Girls Soccer Teams have now all competed and had a great time (thanks to our coaches: Mrs. Silva, Ms. Speare, Ms. Hassell)
 - Chess Club will be starting up again in late winter for students in grades 5-8
 - Games/Lego Club will be starting up next week for students' primary classes one day per week at lunch time (4 students per primary class rotating weekly) supported by: Mrs. Mills and Mrs. Zeehuisen
 - Primary Book Club will be starting up shortly supported by: Ms. Rainaldi (more info to come)
 - February 10th: Paul Davis presents Digital Citizenship/Internet Safety to all junior and intermediate students
 - Grade 7 & 8 Immunization Clinic will resume and will take place on February 13th at school-more info TBA
 - Valentines Dance will take place on the 14th – Valentine Cookies have been ordered
 - Gr 4 Extended French applications are being accepted (Feb 9th EF Virtual Info Meeting for parents)
 - Family Day: 20th – no school
 - Grad Photos: Monday, March 6th
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- Junglesport Jan 24th – 29th for all students. We have already booked them for next year (partially supported through our Outdoor Education Grant)
 - Steelheads School Game: March 1st – students in grades 6-8 will have an opportunity to cheer on the Mississauga Steelheads. Tickets are approximately \$12 each. 240 additional tickets will be provided to the school for an alternative hockey game as not all students were able to participate. Bussing still needs to be arranged

Wish List

- Valentine cookie cost (approved), balloons & glow bracelets (Valentine dance)
- Shrove Tuesday Pancakes for students
- Transportation costs for Steelheads game

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“A motion is made to end the meeting.”

Moved:

- First
 - Second
- Carried

Closing Prayer: Prayer to St Therese

O Little Therese of the Child Jesus
Please pick for me a rose for me, from the heavenly garden
and send it to me as a message of love.
O Little Flower of Jesus, ask God to grant the favors
I now place with confidence in your hands
St. Therese, help me to always believe as you did,
in God's great love for me,
so that I may imitate your "Little Way" each day.
St Therese pray for Us.
Amen

Thank you for all you do as a parent volunteer