

St. Mother Teresa Catholic School Council

Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 20

In attendance:

Steven Boucher (Chair), Karen Jacyno (Vice Chair), Wanda Symes (Principal), Sarah de Boer (Secretary), Tiziana Balice (Treasurer), Deborah Imarah (CSPA Representative), Maria Perez (Parish Representative)

Parent Representatives):

Karen Hennessy, Deborah Imarah, Erinn Ladouceur, Lindsay Wyllie, Davina Mullaly, Charleen Bortot, Andrea Shaffer, Anna Noussis

Regrets

Sue Ragaisis (Teacher Representative), Student Reps

Welcome & Call to Order at 6:00

Steven Boucher

Prayer, Land Acknowledgement

Wanda Symes

Approval of Agenda Items

Erinn L, Tiziana

Steven Boucher motioned for approval of the agenda. Approved – no revisions or omissions noted

Approval of Previous Minutes

Andrea, Erinn L

Steven Boucher motioned for approval of the previous minutes. Approved – no revisions or omissions noted

Business Brought Forward

Steven Boucher

Treasurer's Report

Tiziana

-Maverick's code - SMT gives 10% back to school

-Council members were given the opportunity to vote for fundraising ideas

Chair / Vice Chair Update

Steven Boucher

- School Constitution was approved as brought forward by the Chair

Motion Karen J, Seconded Andrea - Approved unanimously

Principal's Report

Wanda Symes

RECENT EVENTS:

HS Parent Teacher Interviews - big turnout, positive feedback

School Liturgies - Father Kevin was great; students were very respectful

Many sports teams and school activities and clubs on the go - encourage your child to join!

Check morning announcements for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

After School Literacy and Numeracy programs are starting - by invite only as we target students who are struggling since there are limited numbers

We have organized several PD sessions for teachers in the area of AI in order to better educate our students how to use it appropriately, and also as a tool to support our Multilingual Language Learners

We are also working on our Student Achievement Plan - usual focus on numeracy, literacy and other more academic goals but also focusing on attendance this year

Grade 9 Take Our Kids to Work Day is on November 5th - no classes for Gr 9 students that day

Grade 10-12 Academic Awards is on November 6th - award recipients and their parents will be invited

PD Day is on Friday, November 7th

Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week begins November 10th - activities will take place with a focus on 7/8

Remembrance Day Assembly on November 11th

Ottawa 67s Game is on November 12th for Grades 7/8

Progress Reports for Grades 7/8 are on the Parent Portal November 13th

Grad Photos are the week of November 17th; Photo Retakes on Nov 18th

Catholic School Parent Association (CSPA) Report

Erinn L

Erinn provided the report due to CSPA rep absent

Next meeting: October 22

Parish Report

Maria Perez

Masses for St. Andrew **Parish** are taking place at 5:00pm on Saturdays, and 10:00am on Sundays, at the St. Joseph High School Gymnasium

Sunday Mass is also live-streamed at 10:55 am by visiting <https://saintmonicaparish.ca/>

Students in grades 6 to 10 seeking Confirmation in 2026 must be registered for our preparation program by Nov. 13 at a one-hour parent-only meeting at St. Monica **Church**. Choose ONE of these parent-only meetings to attend: November 4, 6, or 13 at 7:00 pm. Please call Milva Calla, School Age Sacrament Coordinator if you have any questions (613-727-1067 x 238).

After grade 10, students and adults seeking Confirmation and or wishing to become Catholic will participate in a different program. Please contact Milva Calla as follows:

sacraments.schoolage@gmail.com or Adult Faith Formation (RCIA) at 613-723-9767 x 1

Upcoming events:

Faith in Action Youth Group Movie Night (for grades 7 to 12). Friday, October 24, at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall at St. Monica Church. Feature Movie: Haunted Mansion (2023).

Dinner & Movie Night at St. Monica Church. Friday, November 7. The evening begins at 6:00 pm with a bring-your-own brown bag dinner, followed by a movie beginning at 7:00 pm. Feature Movie: Saving Private Ryan (1998).

Catholic Women's League Food Drive for the Barrhaven Food Cupboard. November 8 and 9. Our CWL members will be collecting food items and monetary donations for the Barrhaven Food Cupboard. Sought after food items are: peanut butter, jam, canned fruit, canned pasta, school snacks and shampoo. Archbishop Marcel Damphousse is scheduled to be the presider at the 5pm Mass on Saturday, November 15th at St. Andrew Parish, to celebrate our Patronal Feast Day. The archbishop would like to take this opportunity to invite parishioners from St. Monica, St. Leonard, St. Brigid and St. John the Evangelist to attend this mass so that he can present his plans for the future for this area of our city. Instead of a traditional potluck, there will be a simplified social after Mass.

Other business

Nil

Meeting adjourned: 6:56 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Council meetings will be on the 3rd Monday of most months:

November 17th @ 6 pm

December 15th @ 6 pm (Social event – details TBD)

January 19th @ 6 pm (Virtual – link to follow)

April 20th @ 6 pm

June 15th @ 6 pm (Social event, regular meet)

Next meeting: November 17 @ 6 pm