



St. Francis Xavier High School

MEETING OF THE SCHOOL COUNCIL
MONDAY APRIL 14, 2025
4:45 PM

Attendees: Maryanne King (chair), Dave Bergevin (treasurer), Dawn-Marie Jamieson (secretary), Robert Royko (teacher rep), Sean Power (principal), Angie Pasquini, Hiwot Abebe, Simon Pillay, Terence Scheltema, Elsie Fobissie, Matthew Bernabo, Laura Dragone (guest), Veronica, Eunice Andawua (14)

*Note there were not enough voting members present for quorum.

AGENDA

1.0 Welcome & Introduction

S. Power

2.0 Prayer & Land Acknowledgement

S. Power

3.0 Administration

3.1 Meeting Agenda and Previous Meeting Minutes (motion and second) – agenda for this meeting and minutes from previous meeting presented, no comments provided, not voted on since there was no quorum.

4.0 School Reports

4.1 Student Report

M. Bernabo

- Easter theme, spirit week this week.
- Duck hunt – ducks hidden around the school for prizes.
- Oscars to be held on May 15th.

4.2 Principal Report

S. Power

- A Transportation Update
 - o The changes to transportation for some students came as a surprise to us. I put it in our weekly newsletter as soon as we heard and we have received a lot of responses.
 - o We had already been requesting additional service to the school from OTranspo before this change was announced.
 - o We are working with OSTA and OTranspo, along with the councilor's office, to continue to advocate for change as we don't believe it's an acceptable route for our students.
 - o Laura Dragone, assistant to Jessica Bradley, City Councilor, is joining us tonight. She notes: StFX is not in our ward but many parents and students live in our ward. Councilor Bradley send her regrets, noting she wanted to be here. The route review came up and concerns were raised by parents. As a result of the volume of emails from parents, we secured a meeting with transit services (as high up as we could) to advocate on your behalf. Councilor Bradley supports parents on this issue. The new route (bus, LRT, bus) is unreasonable for young kids. OTranspo has committed to



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finding a solution for the remainder of the school year (this is a change from their initial position).

- o Mr. Power – another point to consider, there are concerns with the volume of students at the platforms which will likely require security (cost consideration).
- Request for Html format for newsletters – Mr. Power tested it but it didn't go well. People are reading the newsletter, it's not easy to convert, so he will leave it in the current format.
- Lenten Projects ongoing.
- Atrium – lots of activities happening every lunch hour. It's a great hub of activity for students.
- Sports Teams are doing very well.
 - o Girls Jr. Volleyball in the finals tomorrow at the school.
 - o Ultimate team is going to Nationals – fundraiser held on the weekend to raise funds to help offset their costs.
 - o Sr. Boys Soccer going to OFSAA (Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations).
 - o Wrestling Team went to OFASS – Mary Ofili won gold.
 - o Grade 7&8 Boys Tier 2 hockey Team won their tournament.
- Clubs: alive and well.
 - o Alpha Group lead by Mr. Moloney – meet every week.
 - o Black Student Association won a video contest – an evening for certificates was held.
 - o Ramadan ended and we celebrated Iftar at the school – lots of activities were held.
 - o Indigenous Student Association – many activities coming up for Missing Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.
 - o Prezzy Basketball Program – grades 7&8 leadership program, presented at the board of trustees.
 - o Mois de la francophonie finished – activities in the atrium during the month of March.
 - o Reach for the Top – came in 3rd and made it to Provincials.
 - o Relay for Life – May 2nd
- Field Trips – almost every day there is one happening.
- Europe trip departed last week .
- STEM field trip took place.
- DELF testing is happening (French language proficiency).
- Prom tickets are on sale in the atrium (grads must sign the prom contract / have completed community service hours / pay grad fees).
- Drama Production of Annie - great production, very successful.
- Director of Education Awards: congratulation to our staff:
 - o Sheri-Lynn Bailey 7/8 guidance councilor
 - o Tanya Noble-Moore vice principal
- Parent Presentation on Cultural Excellence - April 24th at 6pm. All are welcome.
- High School report cards coming up.
 - o OSSLT completed in the spring, 2nd attempt for the year, interventions taking place where needed.
 - o Grade 9 Math EQAO will take place during the exam period (RST for math).



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4.3 Teacher Report

R. Royko

- Busy with report cards and graduation events that are coming up.

4.4 Chaplaincy Report

T. Moloney (by email)

- We are halfway through the Youth Alpha program that we are running on Wednesdays at lunch. We've had between 40 and 50 students in the chapel for each session and it has been very cool to see how they engage with the topic and with each other in our small group discussions.
- We are preparing for and looking forward to our Easter Masses on May 1 and 2. It will be such a blessing to celebrate this most joyful season as a whole school community.
- Other events we are preparing for include grad mass, grad retreat, and our grade 8 retreat.

4.5 CSPA Report

Cheryl McEwan

- NA

4.6 Parish Report (Our Lady of the Visitation)

TBD

- NA

4.7 Treasurer Report

D. Bergevin

- \$598 in the account
- Purdy's Christmas campaign came in
- \$423 coming from Easter Purdy's campaign
- \$437 from Flipgive is expected
- Plan is for 2 \$500 bursaries

4.8 Media Communications

Andrea Huck

- No update. Maryanne King noted only 7 responses were received to the survey for fundraising ideas.

4.9 New Business

- PIC grant money was used for guest speaker evening (snacks) and welcome bags for new families to the school community.
- Shrove Tuesday was a success. 3000 pancakes were made.

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NEXT MEETING: TBD