

St. Augustine Catholic School Council Minutes

Zoom Meeting: Tuesday, October 13 @ 6:15pm

Attendees: Marc Trotta (Principal), Elise Harold (Assistant to the Principal), Fr. Scott Whitfield (Pastor, St. Augustine's Parish), Gabe Settini, Roslyn Costanzo, Lindsay Blanche, Donna Faria Sienna, Lori Fraser, Mrs. Akwugo, Sonia Bhathal-Estrabillo, Christina Scheben, Colleen Joseph
Regrets: Leanne McArthur (Today's Family)

1. Opening Prayer

2. Elections:

- a. Community Rep: Leanne McArthur (Today's Family Child Care)
- b. Parish Rep: Fr. Scott Whitfield
- c. Teacher Rep: Elise Harold
- d. Treasurer: Donna Faria Sienna
- e. Secretary: Roslyn Costanzo
- f. Co-Chair: Lori Fraser
- g. Co-Chair: Gabe Settini
- h. Two Councillors: Lindsay Blanche, Mrs. Akwugo

3. Parish Report by Fr. Whitfield:

- a. Renovations to the parish centre are moving forward but have been delayed owing to the increased demand for contractors during the pandemic. Will start by replacing the floors, then painting and converting lighting to LED, with the goal of making the space more comfortable. Hoping to have work underway February through mid-March.
- b. Communion poses a problem for the parish. Father Whitfield would like some grade two parents to volunteer to work with him in organizing it so that the sacraments can happen. Principal Trotta will round up some volunteers to work with Fr. Whitfield.
- c. Confirmations will take place Tuesday, February 16, Thursday, February 18, and Tuesday, February 24, all at 7pm. There will be no mass, just conferring the sacrament of confirmation.

4. Principal Report by Mr Trotta:

- a. Attestation forms went home with students so parents have them if they need them.
- b. There has been work on the air exchange unit; the fence is finally complete; and work is underway in the daycare. The library will be back up and running very soon.
- c. CYO is running cross-country independent of schools. CYO was one of our primary recipients of funds. They were closed over the summer so continue to need donations. Keep them in mind at Christmas.
- d. Mass for the students has been postponed and will now have no more than two classes in attendance at one time.
- e. First online student council elections took place, which were well-received by the kids. Will have a full council starting tomorrow.
- f. Move-a-thon: going to meet with stakeholders to make sure that all safety protocols are followed.

- g. There is a small outstanding balance for the outdoor classroom for the cost of the temporary fence, which was left off the original bill.
- 5. New business: some discussion of having more donation-type fundraisers this year.
- 6. Gabe suggests scheduling meetings for the first Monday of every month at 6:15. 6:15 works for everyone unless there is a conflict with St. Mary's.
- 7. Next meeting scheduled for Monday, Nov. 2, 6:15 pm.
- 8. Adjournment: 7:15 pm.