

MILLER CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL (CSCC)

Regular Meeting

MINUTES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024 - 7:00 pm – Conference Room

In attendance:

CSCC – Larry Baumgartner (Chair), Natalie Mollison (Vice-Chair), Corrine Rybchuk (Treasurer), Lana Orban (Director), Susanna Andrei (Director), Leta Seiferling (Director), Paul Nwosu (Director)
Staff – Wade Hackl (Principal), Heather Faris (Teacher Rep)
SRC representatives

Regrets: Jennie Avram (Secretary), Jacelyn Case (Director), Joachim Smadu (Vice Principal), Michael Knight (Vice-Principal),

1. Call to order 7:01 pm
2. Larry ready opening prayer and land acknowledgment
3. Welcome/intro/approve agenda
 - Motion to approve agenda by Natalie, 2nd Susanna
 - Meeting attendance was reviewed. Vice-Principals were not in attendance.
 - Review minutes - motion by Leta, seconded by Susanna to approve the draft minutes.
 - School Reports
 - SRC Report (Renee Dauphinais and Nivla Arevelo)
 - At the end of February, we helped promote and celebrate Pink Shirt Day. We encouraged students to come to the concourse with a friend, play games, hang out and purchase some pink cotton candy. We rented the cotton candy machine and charged \$1.00 for a small stick of candy floss. All the proceeds were given to our 'Mental Health Matters Club.' The SRC and mental health matters club promoted positive, Christian living towards others through announcements, our messaging, the fun games set up to play and used the 'pink' color of all those dress in pink and the pink of the cotton candy to remind us that bullying needs to be stopped.
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 - We had a green dress up day, candy guess and a scavenger hunt to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. The students that participated in the scavenger hunt had to go around the school, find clues and take pictures with the leprechauns that were posted at various sites. Mr. Ortman wore a special suit and acted as our real-life leprechaun for the game. We also set up a green photo booth for students to come and take pictures together. In March, we also held a pajama day. Students and some staff wore their pajamas to school and were super comfortable. On pajama day we also gave free hot chocolate out (we distributed over 350 cups).
 - Since Lent was finished in April, we wanted to do a few more activities. When the students returned from Easter break, we wanted to help reinforce the idea that Easter is really 50 days, so we held a school wide Easter Egg hunt. Have the hunt during the Easter Season, after Easter Sunday, not only helped remind students that as Christians Easter is 50 days but it allowed us to buy the Easter candy at a big discount. We hid colored

popsicle sticks all over the school just before lunch. Some of the sticks had an M or L on them – M for medium chocolate egg or treat, L for large chocolate egg or bunny and if there was no marking it was for a small chocolate treat. Students hunted for the sticks, and then exchanged the stick for an Easter treat. If students found more than one stick they had to share with a friend. We hid 400 popsicle sticks and got back 397 which meant we gave out 397 Easter treats.

- In addition to the scavenger hunt in April we had spring pastel dress up day and a huge Spring activity day. The activity day featured many games such as ring toss, basketball through, Egg bowling and a photo booth, tropical dress up and of course, the limbo contest. Tropical punch was given out free of charge, tropical music and limbo music was played. We probably had over half the student population come through at some point.
- Our last two dress up days were color wars and Freaky Friday. For colour wars, each grade has a colour to dress in and then participants earn points for their grade. The current point totals are in the lead is the Staff, 2nd place is the Grade 9 class, In third place we have the Grade 11's, 4th place the Grade 12's and in fifth place, which is last Grade 10. Last year we did a school wide lunch and the winning grade received dessert and each period of the day there were prizes drawn from the winning grade and an after school treat for the winning grade. We will do something similar this year in June to celebrate the colour wars winner and the end of the school year.
- This week has been the start of our election week. We have three candidates running for president. Today was our 'Meet the candidates' activities in the concourse – the candidates talk with students, put up their decorative posters and try to get support. Wednesday in period 3 classes, grades 9 to 11 will watch videos made by each candidate and on Thursday in period 3 we have the vote. Each grade gets a ballot with the presidential candidates on it and then it has those students for that grade that applied for a position on the SRC. Students vote for the presidential candidate, and then rank from 1 to 4 the students from their grade that they feel would represent them on the SRC and would be good school leaders. The SRC advisors use the data from the rankings along with the applications and some interviews to form the SRC membership.
- We are trying to finalize our year end activity plans. These plans may include another activity day – sort of a carnival theme, the wrap up of colour wars and finalizing the 2024-2025 SRC.
- - Both of us have enjoyed the leadership roles we have had on the SRC this year and have learned many skills that we will take with us into our futures.
- Principal (Wade Hackl)
 - Students, Staff, School Community and Sanctions: they have been outstanding! So much uncertainty and so much chaos...they have navigated it all so well. Very grateful!

- Graduation and Class of 2024: planning as usual, voting on awards and Valedictorian and Salutatorian, we are trending in the right direction on our normal timelines, all items are ordered and, on their way,...who will execute our mass and ceremony...time will tell.
 - Student Population for 2024-2025: trending toward 1350...preparing for more students, more space and classrooms turned back to Miller from RCSD IT, adding lockers for all students.
 - Staffing for 2024-2025: always ongoing...good news...with more students, more teachers are also on their way!
 - OurSchool Survey and Data: completed before Easter. We are waiting on our results. Provides data for schools to assess where they are and set target for addressing. Helps to inform both School Leadership Team and School Goals.
 - School Improvement Plan:
 - 1. Promote an equitable environment by supporting the TRC journeys of staff and students with a deliberate focus on supporting our Indigenous students' growth and achievement.
 - 2. To create a supportive school environment that welcomes, embraces, and celebrates students and to focus staff directed Performance Management goals on the implementation of mental health and wellbeing initiatives.
 - 3. We are committed to actively fostering self-reflection and meaningful dialogues within the Miller Comprehensive Catholic High School community. Through open and constructive conversations, we aim to collaboratively define and refine the identity of our school, forging a deeper understanding of our collective essence and purpose.
 - Elective Course and Extra-Curricular Course Fees: we have already surpassed 2022-2023 school year collection percentage! With six weeks remaining, we are on our way to our goal of decreasing our total fees collected. 70+%
 - Looking forward to all the wonderful things that come with the last number of weeks in a school year!
 - For Grad – we are right where we need to be for grad. Job action might dictate a change. People that are out of scope in the school division will just take over.
 - Vice principals - did not attend the meeting – no vice principal report
4. Treasurer's report
- Corrine presented updated report. Committee noted closing account balance and discussed potential funding of more teacher requests. Motion made by Leta and seconded by Susanna that funding of:
 - \$2000 be allocated as a carryforward to next year for Theatre Lights
 - \$4000 be allocated in the current year for ArtZone seating.
 - Motion was passed.
 - A projection of expenses to the year end was discussed.
5. Chair's report – AGM in the fall
6. New/Outstanding Business
- Final funding of teacher's requests - remaining items approved (as noted in Treasurer's report above).
7. Remarks/suggestions – none

8. Adjournment – meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Next meeting AGM Sept. 17, 2024