

**Annual General Meeting  
Mother Teresa Catholic School Community Council (MTCSCC)  
Monday, September 18, 2023 7:00pm – School Library  
MINUTES**

**In Attendance:** Mr. Fradette, Mr. Rock, Koreena Farr, Amanda Day, Rachele Phenix, Jolene Morris, Linnea Spiess, Juanita Theriault, Krista Dennis, Jena Boyko, Crystal Bernier, Danielle Daigneau, David Sumner, Lisa Frey

1. **Call to Order:** 7:04 pm
2. **Prayer and Introductions:** Mr. Rock. Introductions by Krista.
3. **Approval of Agenda:**
  - a. **MOTION** to approve agenda: Juanita
  - b. **SECONDED** by: Jolene
4. **Adopt Minutes from September 19, 2022 AGM**
  - a. **MOTION** to approve minutes: Linnea
  - b. **SECONDED** by: Juanita

**5. Declaration by the meeting chair of new members:**

MTCSCC Executive Members for 2023 -2024:

- Chair: Open
- Vice Chair: Open - Koreena putting forth nomination
- Secretary: Jena Boyko (2nd Year)
- Treasurer: Juanita Thierault (2nd year)
- Officer: Open – David Sumner putting forth nomination
- Officer: Open – Samantha Vandale putting forth nomination
- Officer: Crystal Bernier (2nd year)
- Officer: Jolene Morris (2nd year)
  
- Post-meeting addition:
  - Officer: Lisa Frey putting forth nomination

Outgoing Members: Lori Sander, Krista Dennis

**Krista nominates Koreena Farr as Vice-Chair**

- a. **SECONDED** by: Jena
- b. **VOTE:** All in favour. Motion carried.

**Krista nominates David Sumner as Officer**

- c. **SECONDED** by: Juanita
- d. **VOTE:** All in favour. Motion carried.

**Krista nominates Samantha Vandale as Officer**

- a. **SECONDED** by: Juanita
- b. **VOTE:** All in favour. Motion carried.

## 6. Chair's Remarks:

MTCSCC

Our role as a council is to build shared responsibility among parents, the community and school for student learning and well-being and to lead parent and community involvement in school planning and improvement.

- Support the Learning Improvement Plan (LIP)
- Plan events and fundraisers to help build community
- Try our best to represent the parents

MTCSCC's mission is to create a community with a common vision between the church (spirit), school community (mind), parents (heart) and students (body).

Meetings are held every third Monday of the month (except when a statutory holiday or PLD falls on this day) at 7:00 pm in the school library.

### 2023-2024 Meeting Schedule:

Monday, September 18

Monday, October 16

Monday, November 20

Monday, December 18

Monday, January 15

Monday, February 26

Monday, March 18

Monday, April 15

Monday, May 27

Monday, June 17

### FOMTCS

In 2016, GSCS determined that Catholic School Community Councils had to choose one of two methods for managing money: (1) allow the school division to handle the accounting, or (2) create a separate "Friends of" group, which is not part of the CSCC, in order to manage funds.

MTCSCC decided to create a separate group called the Friends of Mother Teresa Catholic School (FOMTCS), which handles all the money that results from fundraising. FOMTCS and MTCSCC have essentially the same group of members, but FOMTCS has a Treasurer, while MTCSCC does not.

FOMTCS Meetings are conducted immediately after regular MTCSCC meetings, and focus primarily on fundraising and spending money.

Thank-you to the staff for continuing to support council.

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## 7. Principal's Report: Mr. Fradette, with additional notes from meeting

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### CSCC Meeting- Sept. 19th, 2023- Principal's Report

#### 1. Learning Improvement Plan Goals:

- We are collaborating as a staff to finalize the strategies for each of our school Learning Improvement Plan goals. We are focusing on writing, Faith, and First Nations, Metis, Inuit goals. Teachers collaborate in professional learning communities as a kindergarten-grade 2 team, grade 3-5 team, and a grade 6-8 team meeting after schools and on Professional Learning Days to actualize strategies in each of these areas.
- Catholic Identity: continue to work in close partnership with the Cathedral, all classrooms will lead a Liturgy, celebrate Liturgies throughout the year on important dates (opening school, Thanksgiving, Remembrance Day, Advent, Ash Wednesday, Lent, year end), celebrate the Gospel Virtues each month (collect resources to permeate these Virtues throughout the day), learn about various Saints throughout year, Rosary Club (staff and students), school wide school retreat (June 13th). *Big thank-you to Father Gerard for the time that he spends in our school.*
- First Nations Metis Inuit: staff will participate in professional learning throughout the school year regarding Reconciliation and anti-racist education; celebrate monthly Tipi Teachings and align them with our Gospel Virtues; utilize the Saskatoon Natural Grasslands as land-based learning opportunities; continue to play different versions of O Canada; teachers will continue to focus on treaty education; commemorate and celebrate specific dates throughout the year (ie. National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, Louis Riel Day, National Indigenous Peoples' Day, etc.). *Every morning there is an affirmation, with a focus on a specific virtue – currently the focus is on respect. There is a display for recognizing the small acts of kindness in the school: As St. Mother Teresa has said, "Doing small things with great love".*
- Writing: teachers will be participating in professional learning on the writing continuum from kindergarten to grade 8, co-creating a consistent writing year plan with common focus areas; followed by participating in short action research cycles throughout the year (planning and preparing, check in and review and reset)

#### 2. Enrolment Report:

- English K-8: 157 (145 last year) – *English kindergarten has 9 students, which is about the same as last year*
- French Immersion K-8: 355 (374 last year) – *this gap should have been greater, because there were around 70 graduates, and only about 25 new kindergarten students. Have made up that gap.*
- Total School Population: 512 (519 last year) – *We were anticipating a bigger drop*

#### 3. Staffing/Classrooms:

##### English

K Renee Hitchings

1/2 Lise McIntosh

3/4 Stephanie Schell

4/5 Nancy Shandara

6/7 Emma Blakely  
7/8 Kathleen Wilson

French Immersion

K Leslie Santos  
1 Cassandra Kent  
1/2 Lynette Schmitt  
2/3 Josee Roberge-Dyck  
3 Sylvestre Tine  
4 Stephanie Salud  
4/5 Lorraine Sturgeon  
5 Lam Vu  
6 Sharon Lonsberry  
6/7 Rebecca Hammel  
7 Danielle Daigneau  
7/8 Carmen Brisebois  
8 Tyler Sclichemeyer

4. **School Culture Building & Hope Club:**

- We look forward to continuing to build school culture and leadership in our senior students. *Want to engage as many senior students as possible. As per Danielle, there are around 40 students from grade 7 that want to participate.*
- We are in the midst of creating a year plan with confirmed dates that we will be able to share far in advance with parents. Each month we will have a spirit day the last Friday of every month and each month there will be different focus areas. This is being finalized in the next couple weeks and will be updated on the parent Edsby calendar as soon as they are confirmed.

5. **Christmas Family Advent Liturgy:**

- In large part due to the fact that we no longer have a piano teacher, we will not be able to do a Christmas concert this year.
- In the spirit of celebrating and acknowledging the Advent season as a Catholic school we plan to host a Christmas Family Advent Liturgy at The Cathedral of the Holy Family one evening during Advent. Dates and details to follow.
- *Juanita commented that it should be fine. Previously, there have been some classes that have sung along to a recording. This is an option.*
- *Darren explained that we have lost some of the school supports due to budget, such as the teacher librarian and music teacher. The good news is that the band program is still in place.*
- *There will be teachers embedding music into the classroom as much as possible. Unfortunately, there are fewer music teachers available than there once were.*

6. **CSCC Financial Support:**

- Technology: longer term support – *Chrome books and iPads are going to have to be replaced soon. The school is due for a refresh, but uncertain how much funding will be available from the school division. There will be an ongoing need for new technology as different products expire.*

- Patrols: Request for a \$1000 *used as an incentive for the children participating. Looking to have this finalized before putting the call out for new patrollers. Some schools have no patrollers, and you have to cross on your own. Amanda says that the public division is not using patrollers anymore because of safety concerns. The safety gear has been provided by CAA in the past. If this is not available anymore, we would also have to fund this.*

## 7. Parent Volunteers and Criminal Record Checks

- Parents who are volunteering on field trips will need Criminal Record Checks (CRC) if they are supervising groups of children without the direct supervision of a staff member. CRC's are valid for the current school year (Sept.-June). If you have a current CRC for another purpose (ie. coaching) and it is dated for this school year, then it is valid for school purposes as well. We just need a copy of it. You can contact the office to get a letter from the school which will waive the CRC fee. If you have any questions do not hesitate to ask.

## 8. Questions.

- *Koreena asked whether the pit will receive an upgrade. Darren has found out that this will happen at some point, but unsure when. Any artwork on the new tile in the pit will be the responsibility of the school council.*
- *David is wondering if there is a way to encourage the French and English students to get to know each other. House league assemblies are one of the ways that the school tries to address this. The goal is to try to help to build school community. This suffered during the pandemic. Can try to coordinate field trips perhaps, so that all classes in the same grade go together. Seb says that the ski trip really helps with bonding, but we can't add more!*
- *Core French begins in grade 6.*
- *Koreena asked about picture day. The dates have been confirmed Oct 16 (Kinder to grade 5) and Oct 17 (grades 6-8), but will no longer be using Lifetouch because there have been a number of problems. Creating the yearbook for this year (with Lifetouch) has been a frustrating process with lots of errors.*

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## 8. Liaison Reports

- Community Association:** Amanda reports that about 150 people attended the movie in the park. Thank-you to the school for advertising. The SCA is requiring new members on the board. Last year they were almost unable to run the rink – they are in need of volunteers.
- Preschool:** No representative today. Will reach out to their board to ask if they can send a representative.

## 9. New/Other Business

- Room Parents:**
  - Thank-you to the school for adding the consent to share contact info with the room parent to the school forms.
  - Will create a room parent sign-up on a poster board for the welcome night.

**b. Teacher Profile Form/Birthday Cards:**

- Last year Courtney coordinated the teacher profile, so Krista will follow-up with her.
- This year will continue with e-Cards, unless there is any opposition to this.

**c. Newsletter and volunteer sign-up form:**

- In past years, council provided a form with all the events planned for the year, and asked families to select which events they could volunteer for. Council agrees to try this again this year.
- Krista will create a paper newsletter to post in the school as well.

**d. Other Business:**

- Koreena asked if our school needs a breakfast program. Darren says that currently there is probably not a need. But there is a small stash of granola bars and some snacks for kids who have forgotten a lunch, for example. The needs of the school may change over time. Teachers are fairly good at recognizing this, if that does come up.

10. **Next Meeting:** Monday, October 16, 2023 7:00pm

11. **Adjournment:** 8:02pm