

**St. Daniel Comboni Catholic Elementary School
Catholic School Council Minutes**

Meeting Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025 at 7:30pm (In-Person)

Attendees:

M. Thompson
J. DiMaapi
A. Marchao
V. Bachoo
R. Borel Jr
A. Espinola
K. Melo
C. Parani
D. Samaroo
K. Sylvester
A. Zanier

Regrets:

M. Dimatteo
N. Hakimi
R. Maamari
L. Toste-Marchao
T. Wakuma

1. Call to Order and Attendance

Chair A. Marchao called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm

2. Opening Prayer

Hail Mary – ALL - led by A. Marchao

3. Land Acknowledgement

We would like to acknowledge that our meeting is taking part on the Treaty Lands of the Mississaugas of the Credit, and we thank them for being the ongoing stewards of this traditional territory.

4. Approval of Minutes

Moved by D. Samaroo and seconded by A. Espinola

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 29, 2025 BE APPROVED.
CARRIED.**

5. Treasurer's Report

Account balance: \$10,866.80 (April 24, 2025).

6. OAPCE Report

R. Borel Jr. informed the Council that the Dufferin Peel Regional Meeting was scheduled for May 1, 2025, and the OAPCE 86th Annual Conference would be held on May 24, 2025.

7. Principal's Report – M. Thompson

a. Catholic Community, Culture and Caring

- Faith Play Day for grades 2 and 7 took place on April 8th—leaders and faith models for younger students.
- The Grade 8 students presented the Stations of the Cross throughout the hallways and via announcements.
- Rosary Apostolate would continue to visit our school, with the crowning of Mary scheduled for May 22nd. Rosary Apostolate continues to express how faithful and how grateful they are to come to our school.
- Confirmation took place Wednesday, April 23 for grade 7's and some grade 8's - Bishop Camilleri
- First Communion will take place on Saturday, May 3rd.
- We had Father Ravi visit with Bishop and our SOHe visited classrooms
- Wellness Warriors - Grade 8's Mrs. Mezzatesta attended conference today – the school was selected to take our activities and board to the Ministry
- Every Wednesday on the announcements we have Wellness Wednesdays
- Catholic Education Week - Lion King - tickets are up for sale for families
- Journey Into Learning – JK registrations for the upcoming 2025/26 school year will be welcomed on May 15th - for both schools
- We had scientists in the classroom for our FDK students
- May 29th, 2025 - Grade 4 Girls - STEAM Day - An event for girls in Brampton West to engage with Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math.
- EQAO – will take place week of June 2nd – 7th. Math Facilitator classrooms of our Grade 6 students with a focus on supporting High Impact Strategies and Building Math Confidence

b. Faith Church

- Sacrament of Confirmation – Thanks to teachers, parents and support, about 25 students were confirmed. Teachers provided New Testament Bibles for all who received the sacrament
- Sacrament of Communion is scheduled for May 3, 2025
- Virtue Assembly scheduled for April 25 @ 9:45 am and 11:45 am
- Easter Liturgy scheduled for May 15, 2025
- Crowning of Mary scheduled for May 22, 2025 - all are welcome
- The Closing Mass for the end of the school year is scheduled for **June 16, 2025**, at 10:00 AM at Guardian Angels Parish. All parents and families are welcome to attend. Students from grades 1 to 8 will walk to Guardian Angels, while FDK students will be transported by bus.

c. Presenters/Field Trips

- Mad Skillz - look at coding, pathways and exploring DJing and podcasting
- Heritage Month in June - Multicultural Month with Presenter 2 Days
- Peel Water Festival: Grades 2, 4/5, and 5
- Camp Muskoka – trip for Grade 8's from May 22nd - 25th

d. Clubs and Sports

- PALS
- CEW - Tickets for the Lion King Jr Production are available on School Cash Online. Each family can buy up to 5 tickets per show at \$5 each.
 - i. Day shows: May 6/7 at 11:30 Am
 - ii. Evening shows: May 7/8 at 6:30 PM

- Wellness Week
- Both Intermediate Boys and Girls won the Family Tournament and represented Comboni with Pride. The Board tournament is next week.
- Softball Team
- Ball Hockey
- Soccer Teams
- Brampton West Track – Chinguacousy Park on June 11, 2025

e. What's new? What's coming?

- Dental Screening – Available for JK, SK, Grades 2, 4 and 7. Families are now required to opt-in and provide consent, which differs from previous policy where opting out was necessary.
- Intermediate Immunization Clinic on May 2, 2025
- Polling Station on Monday April 28 - For Federal Government Election
- Eco School - Platinum Certification under way, which is the highest level attainable. The initiatives include recycling, use of reusable paper, lights out, water conservation, and Peel presentations.
- June 9th - PD Day, Report Card Writing
- Digital report cards expected to be distributed on Tuesday, June 25, 2025. Additional email containing instructions and further details will be sent accordingly.
- Graduation - Wednesday June 18, 2025 - 70 Graduates
- Information about the Elementary Literacy Summer Program has been sent. Summer school for grades 6, 7, and 8 - check your email.
- 19 classes projected for next year - St. Daniel Comboni
- New school families have been notified, and proof of address requests are underway. If any families registered at the new school did not receive a pink notification letter, they should inform the office as this may have been an oversight.
- The daycare provider bidding process will start soon. Information will be emailed once available. – New School
- If the new school is not ready by September, students will be hosted at St. Daniel Comboni.

8. Fundraisers

- **Domino's Pizza** – D. Samaroo indicated that he was currently finalizing the details for the fundraiser with Domino's and would update the Council in chat once the arrangements were complete. The fundraiser would provide families with an offer code to be used at the Creditview and Remembrance Road location on a designated day, with \$5.00 from every pizza ordered being donated to the school.
- **Ring Pop Sales** - A. Marchao noted a successful fundraiser with \$678.00 in sales.
- **Krispy Kreme Donuts** - A. Marchao announced that the fundraiser event was scheduled for June 10. The campaign would run for three weeks, from May 15 to June 4. Each box of a dozen donuts would cost \$8.00 and could be purchased for \$15.00 through School Cash Online.
- **Big Box of Cards** - A. Marchao referred the Council to R. Maamari's update in chat, noting that 225 boxes had been sold, resulting in \$2,475.00 going back to the school. A discrepancy was identified and corrected, leading to a deduction of \$24.00. Gift cards were distributed to the four winning families, and a pizza party had been scheduled for the winning classroom.

9. Lion King Jr Production

M. Thompson updated on The Lion King Jr. production, highlighting staff and students' efforts. She outlined the total production cost of approximately \$6,500, which included a USD\$3,000 licensing fee. She noted that some costs would be offset by selling refreshments and snacks on performance nights.

A. Marchao asked the Council to vote on providing \$1,500 to support the Lion King Jr. production. The Council voted unanimously in favor.

10. Proposals for Funding Support

J. DiMaapi, M. Thompson, V. Bachoo, K. Melo and A. Zanier provided an overview of areas to consider for funding from the Council including the following:

- **Coding Materials** – equip students with essential digital skills like problem-solving, critical thinking, and creativity. J. DiMaapi noted that inventory and targets for each division were currently under review.
- **Outdoor Bins for Classrooms** – provide outdoor play materials promoting physical, cognitive, social, and emotional development.
- **Kinder Yard** – update the outdoor space to promote active play, social interaction, and exploration such as butterfly garden, benches, etc.
- **Fraction Strips** – identified through Lunch & Learn with Math Facilitator as a great visual representation of fractions to aid in student understanding.

A. Marchao requested cost estimates be presented at the next Council meeting. In addition, he requested that Council vote in support of funding for the four identified categories. The Council voted unanimously in favor.

11. Closing Prayer

Our Father – ALL - led by A. Marchao

12. Termination

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

13. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the St. Daniel Comboni CES Catholic School Council is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at 6:30 pm.