



IONA Catholic Secondary School

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Minutes of Iona Catholic Secondary School Council Meeting

Thursday, April 10, 2025, at 7:00 pm

Iona Learning Commons

In Attendance: Vita Emmanuel (Chair), Oswald Emmanuel, Lois Keating, Michelle Scott, Erica Gualtieri, Nelia Toste (Teacher Rep), Laura Di Gennaro (VP), Carl Cini (P).

Regrets: Kirsten Madsen, Niamh Ryan, Courtney Sousa,

1. Opening Prayer, Land Acknowledgement
 2. Welcome and Introductions
 3. Review and Approval of Meeting Agenda – V. Emmanuel, O. Emmanuel
 4. Review and Approval of Minutes from January 9, 2025, meeting – M. Scott, L. Keating
 5. Chairs Report
 - Central Committee for Catholic School Council Chairs Executive meeting minutes provide information to local School councils. Minutes can be found at <https://www3.dpcdsb.org/parents/getting-involved/ccsc/ccsc-meetings>
 6. Treasurer's Report
 - Current balance – 935.73
 7. Teacher Report
- Chaplaincy:**
- Lenten food and toy drive is currently happening
 - Day of Service at the Vita Centre earlier this week
 - Salesian Leadership Retreat tomorrow
 - 24-hour Fast event is happening next week as well as Holy Thursday Liturgy
 - As of September, the board will be removing teacher-chaplains from their positions; they hope to have a new Chaplain at Iona in September; thank you, it has been a pleasure serving the Iona community as Chaplain

Athletics:

- ran a school wide intramural soccer tournament at the end of March
- Spring season teams running: Badminton, Soccer, Baseball, Softball, Track & Field and Ultimate Frisbee
- plans for Phys Ed classes for the next couple of years: senior Phys-ed classes will be offering more focused courses where students can spend more time developing targeted skills; Net/Wall games (Volleyball, etc.), Court Skills (Basketball, etc.), and Games (Golf, etc.)
- if successful the following year may include Invasion Territory (Soccer, etc.), and Sports/Community Leadership

Math:

- Extra help for math students every Wednesday after school

Business SHSM:

- travelled to Toronto to the College of Sports Media - where students had the opportunity to experience sports broadcasting
- will be going to Samsung head office on April 30, to participate in ICE (innovation, creativity and entrepreneurship) certification

English and Moderns:

- Grade 11 College English class travelled to Silvercreek Outdoor Education Centre in Georgetown, Ontario to learn from Elder Tehahenteh Miller in a traditional setting
- Senior French class and BSA attended a field trip at Lula Music and Arts Centre to experience a west African drumming workshop
- ELL students attended Sheridan College for a college tour and program information for newcomers and ELL opportunities; attended Spring- Kortright Conservation Centre where they were led through a hike and learned how to make maple syrup
- After-School Clubs with settlement worker from the Newcomer Centre of Peel for Ukrainian speaking students and Spanish speaking students

Drama, Music, Visual Arts and Engineering Club:

- Preparing for Wizard of Oz, performances week of May 20

8. Principal's Report

- Parent feedback has been received that it is hard to get anyone at Iona when they call the school. We do our best to answer the phones during the school day. It is increasingly difficult to do with our secretarial complement. We have been assigned 2 secretaries. One works in Guidance and Attendance; the other is the Head and Budget Secretary. They both do a great job considering the demands of the job and the constant interruptions by students, staff and the community.
- We are currently registering students for the 2025-2026 school year. Students have selected their courses and we are moving into scheduling. Upon registration, a student activity fee of \$45 is charged to all students. Families are asked to pay the fee as soon as possible. Email reminders will be sent home.

- The Class of 2025 will have their Graduation Ceremony on June 26. As the year ends, some seniors turn their attention to leaving a legacy through pranks. Students and families are reminded that their legacy should be a positive one that does not include property damage, increased costs to the school or impact the learning environment.
- Mississauga South Parent Engagement Evening will take place at Iona on April 15. Karl Subban, Father of NHLer PK Subban will be here to discuss motivating our children.
- Term 2 begins on April 14. Grade 10s taking Civics & Careers this semester will change classes to take the other half.
- Semester 2 Midterm Report Cards will be sent to student Board Email on April 24.
- Easter Weekend – April 18 – 21 – no homework will be assigned over the Easter weekend and there will be no assessments or assignments due on Tuesday, April 22
- The Dufferin Peel CDSB Budget Consultation webinar will take place on April 24. More information to follow.
- May 5-9 is Catholic Education Week & Mental Health Awareness week. Events are planned by our Chaplaincy Team and Wellness Group.
- Our Student Council has kicked off our annual Relay for Life. Students create teams, collect donations and prepare for Relay Day on May 14. Students participate in games, activities, food trucks and inflatables while raising money for Cancer research. Weekly events are planned to help reach our goal of \$15000.
- Peel Public Health has sent information to schools regarding suspensions for students that are not immunized. Through legislation schools are required to suspend students whose immunization records are not up to date. Students cannot return until we get word from Peel Health that immunizations have taken place or exemptions are granted.
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Meeting Dates

May 22, 2025

Adjournment

The meeting of the Iona Catholic Secondary Council was adjourned.