



IONA Catholic Secondary School

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Minutes of Iona Catholic Secondary School Council Meeting

Thursday, May 23, 2024, at 7:00 pm

Iona Learning Commons

In Attendance: Justyna Czerepak (Co-Chair), Oswald Emmanuel, Kirsten Madsen, Lois Keating, Laura Di Gennaro (VP), Carl Cini (P).

Regrets: Nelen Visconti-Avila, Vita Emmanuel (Co-Chair), Nelia Toste (Teacher Rep)

1. Opening Prayer
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Review and Approval of Meeting Agenda – L. Keating, J. Czerepak
4. Review and Approval of Minutes from April 24, 2024, meeting – O Emmanuel, K. Madsen
 - 20 students have signed up to volunteer at the St. Francis of Assisi Fun Fair on May 31.
 - St. Christopher CES is looking for volunteers for their Fun Fair on June 7.
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
 - Graduation Awards Sponsorship – Student Council Letter Award \$100, Iona Alumni Award 2 x \$200.
7. Teacher Report
 - No report
8. Principal's Report
 - Our Annual Relay for Life will take place on Wednesday, May 29. Students participate in a fun event while raising money for cancer research.
 - Foundations Dance Show is on Monday, May 27 at 6 pm at Meadowvale Theatre.
 - Little Mermaid productions begin on June 3. There are 8 performances. 4 matinee shows for our feeder schools and 4 night shows. Our Drama and Music program have joined with our

Visual Arts and Engineering students to turn our Drama room into an under-the-sea art installation with a rotating boat.

- On June 7, we celebrate the end of a successful school year with Closing Mass
- Athletics in the Spring season include Track, Ultimate, Soccer (Sr, Jr, Varsity Girls), Baseball, Softball and Cricket.
- Asian Student Illuminative Alliance (A.S.I.A.) created to uplift Asian voices in our school has been celebrating Asian History Month in May and holding events to educate our students about all facets of Asian culture.
- Yearbooks will be distributed on June 14. Any student who did not pay their student activity fee this year will be charged \$20 to receive a yearbook.
- Due to the change in the Student Activity Fee to \$45, yearbooks are no longer included. We will begin selling yearbooks for the 24-25 school year beginning on June 14. Students will have an opportunity to purchase the book for \$40 until October 1.
- CPTs are beginning. They are worth between 10 and 20 per cent of the final mark depending on that course. If a student is absent for a part of the CPT, they must verify it to have an opportunity to make it up.
- Attendance is the key to the success of any student. Students and parents are encouraged to not allow attendance to lapse so they can finish the semester with academic success.
- Exams are from June 18 – 24. Each day has one exam beginning with Period 1, 2, 3 then 4. Students will have access to the presentations provided in Semester 1 on our school website under the Learning tab. Teachers will provide subject specific studying information and direction. Further resources will be disseminated through social media, hard copy and morning announcements.
- Attendance is mandatory for exams. Missed exams must be accompanied by a doctor's note or a mark of zero will be assessed.
- Exam Moratorium will begin on June 11. After this date all homework will be directed to exam preparation.
- A letter was emailed to all parents and grade 12 students regarding behaviour as we approach the end of the school year. Senior students (and others) sometimes participate in pranks or disrupt the school environment. Parents and students are reminded that any behaviour that is harmful, causes damage to school property or causes a safety concern (to name a few) will result in student discipline, not being able to attend prom or grad and in some cases will involve police. Please check your email for the full text of this letter.
- Grade 9 Math students will participate in the EQAO Math assessment on June 13 & 14. There will be no CPTs assigned on Math EQAO days.
- Report Cards will be distributed electronically to student board email. Be sure to download the report card as the link is only active for a week.
- The school will be closed from July 2 for the summer. The main office will reopen on Monday, August 26.
- The Get Ready Program for incoming grade 9 students is scheduled for August 27 – 28 from 9-1.
- As we prepare for creating schedules for students for the 2024-2025 school year, parents are encouraged to pay the Students Activity Fee of \$45 through school cash online.
- Thank you for the support and participation of those who attended and participated in our Council and our meetings. In September, we will be electing a new council, and all are

encouraged to participate and take on a position. All parents are welcome and urged to bring others with them.

- Currently registering students for all grades – keep talking us up in community.
- Please follow us on Twitter @IonaCatholic, on Instagram @ionacatholicmississauga and on YouTube at Iona CSS

Meeting Dates
September, 2024

Adjournment

The meeting of the Iona Catholic Secondary Council was adjourned.