

Pope Francis Catholic Elementary School
Catholic School Council Nominees
2020-2021

Candidate	Description
<p>Teresa Anton</p>	<p>Hi Parents and Guardian of Pope Francis CES, My name is Teresa Anton and I currently have 3 children who attend PFS CES, next year it will be 4. We are new to the school and are excited to be part of the YDCSB and the PFS CES community. We are practicing Roman Catholics and, like many of you, we too believe that Faith and Family are of the utmost importance while raising our children. A good, strong Catholic steered education, and a focus on building and nurturing strong leadership within our children is a focus for us as a family. I am a Financial Broker and have worked in the field of finance for over a decade. Financial literacy at a young age is very important to me! I have served as youth minister at my previous parish for several years and will continue to be active in our new Parish. I enjoy meeting new people and am excited to get to know many parents and faculty members as the years go on. I am looking forward to contributing to the success of PFS CES's children and community in anyway that I can!</p> <p>All the best to everyone nominated. God bless Teresa</p>
<p>Genevieve Simnett</p>	<p>Genevieve Simnett is a secondary school biology teacher with the Toronto Catholic District School Board. She is a strong advocate for Catholic education and community engagement. Her two daughters attend Pope Francis Catholic Elementary School for Junior Kindergarden and Grade 1. She looks forward to collaborating with the parent and school community to ensure a safe and optimal learning environment for our students!</p>

Deanna D'Ambrosio

For those of you that don't know me my name is Deanna D'Ambrosio, I am a wife and Mom of two amazing kids that attend Pope Francis CES. I have worked for the last 15+ years working in the Project Coordinator and Office Management Role. I have great organizational, time management and leadership skills.

For the last 18 years I have volunteered for Big Brothers Big Sisters as a Big Sister to Riley. I'm also part of BBBS Recruitment Committee and sit on the Committee for organizing their Annual Gala. I'm passionate about giving back to the school and our entire community. Last year I was proud to be elected and sit on the Pope Francis Catholic Elementary School Council. I dedicated my heart and my time into discovering new and exciting ways we could enhance our children's education and bring the community together. I would love to once again be part of the CSC and would greatly appreciate your nomination.

Thank you, Deanna D'Ambrosio

Deann has been a volunteer in the community and her place of work. She has been with Big Brothers, Big Sisters For 18 years and sits on several committees. Last year she was on Pope Francis CES Council. She brings a lot to the table in the form of suggestions and enthusiastic participation on all group and school events.

Tony Angelucci

I am a father of three boys that currently attend Pope Francis CES (*since it opened*). I have been a sitting member of the Catholic School Council for the past 3 years, and I have served as **Chair** for the last 2 consecutive years. As chair I have been extremely passionate in representing the parent community. My goals always included...

Commitment: It takes a village, ensuring voted upon tasks and events are carried through to completion.

Inclusion: Ensuring that everyone is represented, all grades, all opinions, and all feedback.

	<p>Inspire: Enriching the experience our children receive by means of events, educational resources, and activities.</p> <p>As chair I was instrumental in guiding the council in executing fundraising activities that resulted in 10's of thousands of dollars raised over the years. These funds contributed to technology (<i>chrome books & school projectors</i>), sports equipment (<i>Scoreboard, team jersey, volleyball equip & nets</i>), learning programs (<i>Raz Kids & Scientist in the class</i>), and our Dyson fan purchase; all of which the children enjoy. Aside from fundraising I also played a key role in contributing to important events such as the year end BBQ, dances, and graduation gifts. Overall, it's important to remember we serve the entire school community and represent the parents voice.</p>
<p>Pamela Viola</p>	<p>Pamela Viola-Lascala is a dedicated mother of 3 children Luca, Vanessa and Sabrina. Pamela has attended school in the Woodbridge area for most of her educational career. Upon completing university, Pamela has worked in the banking industry. She is a great party planner as well! Her main focus now are the education and development of her young children. Her nature as a great listener and hard worker will be a valuable asset to the school council.</p>
<p>Michelle DiBiase</p>	<p>My Name is Michelle Di Biase. I've been a part of the council for 2 years now. It's been a huge eye opener as to what really needs to be dealt with behind the scenes. 2 years ago when I first joined I took a step back from my position at work and took a part time weekend position at night this way I was always there for my kids and the school. I was the lunchtime supervisor and helped where needed for hot lunch distribution. I also took on Spiritwear the first year. Enduring travels back and forth to our provider for samples and negotiating prices. It was quite overwhelming and time consuming however it was for the kids of PF. Headed up the Halloween dance for 2 years now as well as helping out at our Christmas parade and enjoying the wonderful planning and executing of the year end BBQ. Our team was</p>

fantastic! I cannot put into words how a year off has changed my vision of what the kids really need. Second year I gladly joined again. I could not see myself not on the council as I'm here to help in anyway possible. I'm here for the Children of PF!

I nominate Michelle DiBiase for a seat on the Pope Francis Catholic School Council. She is an engaged parent in our school community and would be a valuable addition to the CSC for the 2020/2021 school year.

I have had the pleasure of getting to know Michelle since we started at Pope Francis a little over 3 years ago. She is invested in the community and the students at our school. She often dedicates her time to help with hot lunch distribution or Lunch Supervision. She initiated and organized the school Spirit Wear program from finding a vendor to helping organize and fulfill the orders. Michelle, ultimately has the children's best interest at heart and is dedicated to making decisions that will have a positive impact on our school and students. She is energetic and an all around good person! I know I can always count on her for help if I need it.

In closing, Michelle DiBiase's dedication and support would only benefit our school community in a positive way. During this time, we need strong individuals on the CSC and I know Michelle is that person.

I would like to nominate Michelle Di Biase for a seat on this year's Catholic School Council. Michelle has 2 children that attend Pope Francis, a daughter in grade 5 and a son in grade 3. Michelle has been on the council for the past 2 years and has been involved in many fundraising committees, helping where needed. Most notably is her work with the Spirit Wear Campaign. Thanks to her, and the others on that committee, we have our beautiful Pope Francis Spirit Wear that the children love. Michelle has also volunteered much of her time as a lunchtime supervisor for the school. She always has a positive attitude and is a pleasure to be around. She is dedicated to the success of the school and she would be a great asset on this year's Council.

Meghan Summaria	I am interested in being a voting member of the council. My daughter is in FDK. I am an elementary Catholic school teacher and have sat on my own school council as a voting member as well.
Marcella Peters	Hello. I'm Marcella Peters, a mother of 2 and work full time. It's definitely been a challenging year for all of us. I have been honoured to be part of the Council for the past 2 years and would love to continue to contribute to the learning environment for all our children. I have actively participated and volunteered on many subcommittees responsible for fundraising events which enabled the council to purchase much needed resources, like technology, for the school. Thank you for your consideration.
Mathew Ho	<p>A father, realtor, business executive, and outdoor enthusiast. Yet, I am best known as the Triplets' dad. Served as a former Catholic School Council member for 2018-20 and treasurer during the 2018-19 school year.</p> <p>I am a dedicated father who will do everything within my reach to provide all necessary resources and guidance to help our children to be successful. I believe that our children deserve the best and I feel incredibly honored to take part of this journey, a step at a time.</p> <p>In addition to nominating myself as a council member, I am also interested in running for the Treasurer's position (for the 2nd time)</p>
Christina Petrolo	<p>My name is Christina Petrolo. I am the outgoing Vice-Chair for the 2019-2020 school year. I have 2 children attending school here at PFS, my son is in Grade 2 and my daughter is in Grade 7. We are so very proud to be part of the founding families since the beginning! It's hard to believe that it's already our 5th year here.</p> <p>Being a part of the CSC from the very beginning has been rewarding to me in so many ways. I would be honoured to continue to devote my time to help the students and the school. It has been an amazing experience for me forming new friendships while planning and carrying out initiatives for our kids to have fun, learn and thrive.</p> <p>These are some of my past contributions as a CSC member: -Fundraising Committees (both Winter and Spring), Vaughan Santa Fest</p>

	<p>Parade, Hot Lunch Committee, Dress Code Committee, Spirit Wear Committees, Year-end BBQ, Pancake Tuesday, and Basketball Tournament Snack Sales.</p> <p>I have been an active member of the CSC and have a proven track record of full and perfect attendance at every parent council meeting. This shows my dedicated character, loyalty, that I am committed, dependable, and consistent.</p> <p>It's a gratifying feeling to know that our collective efforts as Catholic School Council members are making a difference in the growth of our school. To know that our school is raising money to purchase so many important resources for the students to learn and play with (for example, sunshades in the JK/SK yard, basketball nets, scoreboard, projection screen in the gym, numerous chrome books and iPads, and chrome carts, only to name a few). We all have a common goal and priority, it is to make PFS and enjoyable and happy place for our kids to learn and enrich their minds giving them the best possible experiences to look back at their childhood days here and have lasting positive memories of their time here. I always say Pope Francis School is not just a building, it's a place that is filled with the laughter of our children, their growing minds and the love from all the amazing teachers and principals.</p> <p>I will continue to always be an advocate for Pope Francis School and dedicate my time as I have for the past 4 years. I ask for your support in allowing me to serve the Pope Francis community again for this year. Thank you for the consideration.</p> <p>Christina Petrolo</p>
<p>Laura Giamberardino Cardile</p>	<p>I am a proud parent of a Pope Francis student with another who will join the PFS CES family next year. I have had the pleasure and honour to be on the CSC for the past two years, one of which I served as the Co-Chair of the Council. I come from a Human Resources background professionally and have spent over 16 years volunteering for an international women's organization committed to providing opportunities for personal development, service to others and leadership growth through sisterhood. I am deeply passionate about the education all of our children are exposed to and how we as a parent community as well as a neighbourhood can help to enrich that experience and develop and nourish our youngest learners as they navigate their journey through the Catholic elementary school system. I would love the opportunity to serve on the council again this year, as not</p>

	<p>only are we in a unique situation, I feel that we more than ever need to come together to ensure that all of our pupils, be it in person or through distance learning are being nourished, supported and included as well that our school is supported as best as we can during these unprecedented times. I look forward to the wonderful ambitions and activities that the 2020/21 CSC will provide.</p> <p>God Bless. Laura Cardile</p>
<p>Stefania Campoli Toniolo</p>	<p>My name is Stefania Campoli-Toniolo. For those who don't know me, I am a parent of 2 beautiful girls, Alessandra (7) and Valentina (5) who proudly attend Pope Francis C.E.S.</p> <p>I have been an active member of our Parent Council for the last three years and I would be honoured to continue my work on the council again this year.</p> <p>Having been on the parent council, I have a great understanding and appreciation of the time, commitment and passion that is necessary to make it a successful school community and academic year. It involves a lot of commitment of our personal time and is a lot of work. I believe that I have both the passion and the commitment necessary to see that this year, albeit very different from the last years; is still a successful and prosperous year at Pope Francis.</p> <p>I strongly believe that educating our children is not just about academics and grades. It is also about a coming together of all aspects of community: the school, the school board, the church, neighbours, the family, etc, and as such, it is a responsibility shared by the teachers in the classroom and these members /facets of the community. In essence, all these parts must work together and contribute to give our students a wholesome education. WE, the community, have a responsibility to make the school a safe and happy place which encourages learning and provides the students with the necessary tools to excel. For me, being a member of our parent council allows me to do just that. It is my contribution to the overall learning experience of our children. Whether it is through organizing a fundraiser that raises money and allows us to purchase things that are needed for our school/student use (i.e stocks our library with wholesome reading materials, computers, etc) or whether is is organizing a hot lunch that ensures our</p>

	<p>children are fed well but that also gives a tired stressed out parent a night off from making lunches, or whether it is organizing events which allows our students and community to make lasting memories, however big or small the contribution, being on the parent council would allow me to do my part in providing our children with the best educational experience possible.</p> <p>I look forward to working with many of you on our parent council this year.</p>
<p>Elena Riolo</p>	<p>Elena Riolo, mom of 3 children currently attending PFS. I've been a member of the PFS CSC since the 1st year the school opened. This year, similar to previous years I would like to join the CSC to help raise funds for our school, whether it be through fundraising or a hot lunch program (if allowed). For the past few years I've lead the Cookie Dough Fundraiser, that has been very successful. This upcoming year will definitely be different for all and I very much look forward to the challenge, if selected to be part of the PFS CSC.</p>
<p>Sandra De Melo</p>	<p>Hi, I'm Sandra De Melo and I would like to nominate myself for a seat on this year's Catholic School Council. I have two children that attend Pope Francis, a daughter in grade 5 and a son in grade 2. I have been an active member of the Council for the past 3 years and have held the position of Secretary for the past 2 years. While on Council, I have also been part of the BBQ committee for the past 2 years helping to organize the event, which has always been very successful and so much fun. I have also volunteered my time at the school wherever needed for various fundraising events. When I first decided to join Council 3 years ago, it was a way to show my children that their school life, and being connected to the school and the community was important to me... in the hopes that it will be important to them as well. With all that has transpired in the world over the last few months I feel that it is even more important to hold these connections now somehow. I know that the upcoming year will have its challenges, but I have always been dedicated to the school and the children's experiences and safety have always been of utmost importance to me. I look forward to another successful year at Pope Francis.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Sandra DeMelo is the most caring individual I have come to know. From the beginning her warm heart is open to helping everyone whether child or</p>

	<p>adult. Sandra has been in the committee for 3 years now and was apart of executing the BBQ 2 years in a row. Her on tact note taking is perfection with no questions asked after any meeting. Sandra will never say no and accommodate whatever the task is. I'm happy to say not only is she a great member to council but also a fantastic lady.</p>
<p>Sabrina Mainolfi</p>	<p>Hi! My name is Sabrina . I have been a part of a wonderful group of parents as a voting member of the Parent council since my children started at Pope Francis. It has been 4 years now . It is a commitment that takes time from your regular busy life but it is one I enjoy . As a team , we have accomplished wonderful things for our school. We have raised significant amount of money to purchase items a new school requires from kindergarten to grade 8 and ending the year with the greatest school bbq celebrating our kids . I love being involved in my children's school and I know it makes my kids proud to see mom involved . This year is going to look very different but I am confident we can still make it a successful year despite the circumstances. Together we can work to make our school a safe place for our kids to learn , have fun and be proud to be part of this community.</p>
<p>Piero Mainolfi</p>	<p>My name is Piero, I am a parent with 2 children at our school. My wife Sabrina has been part of the parent council for the last 4 years. I have always supported and encouraged her involvement to the point where I joined myself last year. It was a great experience and really enjoyed being more involved in our children's school. As a collective team we have really come together. We committed our time, we worked hard, we had fun and accomplished wonderful things for our school. Unfortunately due to COVID we didn't set out to do all the things we planned . I wish to be part of that team again this year despite the challenges we will face.</p> <p>Thank you, Piero</p>
<p>Silvia Iannetti</p>	

Roberta Hogan	
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