



**ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**
October 2, 2023, 6:00 pm

Opening Prayer - Annette Filice

2. Roll Call

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP		Present	Excused	Absent
Principal/Vice-Principal Secretary/Treasurer	T. Atkinson	√		
Chair				
Co-Chair	Stephanie Bays Leanne Prince Kayla Walsh	√ √ √		
Teacher Representative	A. Filice	√		
Non-Teaching Representative	H. Humphreys			√
Parish Representative				
OAPCE Representative				
Melissa Bowker		√		
Justin Caron		√		
Kathleen Ciccotti				√
Jenna Graham		√		
Melanie Harris		√		
Kristy McNally				√
Breia Merla		√		
Marlies Nanninga		√		
Andrea Piché		√		
Chris Piché		√		
Sarah Veld		√		
Nicole Wikkerink				√

Minutes of the meeting taken by A. Filice

**Stephanie/ Sarah- approval of Agenda
Approval of the meeting minutes~**

1. Teacher report~ Presented by Annette (discussed September events- Terry Fox, Orange Shirt Day), Sports preparations
2. **Policies**
 - a. Mr. Atkinson presented that this has to do with community use of facilities Insurance and fees that need to be paid (including piano and potentially soccer) Practice involves liability issues.

3. Principals Report

- a. Presented by Tim
 - b. Catholicity
- First mass at the church went very well.
 - This month's mass is on the 12th at the school
 - The feast of Saint Francis of Assisi is on October 4th. However, Father Rico is away this week, so he came in last week to do the Blessing of the Stuffedies. It went so well.
 - Last week, the parents of our grade 2 students had a meeting at the church discussing First Holy Communion and Reconciliation. The dates for these are Nov. 20 for Reconciliation and April 21 for First Communion.
 - The meeting for the grade 8 families for Confirmation is on Oct 19 at 7pm.
 - The grade 8s have their Journey Retreat at the church on the 27th.
 - Student Achievement
 - Math continues to be a focus of PD for staff.
 - New Literacy curriculum is being unpack by staff. Lots to look and review. Parents will notice 1 grade on report cards. A newer document The Science of Reading is what driving these changes.
 - PA Day on Friday has 3 sessions. 1 is Literacy, 2 is Math, and 3 is working on our school improvement plan.
 - EQAO results are in. Can't share with public until they do, but we will be using the data to drive our improvement plan.
 - - School Climate
 - Meet the teacher went well. Lots of positive feedback from both parents and teachers.
 - Terry Fox was a huge success. \$1,200 at 9am. Put out a reminder and \$1,500 comes in in 2 hours. End up just under \$2,800!
 - Student Council is going with Evan Dos Santos as our Chair. They will have some Eco-school commitments this year as well as their annual activities like food drive in November, Toy drive in December. They are also looking at a battery collection in the spring and used electronics collection in January. Their first event will be organizing and running the dance-a-thon.
 - Orange Shirt day was great. We probably were at 90%. Lessons and discussions are still going on this week as we want the students to know that is an ongoing issue and should be addressed and discussed not just on September 30th.

~First school mass at church

~ Feast of St. Francis- blessing of the stuffed animals

~Math focal point for student achievement

~Literacy curriculum with varied resources

~PA Day

~Literacy focus reflects Science of Reading

~EQAO results are in but cannot be released

~School Climate- Meet the Teacher

~Terry Fox was a huge success

~ Student Council (Evan DosSantos- chair), Food Drive November, Toy Drive December

~ Orange Shirt Day learning and conversations within classrooms

Soccer- October 11th

Cross Country- October 18th

OAPCE- Stephanie Bays/ Leanne Prince spoke of message

All information on the website and Mr. Atkinson to decide how he wishes to share information

~ Grant from GBF \$ 1000 to continue with the Snack Program and Niagara Nutrition is paying for half of a new freezer to be used in the Snack Program and our existing freezer will house frozen yogurt and sorbet to be sold by grade 8's, proceeds going to graduation expenses

- **Fundraising**~ Mrs. Bowker spoke to fundraising document
- Talked about identifying a goal and efforts to support where money will go
- Important to be transparent so we are aware where all of the money will be distributed and see where there are gaps
- Sept- Terry Fox
- October- Dance-a-thon
- November- quiet
- December- Toy Drive
- January/February- quiet
- March- Wine
- April- quiet
- May-quiet
- June- Fun Fair
 - Proposed Krispy Cream donuts (logistics of delivery and make sure have enough people to pick up), Mabel's Labels, Boxed cards,
 - Breia spoke to: Mom's Pantry (cookie dough) goal of \$3000 to avoid delivery fee
 - Flip Give- each store has a different percentage
 - Gift baskets (candy jars/baskets and sell on Nov 24th – National Candy Day)
 - Nov 5- National Donut Day
 - Mar 9- Popcorn Day
 - Jan 31- National Hot Chocolate Day
 - Overall fundraising for school and for Grade 8 Grad
 - Propose ideas in a calendar- - Melissa and Brea to break it down and share with Mr. I Atkinson
- Areas of Need:
 - Technology,
 - school team uniforms (check in with Front Row to see if they will sponsor)
 - books from authors of colour (diversifying books)
 - Giant thermometer to gauge areas of need and work towards those goals
 - Becomes competition amongst classes
- Need to collectively decide what fundraising initiatives we would like to pursue
- Marketing images have made such a huge impact
- Kayla proposed putting it out now so we are transparent and all parents are aware
- Colour code all 3 fundraising initiatives
- Require a list from the school to decide on purchases
- Once fundraising totals are decided (giving back money to the community)
- Adult Gala (early in the year for new families to meet the school community)
- Leanne Prince- a certain percentage to give back to the community with a Christmas fundraiser (each class could come up with a wishlist, can donate a certain amount to a community organization)
- GBF offers many opportunity communities to give
- Meet with fundraising committee prior to our meeting date to organize (meet at school-after school)
- allowed to have 4 big fundraisers
- Need to discuss fundraising initiatives

Graduation- June 19th @ 5:00 pm at St. Joseph

- Pizza, Sub and Pita Days doing well
- Milk program doing well
- Leanne Prince asked about hot lunches- instead of ordering per month request to order multiple months in advance

Safe Schools

- Every year a binder needs to be completed to determine all safety protocols

Snack program- asked about putting a request out to parents (will not be doing so)

Parent Engagement Funds:

- Catholic School Council Funding Application, if interested email can be forwarded and a link to be clicked to fill out application
- Paul Davis presentation (something we look at for following year) Melissa Bowker asked about a student presentation as well but must have a parent presentation as well
- Ideas proposed to support getting Paul Davis as a community initiative (all community schools should be able to participate and share the cost)

Dance-a-thon

- Stephanie Bays talked about committee
 - Dance component will be taken care of by Mrs. Morrison and Grade 8s (glow sticks to be ordered, popcorn. Good amount of money made on these few things
 - Pledge sheet to go home- cash online
 - Mrs. Humphreys hopefully to return in a few weeks
 - pledge sheet to go out a few weeks before the dance
 - if pledge sheet is ready to go out prior to thanksgiving (Thursday, October 5,2023)
 - A list required for Holly as to what is needed
 - Stephanie to provide a list of volunteers required for the event and email to Holly to request things needed
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- **Advent Mass- Dec 11 at 10:00 am at St. Joseph Church**
 - **Family Advent Mass - Dec 12th at 5:30 pm**

Next Meeting- November 6, 2023

- Potentially organize Gingerbread Houses community event/require a small committee to plan the evening