



Minutes
OUR LADY OF FATIMA CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday February 5, 2024- 6:00 pm

Virtual Meeting via Google Meet

Link: meet.google.com/kro-qwke-sjd

<u>CSC Membership Role</u>	<u>Name(s)</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Principal/Vice-Principal Secretary/Treasurer	Rosie Araujo (P) Maria Kish (VP)	X x		
Chair	Mike Febbraro	x		
Co-Chair	none			
Teacher Rep	Mike Lettieri, Tracy Kovacs	xx		
Non-Teaching Rep	Lisa Gillis	x		
<u>Parent Members</u>				
Christine Leonetti		x		
Vince Kikas		x		
Sabrina DeSantis				x
Romina Chandra		x		
Christina Glazer		x		
Julija Zych		x		
Jill St. George		x		
Jasmin/Lucas Posavad		xx		
Shane Gregersen		x		
Melanie Capretta		x		

Roberto Godoy		X		
Natalie Bosiljevac		X		

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer- Mrs. Araujo
2. Roll Call- Mrs. Araujo
3. Approval of the Agenda: approved by Mike seconded by Julija
4. Approval of Minutes – from Nov 20 meeting approval by Mike, seconded by Natalie

B. PRESENTATIONS- none

C. PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

1. Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) Report- none to report
2. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report- none to report
3. Catholic School Council Financial Report- Mom’s Pantry- profit \$818.08 and M&M Meat Shop- profit \$73.08 for a total of \$891.16. With the profit sales, Mrs. Araujo purchased new sports equipment (balls, scooters and a large parachute) for the school.

D. OAPCE REPORT- N/A

E. STAFF REPORT- Mr. Lettieri, Ms. Gillis and Ms. Kovacs- nothing to report. Mrs. Kovacs concurred with Mrs. Araujo that teachers are working on report cards and that they will be sent home on Feb 12, 2024.

F. AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

1) Area Review Committee updates- new Lincoln school- Mrs. Araujo stated that there will be a meeting on Feb 13, 2024 at the CEC at 6:30. Board representatives will state the recommendations for the boundary plan moving forward. No comments can be made at this meeting.

2) Fundraising initiatives for this year –

Henry of Pelham- Mrs. Araujo sent in December 2023 regarding the fundraiser. Council members responded favourably to this initiative. This fundraiser will run throughout the month of March. Based on profit, the school will determine if this is a fundraiser that will be continued in the future.

Krispy Kreme- This fundraiser will take place mid May. There is a limit of 350 boxes the school can sell. The prices have increased from last year from \$10.00 to \$12.00 a dozen. It will be sold on a first come first serve basis. Families can purchase through school cash online. Mr. Kikas has volunteered to pick up the orders on June 4, 2024.

Battle of Threads- This was a fundraiser initiative discussed in the past. It was suggested that it run the week before March break. Mrs. Araujo asked to defer to April 2024 or the following school year.

Erin stated that her boys are in rep sports and the same fundraisers are being done outside of school as well. She deems that it may contribute to the school fundraisers not being as

successful. Erin also mentioned that moving forward the council may want to consider fundraising opportunities that involve the children such as a Dance-a-thon or Movie night with raffles and concessions. She also stated that if we initiate these fundraisers, council members need to support rather than put it on the teachers.

Mike stated that we moved away from the Fun fair in the past, possibly due to the pandemic, however, it may be something to reconsider and re-introduce to the school community. He also mentioned that the council consider “risk vs reward”.

Mr. & Mrs. Pozovad stated that the parent council can step up and support the school fundraising initiatives by preparing a plan/proposal of ideas. They agree the children should be the focus. Mrs. Pozovad stated that she would be willing to take on a planning role to further support fundraising initiatives in the future such as a Fun fair. She also stated that she wants to consider, “what is going to be memorable for the students and in their best interests”.

Furthermore, a possible barbeque was suggested in September at the “Parent Meet and Greet”.

Julia stated that she is in agreement with previous council members' suggestions.

Mel suggested that a possible school initiative could be that each grade be in charge of items collected for boys/girls, similar to a “giving tree” to further support families in the school and community. Tracy concurred with this suggestion.

Mrs. Araujo stated that the school has donated to families in need and had some food drives. She mentioned that the Knights of Columbus were offering winter clothing for those families who required support. She said that there were quite a few families who did reach out but were worried about anonymity. Mrs. Araujo suggested that if we can ensure anonymity for the parents and maintain integrity/dignity.

Mike suggested that St. Joseph’s could be a pick up location for supporting families in the school so anonymity could be maintained. He also mentioned that a dialogue with Father Rico would be beneficial.

Mrs. Araujo redirected the conversation back to fundraising and stated that another meeting can be held in April to outline proposals for new fundraising ideas/opportunities to be considered for the new school year.

Mel questioned whether “Battle of the Threads” could still be a school event without it being a fundraising opportunity. Mrs. Araujo inserted that it would be best that the initiative be deferred to the following school year. Council members agreed.

3) Math Initiatives this year- Hallway, corner, contests, parent involvement funding:

OLF is a Math priority school- goal is to improve EQAO scores

Math corner and hallway are being utilized. As an incentive, students who are caught working on inquiry questions receive bracelets. The school is promoting math activities. We invite all families to participate in the monthly math family contests. Families who participate have their names put in a raffle for a chance to win a basket of math related games. This is to further support family engagement.

4) open discussion- Questions from the members:

Mike suggested to the council considerations for a fundraising initiative through a food processing company. There is a variety of meat products and it gets delivered to the school.

Mrs. Araujo looked at the particulars of the initiative and her only concern was geographical location with respect to delivery. This is just a consideration and something that is different from

Mr. Pozovad inquired about surveying the school community to see what they would be interested in with respect to fundraising initiatives. Mrs. Araujo stated that we can send a google form to survey families regarding the fundraising initiatives completed this school year and additional initiatives they would like in the future.

There was discussion regarding Pizza Days. Pizza Hut was unable to complete the Food and Beverage Policy form. Petes' Pizza were able to sign the form and provided personal boxes. Nonnis' and Gino's could not accommodate personal pizza boxes. According to board policy, we can have 10 additional food days in a school year. Mrs. Araujo is willing to have a Pizza Hut Day scheduled in March.

Mr. Febraro enquired about the volunteer forms for grade 8 community service hours. He stated that there is a disconnect with the places/services that were suggested on the form. Mrs. Araujo suggested that she will speak to Father Rico regarding alternative options. Jill stated that she fosters for a cat rescue and offered contact information for volunteer hours if needed.

G. NEXT MEETING- May 27 2024 (in person social)

Mrs. Araujo will provide an agenda as well as an update on the Henry of Pelham fundraising sales. Mrs. Araujo wants to have the in person social in Grimsby. She will send an email with some options regarding attendance and locale at a later date.

H. ADJOURNMENT- Mrs. A will adjourned the meeting at 6:58

I. CLOSING PRAYER - Hail Mary