



Minutes
ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
March 19, 2024 - 6:00pm

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Land Acknowledgement/Opening Prayer -
2. Roll Call - Lauren Cnossen, Lauren Oliveira, Tracy Clipsham, Christine Skilton, Silvana Piscitello, Sabrina Golini, Kerie Raymond, Ryan Harmon, Fran Oliveira, Jacquelline Swart, Monica Giammarco, Mrs. Manchuk, Miss Sirianni, Mr. Tolomeo
Regrets: Mrs. DeCoff, Rob Rapiti
3. Approval of Agenda - Motion by Lauren Cnossen and seconded by Ryan Harmon
4. Approval of Dec. mtg. minutes - Motion by Lauren Cnossen and seconded by Ryan Harmon

B. PRESENTATIONS - none

C. POLICIES FOR VETTING FEEDBACK

These Administrative Operational Procedures have been posted on the Board's website under the *Administrative Operational Procedures* tab of the Board's *Governance Policies, By-Laws, Administrative Operational Procedures, Protocols and Procedures* section.

Policy Vetting You are invited to provide feedback on the policies :

Employee Workplace Harassment Policy (201.7)

Employee Workplace Violence Policy (201.11)

Occupational Health and Safety Policy (201.6)

Purchasing Supply Chain Management Policy (600.1)

Please submit your feedback to anna.pisano@ncdsb.com by 12 p.m. on May 1, 2024.

D. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - See Principal Report attachment

1. Catholicity
2. Student Achievement
3. School Climate

E. OAPCE REPORT – none

F. STAFF REPORT – Included in Principal's Report

G. SUBCOMMITTEE Reports

1. Church Liaison - the church is busy with sacraments upcoming

2. By-laws/Policy - none

3. Fundraising - June 8th - car show & vendor fair fundraiser - working on a flyer - vendor information will be coming. Council help will be needed and the parent community. Classes will create baskets based on a theme. Ryan mentioned he had a connection with cars and asked that we email him information that he can pass on to car enthusiasts.

4. Graduation - June 20th - decision needs to be made about a meal. DJ needs to be solidified. In the past a picture was taken of the graduation students and given to the students - 66 students. An email will need to be sent out to purchase the grade composite. The deadline is April 15th. Committee asked if there was a list of things to do (Ex: balloon arch, etc). Question about finances and budget was raised. Mrs. Manchuk will pull the receipts from last couple of years and prepare a report and then the committee can meet one afternoon and discuss.

5. Safe Schools - Cyber safety - question about last year's guest speaker and this year we may connect with police officers to speak to the classes.

Offering this for grade 5 students as well would be beneficial.

Curriculum connections - regarding drugs and cell phones - grade 7 and 8 students but perhaps in earlier grades. The awareness piece for the students can only be beneficial.

H. NEW BUSINESS - none

I. NEXT MEETING – April 30, 2024

J. CLOSING PRAYER - Our Father

K. ADJOURNMENT – 6:55 pm



March 2024 St. Mark Catholic Elementary School Principal's Report



Catholicity

School Church Connections

Season of Lent

- Ash Wednesday was celebrated at school in our gymnasium. We had two celebrations lead by our Student Council and Mr. Tolomeo
- Fr. Chris lead Stations of the Cross for the entire school (two sessions) on March 5. Student council participated in this with Fr. Chris
- Gr. 2 First Reconciliation took place on Saturday March 16 between 10:00 and 2:00pm
- Sacrament of Reconciliation will be taking place for grades 3 to 8 on Thursday March 21 at 10:00am in our school gymnasium

Confirmation – Saturday, April 13th

First Communion – May 5th 2024

CGE Celebrations – Students have been presenting and demonstrating their understanding each month. Recognition awards have been handed out to students who demonstrate the CGE daily!

Student Achievement

Reading supports for primary and junior grades

- Kindergarten to grade 8 teachers have been implementing Short Term Learning Cycles to further support struggling students in Numeracy. We will be entering our third cycle beginning in the next few weeks.
- Mrs. Duffy has been working with small groups of Grade 6 students targeting fundamental math skills. She works through 30 specific lessons daily with the students. After the 30 days, she shares her results and resources with the classroom teacher so they can continue in the classroom.
- Mrs. Zamfir continues to work with various groups of students focusing on the fundamentals of reading. This is an intervention model so students are rotated in based on needs.

Mental Health and Well-Being

- CYW support – continued support for all K to 8 classes – Abby Vanderlee is our CYW and visits St. Mark on day 1 and 2 of the 5 day cycle
- Social Worker support – Steven Johnston is our social worker for this school year. Referrals are submitted by the school after conversations with families

Technology in the Classroom

- 3 Smart TVs have been purchased for 2 kinder rooms and one grade 2 classroom. Eventually LCD projectors will be replaced with Smart TVs in all classrooms from Kindergarten to grade 6.

School Climate

Student Council – Our Leadership Conference is fast approaching.... We will be sending 3 students to the Leadership Symposium taking place on April 30th.

We will have our two reps from grade 7 and 8, and our new student senator who will be incoming, for next year. These elections take place April 10h for the grade 6s.

Sports/Clubs/Extra Curricular Activities

- Our Junior Handball teams recently competed at the FOS tournament.
- Pokemon Club is up and running – supervised by Mrs. Zamfir. They meet twice a month
- Vex Robotics – One of our Intermediate teams placed third in the Skills Competition at Loretto Elementary. St. Mark will be hosting the next Vex Competition during Catholic Education Week in May
- Chess club will be starting up this month