



ST. JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2024 AGENDA

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. **Land Acknowledgement** - David Forte

We begin this meeting by acknowledging the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples, many of whom continue to live and work here today. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is within the land protected by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum agreement. Today this gathering place is home to many First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples and acknowledging reminds us that our great standard of living is directly related to the resources and friendship of Indigenous people.

2. **Opening Prayer** - David Forte

*Lord, we are meeting today to conduct matters of business related to St. John Catholic School. Guide our hearts and our minds in the spirit of fairness, right thought and speech. Impart Your supreme wisdom upon our activities, so that our affairs may reach a successful conclusion. Thank You for being our source of guidance today.
Amen.*

3. **Roll Call:**

<u>Staff & Community Representatives:</u>	<u>Parent Representatives:</u>
David Forte (Principal) Lauren Swindley (Teaching staff member) Elizabeth Bennie (Teaching staff member) Pratusha Caleb (Non-teaching staff member)	

Those who have expressed their regrets:

4. Approval of the Agenda
5. Disclosure of Interest

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation of Bylaws
2. Election of Chairperson
3. Catholic School Council Annual Commissioning

C. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Nil.

D. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- 1) **Catholic School Council Fundraising Financial Report** (as of 23/09/2024).
- 2) **Parent Engagement Funds**
- 3) **School Fundraising:**
 - ✓ *Dance-a-Thons*
 - ✓ *School Lunch Days*

E. OTHER BUSINESS:

- 1) **Practice Fire & Lockdown Drills:**
 - ✓ *Fire drills*
 - ✓ *Lockdown drills*
- 2) **'SchoolMessenger'**
- 3) **'SchoolCash' Online**
- 4) **Milk Program**
- 5) **Food Arrival on School Lunch Days**
- 6) **Kindergarten Playground**
- 7) **Dismissal**
- 8) **Parish News:**
 - ✓ *First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion* - Parent meeting for St. John families to be held at St. Joseph Parish on *Wednesday, September 25 at 6:00 pm.*
 - ✓ *Confirmation* - Parent and candidate meeting for St. John families to be held at St. Joseph Parish on *Wednesday, October 9 at 6:00 pm.*
- 9) **On-going School Initiatives:**
 - ✓ Promoting equity and inclusivity and celebrating diversity in our school community.
 - ✓ Promoting online safety and responsible digital citizenship in our community.
 - ✓ Continue to strengthen the relationship with associate Catholic secondary school with a retention rate goal of 100%.
- 10) **Catholic School Council Goals:**
 - ✓ The school is working with a local arborist to fulfill the goal of having trees planted near the outdoor classroom and along the sides of the field where soccer nets are located to provide students with shade on hot weather days.
 - ✓ Continue to develop technological resources in the school with a goal of one Chromebook for every one student in Grades 1 through 8 and replacing non-functional Smartboards and LCD projectors with interactive TVs.
 - ✓ Organization and facilitation of a 'Family Fun Night' in June to continue to build community among students and families.

F. CHAIRPERSON REPORT:

- 1) **Expectations for Catholic School Council Members**
- 2) **Fundraising for 2024-2025**
- 3) **Family Advent Mass**
- 4) **Niagara IceDogs Night**
- 5) **Family Movie Night**
- 6) **Staff Appreciation Lunch**
- 7) **Monthly Newsletter Blurbs**
- 8) **Family Fun Night**

G. REVIEW OF KEY DATES AND DATES OF INTEREST:

- ✓ Catholic School Council meetings will take place four times per year and will be held in-person in the school's Library Information Centre.
- ✓ *Meeting Dates (tentative):*
 - 1) Monday, September 23
 - 2) Tuesday, November 26
 - 3) Tuesday, February 25
 - 4) Tuesday, April 29
- ✓ *Dates of Interest:*
 - TBD First Holy Communion @ St. Joseph Catholic Parish
 - TBD Confirmation @ St. Joseph Catholic Parish
 - Grade 8 Graduation @ St. Joseph Catholic Parish - Thursday, June 19 @ 5:00 pm, followed by dinner and dancing for students at Galileo Gardens from 7:00 - 10:00 pm.

H. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, November 26, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

I. ADJOURNMENT

J. CLOSING PRAYER - David Forte

Heavenly Father,

As we come to the end of our time together, we thank You for what has been accomplished here today. May the matters discussed serve as a catalyst to move us forward, and cause us to advance and see growth in all areas of our lives. May we leave here recognizing You are the God of all wisdom and You are willing to lead us forward. This we pray in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.