



ST. JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 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** - Lynn Dudok

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 (7 parent members required to attain quorum):**

| <u>Staff & Community Representatives:</u> | <u>Parent Representatives:</u> |
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| David Forte (Principal) | Meaghan Anderson |
| Lauren Swindley (Teaching staff member) | Dan Belford |
| Elizabeth Bennie (Teaching staff member) - E | Sara Chirico |
| Pratusha Caleb (Non-teaching staff member) - E | Lynn Dudok (Chair) |
| | Candace Manning-Ramage |
| | Iyanuoluwa Obadeyi |
| | Marnie Odell |
| | Sarah Pekaruk |
| | Priscilla Prias-Molina |
| | Breeann Staibano (Co-Chair) |
| | Alyshia Tuomi |
| | Taylor Venneri |

Those who have expressed their regrets:

- Elizabeth Bennie (Teaching staff member)
- Pratusha Caleb (Non-teaching staff member)

4. Approval of the Agenda

5. Disclosure of Interest

6. Approval of Minutes of the St. John Catholic School Council Meeting of **September 23, 2024**

B. PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

C. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Nil.

D. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- 1) **Catholic School Council Fundraising Financial Report** (as of 25/11/2024).
- 2) **Advent Food Drive**
- 3) **Joy Day at St. John**
- 4) **Weekly Advent Prayer Service Celebrations**
- 5) **Christmas Activities at St. John**
- 6) **Scholastic Book Fair**
- 7) **Holy Childhood Walk**
- 8) **Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Fund**
- 9) **In-School Fundraising:**
 - ✓ ***Dance-a-Thons***

E. OTHER BUSINESS:

- 1) **Parish News:**
 - ✓ ***Advent School Mass*** - Our Advent School Mass is scheduled to take place on ***Monday, December 2 at 10:00 am*** at St. Joseph Catholic Parish. Families are welcome to attend.
 - ✓ ***Advent Family Mass*** - Our Advent Family Mass is scheduled to take place on ***Tuesday, December 17 at 5:30 pm*** at St. Joseph Catholic Parish. All families are invited and encouraged to attend the Mass.
 - ✓ ***Confirmation*** - Students in Grade 8 who are Roman Catholic will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on ***Thursday, February 27 at 7:00 pm*** at St. Joseph Catholic Parish.
 - ✓ ***First Communion*** - Students in Grade 2 and other grades who are Roman Catholic will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Eucharist on ***Saturday, April 26 at 11:00 am*** at St. Joseph Catholic Parish.
- 2) **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%.

3) **Catholic School Council Goals:**

- ✓ The goal of having trees planted along the sides of the field where soccer nets are located has been fulfilled. Over time, trees will 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) **Parent Engagement Funds**

2) **Fundraising for 2024-2025**

3) **Family Advent Mass**

4) **Stocking Stuffer Drive for the Niagara Regional Native Centre**

5) **School Lunch Days**

6) **Family Movie Night**

7) **Staff Appreciation Lunch**

8) **Family Fun Night** - Chair/Co-Chair to share details regarding the planning of a Family Fun Night.

✓ **Date:** *Wednesday, June 4*

✓ **Time:** 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm

9) **Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) Information**

10) **Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) Information**

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) Monday, November 25
- 3) Tuesday, February 25
- 4) Tuesday, April 29

✓ *Dates of Interest:*

- ☐ First Holy Communion @ St. Joseph Catholic Parish - Saturday, April 26 @ 11:00 am
- ☐ Confirmation @ St. Joseph Catholic Parish - Thursday, February 27 @ 7:00 pm
- ☐ 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, February 25, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

I. ADJOURNMENT

J. CLOSING PRAYER - Breeann Staibano

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.