



JEANNE SAUVÉ CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Principal: Jennifer Keene
Vice Principal: Paula Valcke
CSAC Chair: Scott Bell

January 31, 2023 @ 5:30 PM

Jeanne Sauvé Library

1. Welcome and Prayer: Jennifer Keene

Catholic School Advisory Council Prayer:

**God, the source of every good gift,
Grant us Your Spirit to guide us in our responsibilities as a School Council.
May we work together in harmony for the common good;
May we listen to one another in a spirit of genuine respect;
May we encourage and reverence one another's unique talents;
May we use the gifts of the Spirit in creative Christian leadership;
May we approach our decision-making through discernment and prayer;
May we respond effectively to the needs of the children in our care.
God of Love, May Your blessings radiate from us to others as we strive to do Your will,
We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. Amen.**

2. Call to Order & Recording of Attendance: Scott Bell, Jennifer Keene, Paula Valcke, Mel Nelson, Diana Bordman, Alanna Fitzpatrick, Angela Fawcett, Fr. David Butler, Sophie Stead, Courtney MacIntosh, Ginny Charlesworth

Regrets: Jeremy Moore, Tracey Rabidoux, Jess Drennan, Delia Brander, Kate Beath

3. Approval of Agenda: motion: Diana, 2nd: Ange

4. Approval of Minutes from October 19, 2022: motion: Alanna 2nd: Courtney

5. Financial Report & Approval of Financial Report: **Alanna Fitzpatrick**

Pizza money \$11,686.93 (includes the Mintie money), 2 pizza day bills still pending (donations supporting a few kids/class), \$376 for milk

Minties: raised \$4269.20 + \$740 in donations

Total balance: \$17,005.18

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Motion: Courtney 2nd: Diana

6. Principal's Report & Business Arising from Report: **Jennifer Keene**

Basketball nets: are being installed on Wednesday of this week

Parent Out Reach Grant: We have reached out to a variety of organizations both local and distant and no one has responded to us. We have \$552.00 to spend on this (from the board).

Grade 8 Tech Day/ Art Day: occurred in the month of December- students went to St. Mikes for the day and had opportunities to explore different opportunities they will have when they head to high school

Christmas Open House: we had a great turn out for our first Open House. A lot of families came from the school community. It was a great opportunity for our families to bring in canned goods for St. Vincent de Paul and Gift Cards. We also were able to collect money to purchase additional cards.

St Vincent de Paul: shared with us how appreciative they were with our school community in supporting them for the Christmas holidays. Our donations helped a lot of families. They couldn't emphasize enough about how appreciative they were!!

Class trips: to Wildwood, Stratford Museum and skating have been happening since our last CSAC meeting

Advent Liturgies: took place weekly during the Advent season. Father Don led us in one of our liturgies before the Christmas break.

Father Don led us in our **January liturgy** also which took place on January 20th. The Grade 4/5B classroom took the lead with this liturgy.

Grade 6 Retreat was held on January 25th

Grade 8 students had their **Graduation photos** completed last week

Bordenball tournament: this Wednesday at St. Mikes

Basketball Exhibition games are coming back this year. This has been a tradition in our school to have after school games vs St. Ambrose, St. Joe's and St. Aloysius

Other Business:

Front Entrance: We are looking to get some work done to our front entrance - in particular around the Mary statue to make our front entrance more welcoming. Wondering if this is something CSAC would like to be a part of?

Shrove Tuesday: traditionally parents have prepared a pancake breakfast for our students.

Food Orders: are we looking at ways to simplify it for the "paperwork?"

7. Committee Reports & Business Arising from Reports:

a) Policy Review Committee: **Paula Valcke/ Jennifer Keene**

nothing to report

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b) School Culture Committee: **Ange Fawcett**

Shrove Tuesday - let's go ahead with it again this year.

Spring Fling - do we want to go ahead with it again this year? YES!! Ange will check with St. Mike's, Rob Wigan and Dominos re: dates.

c) Faith/Spirit/Parish Rep: **John Hurley, Ginny Charlesworth, Alanna Fitzpatrick**

Have heard great things about the youth group. Programs are slowly getting back into full swing. Retreats ½ days from Gr. 1-8 all back in full swing. Includes music, art/craft, activities in the physical church, snack. Avon Thames is doing quite well compared to others in the diocese. (e.g. Edge Confirmation groups). What can CSAC do to support? Maybe \$\$ for bussing, helping with St. Vincent de St Paul (they are supporting many families right now with groceries and clothing + community kitchen). Perhaps JS could support one community kitchen? Provide volunteers? Maybe a class? Children's Liturgy needs more volunteers. Only at 11:30 right now. They'd like to have it at more masses but they need the help. Taking time to reassess how we did things before COVID. How can we change them? Make them better? Graduation: Bishop Fabbro sent out documentation regarding graduations as many attendees aren't Catholic or not practicing (roughly 5% attend mass with any regularity), feel awkward and left out. He suggests honouring the grads at the last mass vs graduation masses. Avon Thames has decided to compromise and do a liturgy (in the church) vs mass this year and then re-evaluate. This will help to make things more accessible to ALL. A liturgy is just as valid as a mass.

d) French Culture: **Sophie Stead**

Paula helping to coordinate Theatre Francais - workshops are being planned for the spring, dates & \$ TBD. All classes will be included.

Sophie came in, along with Michael (French monitor), before Christmas and did some work with some classes, not all classes had an opportunity to have her in. Her schedule is not as free this time of year but is willing to come back in if need be. Sophie would be willing to come in and read a story to the younger ones (e.g. Robert Munsch since kids already know the story).

e) Graduation: **Ginny Charlesworth**

See report from Fr. David

f) Safe and Healthy Schools Committee

Snack Program: **Paula Valcke**

President's Choice (~\$8000) & OSNP funds (~\$2000)

Spending about \$600/week on snack program. Very well received & used. Very normalized so NO stigma. Bins in classroom &/or kids come to office to pick up something (fresh fruit/veg, hummus, cheese strings, yogurt, pepperettes...).

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Lunch/Milk Program: **Jess Drennan and Sophie Stead**

Milk Program: **Ginny Charlesworth**

g) Fundraising Committee: **Jamie Serf & Kate Beath**

Minties - went well. Only issue was the computer glitch but that was worked out. Important for forms to come back to the school so we could cross reference. Thanks to all who helped sort & deliver & to Mme Haefling for all her help.

8. Other Business:

Next Meeting Date: April 18th @5:30 pm

9. Closing Prayer: Our Father

10. Meeting Adjourned

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