



JEANNE SAUVÉ CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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

April 18, 2023 5:30 PM
Jeanne Sauvé Library

1. Welcome and Prayer: Jennifer Keene

In attendance: Jen Keene, Scott Bell, Paula Valcke, Sophie Stead, Delia Brander, Mel Nelson, Alanna Fitzpatrick, Ang Fawcett, Jess Drennan, Jeremy Moore

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**

3. Approval of Agenda: Ang Fawcett, 2nd Sophie

4. Approval of Minutes from January 31, 2023: Ang, 2nd: Alanna

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

Hot lunches doing well: \$16, 277.65 \$8169.15 once all remaining days (til June) are paid for.

We're bringing in roughly the same amount in donations as we are giving out on pizza days.

Grand total in bank now: \$21,570.30 but once pizza/milk are paid for, balance will be: \$13,461

Approved: Jess 2nd: Ang

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

Principal's Report:

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January:

Grade 6 Retreat
Gr. 5/6 Trip to the Stratford Museum
Skating for junior/intermediate classes

February:

Junior Borden Ball tournament
Gr 7/8 Stratford Festival demonstration
Skating for junior/intermediate classes
Carnaval (school based)
Basketball exhibition games
Shrove Tuesday- need to come up with a different plan for next year- cooking can not take place in the classrooms - I was given a “kind” warning for this year
Beautiful Ash Wednesday mass at St. Joe's with St. Ambrose School
Grade 2 Retreat

March:

Gr. 7 and 8 students participated in a Carnaval at St. Mikes- looking for opportunities to connect Gr.7 and 8 students to St. Mikes to make the transition to high school easier for students
Basketball exhibition games continued
Junior Hockey tournament
Confessions
Skating for junior/intermediate classes
Class photos
Grade 5 Retreat
First Reconciliation
Gr. 2/3 and 3 class trip to Wildwood
French Club for Gr. 7 and 8 students - tutoring after school

April:

STEM workshop for Gr. 8 students
Passion Play
Easter Weekend
Perth Basketball tournament
Construction club heading to skills competition (organized by St. Mikes)
French Club for Gr. 7 and 8 students
Infinite Horizon Program
Cultivating Catholics Faith day- representatives from Grade 6,7,8 (Tuesday)
Gr. 7 and 8 Music performance (Thursday evening)

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May/June: Upcoming Events (so far...)

May 1-5th Catholic Education Week: Mass on Monday evening in Dublin for EVERYONE!

Social to follow in the church basement

Construction Skills Competition (in Toronto)

Grade 3 Retreat

Little Mermaid Performance (Gr. 7 and 8 students)

Infinite Horizon Program

French culture Drama Performance (May 15) - 10am on, whole school

St. Andre Bessette Gala on Friday May 12th Tickets are still available

Math Challenge competition (Gr. 7 and 8 students)

Track and Field

Kindergarten Orientation

School Band is presenting at Canada's Wonderland

EQAQO dates for Gr. 3 and 6: May 31, June 1, 5, 6

Gr. 7 and 8 Trip to Blue Mountain

Spring Fling

Trustee Visit

Two-Pitch Tournament

Year End trips

Grade 8 Graduation on Wednesday June 21st @ 6:00

Business Arising from Report:

Math Competition: \$10.00/student plus bussing...will CSAC cover the \$10.00/student? Need \$120.00

Little Mermaid Performance: \$10.00/student plus bussing...will CSAC cover ticket expenses and students will cover the bussing? \$470.00

Grade 7 and 8 Students Year End Trip: we suspect we have a couple of families that can not afford this year end trip (just under \$400.00/student)- will CSAC support these families?

Year End Trips for other classes: we suspect we have other families that will need support for year end class trips...will CSAC support the cost of these trips if they ask for financial support?

Pro Grant will be used for our Spring Fling - approval was given

School Yard Improvements: The students have spoken...we surveyed the students and they have asked for a Gaga Ball pit- shared map of where it would best be placed in the school yard- thinking about safety

Basketball "hiccups": when we finally were able to install the nets we learned that the basketball post was not secured in the ground and after having an inspection we had to have it removed. The map provided has an area we would like CSAC to help out. Nets and backboards are already purchased- we just need post and installation to be covered

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Motion to approve all of the above: Alanna 2nd: Ang Approved as money comes in.

St. Andre Bessette: donation basket idea. Sophie is willing to do the shopping with our standing donation of \$200 to put together a basket.

Mary Garden (in French): open to purchasing a heritage plaque for our front garden? Motion to pre approve a plaque for up to \$200 Alanna, 2nd Ang. Approved

7. Committee Reports & Business Arising from Reports

a) Policy Review Committee: no policies to review- we will have at least 2 policies to review in the new school year

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

Spring Fling June 2, St. Mike's 5-9, keep pricing as they have been \$3/person, max \$12/family for admission + food. Food basically covers itself. Funds raised will come from the auction and the admission. Seeking donations as we speak from the JS & broader community. Glow Sticks, freezies, candy kebabs...are some options for sales that night. Thinking it might be helpful to have some of the older kids come around to promote the Spring Fling to the younger ones since we haven't had it for 3 years &/or something on morning announcements. Will need many parent volunteers for that night. Can pay ahead of time on cash online &/or pay at the door. Hoping PRO Grant might cover the cost of DJ &/or lighting.

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

nothing to report that hasn't already been stated

d) French Culture: Sophie Stead

School is now a member of Canadian Parents for French (only cost \$60), allows us access to all kinds of online resources and a \$1000 grant which will pretty much cover the drama experience & we can apply again next year. Tutoring is available online as well - all free because we are a member. Trying to come up with other ways to get French connections within our JS community. e.g. Baker (from France) setting up shop in London - could he be brought in to do some kind of baking night. Connecting with seniors' homes, making connections with French speaking residents...May 2 & 3rd Sophie & Michael are going to go around to classes (JK-3?) to read a story to help prep them before the drama presentation on the 15th.

Motion to cover the amount not covered by the grant (up to \$500) Alanna, 2nd Jeremy

e) Graduation: Ginny Charlesworth and Alanna Fitzpatrick - going to ask for \$10-15/family donations from Gr 7 parents and then Ang & Alanna will do the shopping, easier that way than having the food coming in. We have a standing \$1000 to go towards the sweatshirts. Anything leftover goes towards the food. Gr 7's will be asked to come help serve that night as well.

8. Safe & Healthy Schools Committee

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a) Snack Program: Paula Valcke - continue with OSNP & PC funds, coming to check out our cupboards etc and see how we're doing. Hoping to be approved again through PC again (approx \$8200) next year. Also, going to look into applying for a grant for indoor gardening as well. They'll provide all the equipment etc. Mel Nelson is very willing to be a part of that.

b) Lunch/Milk Program: Jess Drennan/ Ginny Charlesworth

Going well. Ginny in charge of milk. Bart doing pizza tallies (it's very complicated). Parent volunteers 3/week to facilitate. Good profits. New Orleans has been really accommodating: will deliver to tournaments and rescheduled for snow days. They appreciate that we flatten the boxes as well. All seems to be going well. A few suggestions for next year would be to have other options available. Any parents with other suggestions are invited to help investigate those options going forward.

9. Fundraising Committee: Jessica Drennan & Kate Beath

Raised close to \$4269 for minties. It was quick and easy. Next one is Spring Fling.

10. Other Business:

Next Meeting Date: June 13 at 5:30 (tentative)

11. Closing Prayer: Our Father

12. Meeting Adjourned: **Next Meeting: **June 13 @5:30 (Tentative) & Sept 12 @5:30**

Open House Sept 20 4:30 - 7

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