

# JEANNE SAUVÉ CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Principal: Jennifer Keene  
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CSAC Chair: Scott Bell

June 13th, 2023 5:30 PM

Jeanne Sauvé Library

1. Welcome and Prayer: Jennifer Keene

In attendance: Jen Keene, Paula Valcke, Scott Bell, Mel Nelson, Delia Brander, Courtney MacIntosh, Faye Hickey, Alanna Fitzpatrick, Sophie Stead, Evan Brotherston ([e.r.brothe@gmail.com](mailto:e.r.brothe@gmail.com)), John Hurley,

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: motion: Faye 2nd Courtney

4. Approval of Minutes from April 2023 motion: Courtney 2nd Paula

5. Financial Report & Approval of Financial Report: **Alanna Fitzpatrick** Spring Fling raised about \$6000, balance \$19,000. Still owe for GAGA pit & pizza/milk and grad sweatshirts...approx \$7066.02 balance. Motion; Faye 2nd Courtney

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

## **Principal's Report June 2023:**

May 1-5th Catholic Education Week:

Construction Skills Competition (in Toronto) (came in 4th place)

Grade 3 Retreat

Little Mermaid Performance (Gr. 7 and 8 students)

Infinite Horizon Program

St. Andre Bessette Gala on Friday May 12th

Math Challenge competition (Gr. 7 and 8 students)

Track and Field

Kindergarten Orientation

School Band performed at Canada's Wonderland

EQAO for Gr. 3 and 6

Gr. 7 and 8 Trip to Blue Mountain

Spring Fling

Gaga Ball pit has been installed- different grades get it everyday at recess but teachers have been bringing their classes outside for gym period and students have been given additional opportunities to play in it. Giving preference to the Gr 8's since they'll be graduating: Cost for the Gaga ball pit was \$9153.00

Trustee Visit last week

Two-Pitch Tournament Wednesday and Thur

Indigenous Map workshop- next week

Year End trips

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

Talent Show organized by parliament Monday June 26th

**Business Arising from Report** \*Need more help from parents to lessen the workload from admin b/c Jen had to do a lot of work behind the scenes to get the GAGA ball pit all sorted.

Perhaps a committee to look at pricing for basketball courts & nets. John Hurley will start looking into this. Paula suggested connecting with Andrew Beath who helped install the ones for the city courts.

1. Permits: when we apply for a permit we need to ensure we are following what the permit has been approved for. St. Mike's is not sure if they will be allowing us to use the facility again next year: garbage in the gathering area, kids climbing in dumpsters, unsupervised students running and leaving garbage outside, items that have gone missing. Inclusivity bulletin board display, pride flag both went missing. They spent a lot of time trying to solve the mystery, figure out what happened, checked video footage etc ... added emotional stress to their staff to find these items missing when they returned to school on Monday. No one has the authority to remove any items from any area of the school. The person who removed them had no right to make those decisions on behalf of our community. Bottom line: permit has to be followed regardless of which facility we are talking about. CLEAR communication to all parties: parents, students, volunteers HAVE to follow it. Insurance issues, liability (which all falls on the principal) not to mention respecting someone else's space. IF they allow us to use it again, we have to be very clear & very strict. Perhaps if we offer to bolster the numbers of volunteers, provide more 'security' & clean up crew that might help. Perhaps we could ask for some outdoor space

but no gathering area. Maybe put the check in table right at the front door and not allow kids to leave & re-enter.

2. Nets and backboard installation was put on pause until we knew the final cost for the Gaga Ball Pit.
3. Music Request from M Sebben \$662.04, Evan wondered if items could be donated. He'll connect with Scott to see if what he has would work for what he needs. M Mooney 3-4 microscopes - might have to go through school funds as it's an educational items.
4. Mary Garden update: \$200 donation was agreed on. \$550 for the plaque not including mounting it. Motion: Alanna 2nd: John
5. Covering class trips for kids who can't afford it...is there a cap? Right now, looking like \$500 may be needed. This year, we have the money so it's not an issue so go ahead and use whatever is needed. We want to have equity and don't want anyone to miss out because of cost. Maybe something to look into going ahead is how CSAC can support families in various ways: asking the community to "sponsor" &/or allocating funds earned - divided up between classes, add opportunities to add a donation when paying for trips/pizza.

### **Items to work on in start of September 2023**

Need a committee to research pricing for basketball mini court as we discussed at our last meeting

#### 7. Committee Reports & Business Arising from Reports

- a) Policy Review Committee: we will have at least 3 policies (discipline, dress code and field trips) to review in the new school year
  - b) School Culture Committee: **Angela Fawcett**
  - c) Faith/Spirit/Parish Rep: **Ginny Charlesworth, Alanna Fitzpatrick** - mass on Friday, Edge Ministry wrapping up for this year.
  - d) French Culture: **Sophie Stead** French Theatre groups visited all classes, good feedback. For next year, one man show: storyteller Oeud. Paula sent photos to CPF, and had a hard time getting pics that had permission to be shared. \$250 grant remaining - movie afternoon?? Could be spent on prizes, if the movie is 'educational' with some kind of follow up then we don't need a permit. Need to communicate with parents and teachers about all the French resources/tutoring, summer opportunities etc that is available now that we're members. Thinking about a newspaper of sorts to communicate all the info to the families. Accessing seniors, people in the community who are francophones to have them in, build those relationships.
  - e) Graduation: **Ginny Charlesworth and Alanna Fitzpatrick** June 21 at St. Joe's. Gr. 7 asked to bring a \$ donation vs food. Need Gr. 7 parents & kids to help prep in the hall. No longer a full mass. Liturgy only. The Diocese of London made that decision.
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a) Snack Program: **Paula Valcke** OSMP & President's Choice funding in place for next year. \$7127.20 is the amount we get.

b) Lunch/Milk Program: **Jess Drennan/ Ginny Charlesworth** all running well, successful in terms of raising money even though it wasn't a "fundraiser". Ordering the same thing consistently saves the committee a lot of time. New Orleans is a good partner and even donated to the Spring Fling.

9. Fundraising Committee: **Jessica Drennan & Kate Beath** Total for Minties: \$4000 Total for Spring Fling: \$6000

10. Other Business: 1st day of school is a PA Day. School starts on Sept. 6th, wondering about setting. Bike racks? Art Gallery - HN each year has gr 8 go and take art lessons each year. Canvases hang in the foyer all year long and then they take them home at the end of the year. Funded by CSAC. HN's Warrior Will Night raises close to \$20,000 each year which covers all trips and tons of extras. With new policies they may not be able to do many of the things they currently do but they'll get creative. PV & JK want to get some kind of artwork for the foyer. Sophie Stead is going to look into the art class possibility.

Closing Prayer: Hail Mary led by **Paula Valcke**

**\*\*Next Meeting: Sept 12 @5:30**

**Open House Sept 20 4:30 - 7**