



ST. PATRICK'S
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



CSAC Notes - TO BE APPROVED AT NEXT MEETING
Monday, January 19, 2026
1:00 pm
Google Meet

Present - Anita N, Alison S, Angela K, Nicki M, Imke N, Aideen M, Christina D

Regrets - Lisa P, Mariia K, Leanne S, Karen D, Jess R, Jessica H, Amanda T, Jim W, Laura T,

Opening Remarks/Prayer - Co-chairs - Anita and Alison

Agenda

- Motion to accept the agenda for January 19, 2026 Imke, seconded by Angela

Minutes from Last Meeting

- Motion to accept the minutes from last meeting, October 20, 2025 - Angela, seconded Nicki
- Business arising from the minutes - correct spelling of name, omitted name added

School Report

Student Report - Faith In Action Team - (5 minutes)

- Bridget and Anne provided an overview of the activities/events that FIAT has organized since November:
 - Remembrance Day - Two members represented school and lay wreath at Cenotaph in Mitchell; all members helped lead school-based prayer liturgy
 - Peace and Kindness Week - promoted sharing their lights - "This Little Light of Mine"; presentations in each class - "When we are kind two great things happen, we feel happy and we make others happy!"
 - World Kindness Day - students listened to "The Kindness Song" and reflected on Micah 6:8
 - December/Advent - organized bake sale and gift card donations with proceeds going to Perth Huron Crossroads FoP - \$1190; food drive campaign - over 200 items donated to SSVP; organized classes to make Christmas cards and write messages for residents at Ritz Nursing Home; encouraged spirit days leading to Christmas holidays
 - January - St. André Bessette Feast Day - led classroom-based liturgies; shared bread to symbolize the importance of spreading God's love through kind deeds just like St. André

Principal's Report - Aideen Moss - (15 minutes)

- Thank-you note from Ray
- EQAO data review
- Literacy -
 - Mid-year screening - areas of focus have been noted; next steps and instructional moves are happening
- Mathematics -
 - Common math assessments completed before Christmas (Grades 3-8) point to some areas of focus
- Term 1 Final Reports - to be distributed Friday, February 13; no formal conferences at this time, but on-going communication with teachers
- Attendance Awareness - continued focus on the importance of attendance
- School Improvement Plan
 - Faith Formation -
 - Peace Garden building from last year - create a sacred/quiet/sensory space behind shed
 - thinking/planning meeting - student input to the following questions:
 - Recall the living rosary pilgrimage last year; what resonated/stuck with you through the experience of being outside and moving with each prayer?
 - What does a peace garden mean to you? What would you like to see in “peace garden”?
 - What would a design look
 - finance project through school upcoming self-portrait tea towel fundraiser for late winter/early spring delivery; more details to come
 - Community Service -
 - this year - hosting a meal in Kinkora to raise money for a community meal as part of the Christian service from our school community; Pasta Dinner; March 26
 - making curriculum connections to this event
 - will be in need of parent support; planning in the works
 - PRO Grant - learning opportunity to support Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-racism - still to be confirmed
 - Upcoming Events -
 - Skills Club has started - weekly meetings; up to two teams will participate in System competition
 - School Family Literacy Week
 - variety of daily activities - recess times working on school family teams
 - Read-a-thon, board games, BINGO, Spelling Bee,...
 - Bell Let’s Talk Day - Monday, February 26 - FIAT will lead activities to promote Mental Health
 - Superintendent Boreham school visit on January 28
 - Black History Month - learning all year; however, a focus this month
 - Sports -
 - Bordenball for Grades 5 and 6 on January 29
 - Basketball season - two to three practices per week
 - Skating Excursion - Friday, February 6, depart school at 12:15 pm Return by 2:30 pm - nice way to kick off Winter Olympics

- as per OPHEA guidelines all students must wear skates, CSA approved hockey helmet, mitts, gloves
- seeking extra equipment for students in need
- bring their own water bottles (labelled); no purchasing of food at booth; students stay on assigned ice pad
- seeking parent volunteers to help tie skates, skate, and supervise
- Winter Carnaval - Thursday, February 12
 - school family teams
 - led by Grade 7/8 class and Mme DeLuca
- Valentine's Day / Start of Random Acts of Kindness Week Feb 14 - 20- Notes of kindness - thoughtful messages to one another, no Valentines exchange at school; Random Acts of Kindness Day - Feb 17 - aligns with our Shining Moments that we do regularly
- Following Random Acts of Kindness, we mark Pink Shirt Day - all of these awareness and recognition days are part of our Anti-Bullying action plan
- Preparation for Lent and Lenten will begin soon
- Choir - next two Masses
- Guitar club and board game club Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Teachers are in the process of determining some educational class excursions and submitting these requests for review/approval

Financial Report (5 minutes)

- Balance - \$6106.90
 - Credit - \$7380.32
 - money from fundraiser is included
 - Debit - \$2170.42
 - Open House/BBQ, Soccer Booth expenses from earlier in school year
 - Remembrance Day Wreath
 - Halloween Treats
 - Christmas luncheon expenses (1 cheque still to be cleared \$57.48)
 - Snow shovels
 - Urns at front of school

Chair Agenda/CSAC Focus/School Needs for Achievement and Wellbeing (15 Minutes)

New Business

- Family Literacy Day January 27
 - book exchange - have families bring in gently-used books by Thursday or Friday; parents sort on Monday at 12:15 pm in the Library; students will select on Tuesday. Any leftover books will be donated.
 - design a bookmark (wooden options on Amazon) - will confirm by the end of the day if bookmarks will arrive on time. If not, the school will do the ones they have in the past.
- Valentine's Day February 13
 - CSAC candy gram - pass out a treat with a candy gram... Aideen to look for hearts or seek assistance from students
- Shrove Tuesday February 17
 - pancakes and sausages - hall is booked;
 - send out a request for volunteers with meeting dates - send Aideen these details
- Sports equipment

- what is left to be purchased? Buying on sale as they see them
- Purchased
 - 2 sz 5 basketballs
 - volley balls
 - soccer balls
 - pickleball sets
 - 20 shovels - some have broken; look for larger sized with wooden handles
- Need
 - bat bag
 - 2 batting helmets
 - Wiffle balls
 - Any other balls??
 - Baseballs (hardball rubber)
 - 4 or 5 more basketballs (full rubber)
- Spring event - school will reach out for assistance
- Bussing costs
 - How much is CSAC covering for each class?
 - \$2200 approximately for all classes
- Graduation
 - CSAC donation amount - table until next meeting
- Donation to teachers
 - Has the fund been utilized? Some have started to be make purchases
- Intramurals/winter clubs - activities being offered

Open Discussion - Other Items, Announcements (5 minutes)

- What time on Monday sort books - 12:15 pm in the Library

Next Meeting/ Future Meeting Dates

- tentative Monday, April 20, time TBD

Motion to adjourn the meeting @2:15 pm pm, by Nicki, seconded by Imke