



**ST. PATRICK'S**  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



**CSAC Draft of Minutes (to be approved at next meeting)**  
**Wednesday, January 22, 2025**  
**6:00 pm**  
**Google Meet**

**Present** - Christina DeLuca, Anita Gras, Jessica Hachler, Angela Koert, Nicki Merkel, Aideen Moss, Lisa Paxton, Jess Reinink, Leanne Scherbarth, Alison Straus, Laura Thomson, Amanda Tschudi, Jim Walsh

**Regrets** -

**Prayer** - The Jubilee Prayer

**Welcome**

**Agenda**

- Motion to accept the agenda for January 22, 2025, made by Alison S; seconded by Lisa P

**Minutes from Last Meeting**

- Motion to accept the minutes from last meeting - October 21, 2024, made by Alison S; seconded by Lisa P
- Business arising from the minutes - Send minutes shortly afterward the meeting rather than before the next meeting

**Treasurer's Report** (3 minutes)

- Current balance: \$2001.26
  - outstanding - Nothing outstanding
  - Includes outstanding deposit of \$240.92 HST rebate, cheque for Legion (wreath), Halloween candy, Leroy Hibbert, money to supplement field trips, invoices from Christmas dinner

**School Report** (20 minutes)

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

- Presentation on numerous events and activities to support learning and participation in social justice issues

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

- New Director, Karen Tigani stepping into role as Chris Roehrig retires
- Students and Staffing - 122; next month Kindergarten teacher, Jenny Van Straaten, returns from maternity leave and we say goodbye to Kylie Hendriks
- CATYO and anticipated enrolment for 2025-2026
  - 16 or 17 have expressed interest or registered; this includes a few students who seek approval to cross border and Non-Catholic Families awaiting board approval
  - total enrolment will be approximately 125 based on current information



- class planners and organization have not been made; anticipate similar distribution of grades as in previous years
- School Improvement Plan focuses on academic excellence and faith formation, aligns with the Board's Strategic Plan (2024-2027) and multi-year spiritual theme: On Fire with the Spirit: Awaken - Illuminate - Rejoice
  - To support plans - resources (human) - Math Facilitator, Literacy Resource Teacher, Faith Resource Teacher, School-based Social Worker, Speech and Language Pathologist, partnerships with community members (e.g., OPP, UTRCA, Dairy Producers); team meetings, growth plan meetings
  - Math - Early Numeracy Screening (SK) provides continued information to guide instruction and identify children who need additional support; focus on Scope and Sequence of math lessons; professional reflection time to provide feedback to feed forward implementation of lessons.
  - Assessment, Evaluation, and Reporting (AER) - Term 1 Reporting - last day of term January 30; report cards distributed Friday, February 15. No formal parent-teacher-student conferences; however, communication should be ongoing, particularly where there are needs;
  - Literacy - Early Reading Screening (SK-Grade 2) - newly mandated by the Ministry of Education completed in October; intervention plans developed and implemented where required. Teachers follow Scope and Sequence lessons using Board-approved resources to support Language curriculum and literacy across the curriculum (e.g., Heggerty, UFLI, ReadWorks, Lexia). This week our school is focusing on Literacy through a number of activities at recess that promote the importance of reading, writing, oral communication, while also supporting wellbeing and faith goals.
- Faith formation - Sacramental preparation beginning. Parent meeting rescheduled to Wed Apr 2, 7:00 pm
  - First Communion Sunday May 4, 11:00 am Kinkora
  - Confirmation - Thurs June 12, 5:00 pm Dublin; retreat Thurs June 5 that all Grade 7s will participate in as part of their religion class
- Parent Representatives on -
  - Safe Schools Team (anti-bullying plan) and Safe and Healthy School Team and - Laura Thomson
    - Several initiatives, projects, opportunities for learning are in action to support these plans and develop students' sense of wellbeing in a safe learning environment (e.g., work this week for School Family Literacy Week as a lead up to Family Literacy Day next week. Coincided with frigid temperatures and being indoors... being part of a team with students from all grades and working on earning points through activities, such as, Read-a-thon, Spelling bee, BINGO)
  - Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC) - Jim
    - Board CPIC met last night. Sharing by Board Mental Health Lead on student attendance. Some discussion about student-led Masses in the Family of Parishes.
  - Funds received for PRO Grant - possible topics are surfacing for parent information sessions as a way to help parents be engaged in their child's learning. More to come on this topic.

- Student Transportation - several inclement weather days; parents have been supportive in driving students to school. Further encouragement for students to be completing assignments or connecting with their teachers if they do not make it in. School hears of children gathering for fun activities on these days, but their school work has not been completed. The lost time does catch up.
- EQAO Dates - Mon May 26 - Thurs June 4
- Playground update - Blue IMP has agreed to have Roth Contracting reinstall the bench at no cost. It will be in the spring.
- Educational Excursions Field Trips
  - thank you for agreeing to contribute money toward each class (\$400)
  - many classes in the early stages of planning for excursions linked to assessment of curriculum
  - as per board policy, the required number of supervisors per grade and according to needs.
  - Skating Excursion - Friday, February 7, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm, Stratford Rotary Complex. Seeking parent volunteers to tie skates, supervise, and skate.
  - Festival Theatre Excursion (TBC) to see a performance of *Annie*, in April. Students purchase tickets; busing provided by the school.

### **CSAC Focus/School Needs for Achievement and Wellbeing (30 minutes)**

- Report on activities to date
  - Christmas luncheon - costs - \$331.13; pasta and mini-meatballs went over well; gratitude expressed to Jess for organization and for the cookies baked for all.
  - February - Skating, freezies back at the school
    - Valentine's Day - families are not to send in treats; CSAC will give Smarties, Aero mini-chocolate bars to students; list of ingredients sent in advance to ensure allergy restrictions are met; options for students with allergies
  - Grad - last year \$350 for reception - food, drinks, some decorations.
    - money is not really intended to be used to buy gifts for class; school will offer a little gift similar to last year
    - consult with Grade 8 teacher to know what the needs are
    - topic to be discussed at next meeting
  - Shrove Tuesday - March 4
    - pancakes and sausages offered to students
    - cooking and meal to take place in the Community Hall; Leanne to book the Hall
    - students bring own container, cutlery in plastic bag/container to return home; this minimizes cleanup for volunteers
    - Jess to send message for volunteers
  - Year-end BBQ - anticipate increased costs; further discussion at next meeting
- Projects and Fundraising as per School Generated Funds Policy
  - Discussion from October meeting
    - Donation request - send out donation letter to families; towards the middle of February; after this donation, we will know the best time of year for such a donation request
    - Winterfest Adult Night - no need/desire for this event to be planned

- Video - screen and projector - expressed as a need in the Gym by the school; committee members are not interested in supporting this request
- Teacher Requests - CSAC put something together more formal to ask staff about requests - Jess to draft message for Aideen to take from there

**Other Items** (5 minutes)

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**Next Meeting/ Future Meeting Dates** (2 minutes)

- Wednesday, April 30, 5:30 pm
- If childcare is required, please let Leanne know by the morning of Monday, April 28.

Motion to adjourn Lisa at 7:27 pm; seconded by Alison

