



St. Mark Catholic Elementary School

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Catholic School Advisory Council Meeting **Minutes**

Meeting Date and Time:	September 24th, 2024 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Chair: Minutes:	Diana Darcey
Meeting Location:	St. Mark Library	Please Bring:	Smiles, Optimism, lap top

<i>Agenda Item</i>	<i>Responsibility</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Reflection, Land Acknowledgement, and Prayer	Mike	<p>We would like to begin our meeting by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the land traditionally cared for by the Haudenosaunee, (Hoe-de-no-SHOW-nee) Anishnabe, (Ah-NISH-in-ah-bay) and Chonnonton (Chii-nawn-ton) peoples. We also acknowledge the enduring presence and deep traditional knowledge, laws, and philosophies of the Indigenous people with whom we share this land today. We are all treaty people with a responsibility to honour all our relationships.</p> <p>Please join me in the sign of our faith. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.:</p> <p>As we gather tonight, are there any intentions we would like to voice?</p> <p>Loving heavenly Father, We come to You this hour asking for Your blessing and help as we are gathered together. We pray for guidance in the matters at hand and ask that You would clearly show us how to conduct our work with a spirit of joy and enthusiasm. Give us the desire to find ways to excel in our work. Help us to work together and encourage each other to excellence. We ask that we challenge each other to reach higher and farther to be the best we can be.</p> <p>We ask this in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.</p> <p>God, Grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, The courage to change the things I can, And the WISDOM to know the difference.</p> <p>Amen</p>

		St. Mark pray for us.
Review of Last Meeting	CSAC Chairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Playground Wood chips were installed into gaga ball pit - CSAC nomination form being intimidating and a new version will be used next year- anyone is open to attend any meeting anytime - action item to about agendas to be added in january - take home reading program will be required to sign off on home reading decodable or a \$5 cost if not returned Motion to approve: Catherine Second: Claudine
Introduction/Welcome to St. Mark School Council and Procedures	Mike	
Determining Roles:	Mike	Co-chairs: Emily H, Diana D Secretary: Praem Mehta Treasurer: Claudine Nueman Parish Rep: Will offer the role to a member who could not make it today. Staff Rep: Lisa De Jong
Financial Report/Budget:	Mike	Current budget: Family Assistance: Current balance \$0- will find out where the previous funds went an report back Current commitments: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. \$100 per class for outdoor equipment 2. Sacrament gifts \$3 and Grad plaques 3. Mount Mary bus 4. Family assistance line \$1000- teachers to identify to participate 5. Home reading program
Lunch Box program	Claudine	Last year \$4760.23 profit biggest year since 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Almost made \$200 since Sept - Debbie is going to add Staff - Lisa will check if Teachers still want no Pizza days on PA Day weeks - Claudine will bring in menu at next meeting
CSAC Committees	Emily	Subcommittee sign up: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fundraising committee - Eco committee - Pro grant committee/ Parent engagement
Christmas Assembly	Liz	Discussion Will take back and discuss with staff
Principal Items:	Mike	School Year Theme - Together We Can and tickets Liturgical Calendar Monthly Grandfather Teachings

		<p>New Website/X/School messenger Meet the Staff Night Staff Spirit Wear Athletics - Junior Soccer/Intermediate baseball/ Flag football Oct 2 - Picture Day Oct 3 - Opening mass Oct 11 - PA Day</p>
Teacher Update	Lisa	<p>Terry Fox Walk Oct 4</p>
<i>Other Items:</i>		<p>Discuss Future Dates for CSAC Meetings 2024 - 2025 School Year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> November 19, 2024 <input type="checkbox"/> January 28, 2025 <input type="checkbox"/> March 25, 2025 <input type="checkbox"/> May 27, 2025 <p>Sub-committees will meet in between CSAC meetings.</p>