



St. John's CES – CSAC Meeting minutes
September 30th/ October 1st, 2024

Item	Time	Details/ Action
Opening Prayer	5 mins	Opening Prayer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. One time of the year where we all wear orange but need to continue the conversation and education.

Focus on Student Achievement

Time: 40 mins	Nurturing our Catholic Community
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Introductions: Administration, parents/ guardians in attendance, community members
September 30th, 2024: (6pm – 7:30pm)

Tonya Reesor – Principal
Shawn Rosario – Vice Principal
Sarah Doyle – 5/6 Teacher
7 Families joined our meeting (attendance on file in Main Office)

October 1st, 2024: (9:30am – 11:00am)
Tonya Reesor – Principal
Shawn Rosario – Vice-Principal
Martha Kahsai – YMCA Settlement Worker
10 Families joined our meeting (attendance on file in Main Office)

Review of Policies & Procedures connected to CSAC

[APSC001: School Councils](#)

- All information can be found on the WCDSB website
- School Council - Focus is on school improvement and student achievement indicators
- School Council is not a place for parents to vent frustrations. Proper protocol needs to be followed (see WCDSB [Communication Guidelines: APC001](#))
- Official meetings need more parents than staff members.

[APO001: Volunteers in Schools](#)

- Volunteer policy update last June 2024
- Review of some volunteer details – Excursion vs. Regular school support
- Differences between open houses and parent/teacher interview communicated

Healthy Schools

[APH005: Anaphylaxis](#) : Sabrina's Law

- No nuts allowed in any school in Ontario
- This continues to be extremely challenging at St. John's. No nuts posters all throughout the school and posted on electronic sign in front of school.
- Dairy allergy was also reviewed. Rules apply to that particular classroom.

APH028: Asthma Ryan's Law

- Students need to have the puffer on them. We cannot take it away from students and lock up the medication. Need to teach students the importance of life saving medication.

APH027: Concussion protocol Rowan's Law

- Concussion protocol is very important. Education is key.
- A call home is always made when a student is hit in the head. Concussion protocol followed should a child exhibit signs and symptoms.

OPASSE Safety Guidelines

- All schools in Ontario are required to follow these safety guidelines (e.g., footwear, equipment, etc.)
- General bus safety was communicated. Also bus 272 (Orange) comes equipped with seatbelts and encouraged all families to support their child with seatbelt usage.

Budget

APB004: School Generated Funds and Fundraising

- SGF policy lists the do's and don'ts of fund use.
- Money generated in a year must be spent that year.
- We are allowed ONE major fundraiser in a school year.
- Major Fundraiser this year: Fresh from the Farm (October 17th is the order deadline)
 - We will need volunteers to help distribute orders on the day arrive
 - Please speak with Tonya if you are interested in helping
- WCDSB does not sell chocolate, cookies, etc. APH017: School Food & Nutrition Policy
- Our Fresh from the Farm fundraiser provides a health choice and is universal to all families at our school.
- Parents of students would have to make the purchases for people outside of the school. Ms. Sandha has already set this up on School Cash
- School receives 40% of cost from Fresh from the Farm orders

Minor fundraisers this year:

- No limit on number of minor fundraisers in one school year.
- Food sales on Tues (Subway) & Thurs (Gino's pizza)
- Request to families to please support Gino's fundraiser as it is busy in the school on Thursdays (e.g., 80 pizzas being delivered to classes).
- This is not a day to send other special lunches for your child. Thank you!
- Spirit Wear sales: \$1/ student item, \$2/ staff item
- Nutrition for Learning (there will be a link on our school website)

Fundraising \$\$\$ supports the following school activities:

- Travel for sports teams (cabs and buses to away games/ tournaments)
- Off-set the cost of excursions (e.g., transportation, fees, etc.)
- Nutrition for Learning funding was cut by 81% across the region
- Additional student supports across all divisions
- We are not allowed to use fundraising money for required classroom supports (e.g., Mathology). This comes out of the school budget not SGF.
- 10% of school budget (not SGF) is allocated to the Learning Commons.

Time: 20 mins	Engagement, Achievement, & Innovation
<u>Opportunities for Student Engagement/ Leadership this year</u>	
<u>Healthy Schools</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are recognized by Ophea & PHE Canada as a Healthy School (Gold Certified for two years in a row). • Lots of opportunities for students to participate and demonstrate leadership around the school. • Lots of places at school for students to feel welcome; staff work hard to create safe and welcoming spaces for all. • Examples include: WWJD tickets, knitting club, PALS, door monitors, N4L helpers, etc. • <u>EcoSchools</u> • WCDSB wants all schools to be Gold certified EcoSchools. This year the process is streamlined. Great opportunity for a parent volunteer. However, it does require consistent level of commitment. 	
<u>Opportunities for Parent Engagement at school level this year</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend School Council meetings • Volunteer on food days: Tuesday (Subway) & Thursday (Gino's pizza) • Community rep for Healthy Schools or EcoSchools • Christmas Café & Open House – December and May • Family Math & Literacy night • Welcome to Kindergarten • Catholic Education Week Café & Open House • <u>CPIC: Catholic Parent Involvement Committee</u> 	
<u>WCDSB Parents link</u>	
Time: 20 mins	Building Capacity to Lead, Learn, & Live Authentically
<u>CSAC Chair</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A huge thank you to Lizzy Imuzeze who has volunteered to be Chair of our St. John's Catholic School Advisory Council. We are grateful for your leadership and look forward to working with you, and all the parents/ guardians who join our meetings this year. 	

Meeting Dates 2024-25

- Monday November 11th/ Tuesday November 12th
- Monday December 9th/ Tuesday December 10th
- Monday February 10th/ Tuesday February 11th
- Monday April 7th/ Tuesday April 8th
- May: during CEW 2025

School Chairs commissioning

- Date TBD