



**Saint  
Peter**  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**St. Peter Catholic Elementary School**  
**Catholic School Advisory Council Meeting**  
**Monday October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024**  
**6:00 pm**

Name	Present	Absent
Lorraine Harris	X	
Sharon Forrow	X	
Beth Freiter	X	
Tania Almeida	X	
Kehinde Omikuule		X
Lisa Cotter	X	
Kristen Lauzon	X	
Oke Davis Ishegbe		X
Sheria Cotter		X
Mandy Martins	X	
Silvana Marcos	X	
Linda Knight		X

Name	Present	Absent
Buena Regino-Pueda	X	
Rosa Lourenco-Chora	X	
Shona Majuery	X	
Bree Almeida		X
Juanita Liray		X
Jackie Steenbergen	X	
Rachel Kumar		X
Andrew Plester	X	
Anita Cozier	X	

**Items**

Meeting commenced at 6:00 pm

**1. Prayer, Land Acknowledgement, & Welcome**

- Acknowledgement video regarding Wig Wams
- Opening Prayer - Beginning
  - Unique contributions and special qualities

**2. Musical Update**

- Amazing turnout and quality of talent within the school
- Having a very hard time narrowing it down – there are 12 primary speaking roles and we are still looking for 2 parents to act in the performance
- Had about 11-12 parents who said they would volunteer to help overall
- Callbacks were sent today for lead roles to decide which ones will get the roles
- The performance will be done here at the school with 6 shows 10-11 am / 1-2 pm / 7-8 pm taking place over Catholic Education Week in May

**3. EQAO Party**

- Current grade 4 and 7 students who participated in EQAO testing last year will be treated to a celebration party
- This is to celebrate where the school was and where we are now – to encourage kids to keep striving for good results
- We have been considered a priority school from the Ministry of Education for the last 6 years because our literacy and math scores being very low. What this means is that the Ministry puts more funding and extra supports into the school.
  - This year, we are no longer an identified priority school at least for grade 3
  - Grade 6 had a big jump from 5% to 26% - we are still not at ministry standards but have made a significant jump

#### **4. Financial Report**

- Was reviewed

#### **5. Annual Report Letter**

- Beth and Lisa will work together for writing the report with Beth supporting Lisa from last year's information

#### **6. November 14**

- Diabetes Awareness Day
- Encourage all to show awareness by wearing blue all day

#### **7. OAPCE Liaison Representative**

- OAPCE Representative – Beth Freiter
- [oapce@oapce.org](mailto:oapce@oapce.org)
- If Beth cannot because she works for the Board we will need a second person to take this on

#### **8. Sub Committee Leader Needed for Grants**

- We need a leader, there are several grants available
- Kristen is going to search for grants and Shona will write the grants

#### **9. Camp Brebeuf**

- Previously we have been going to Mount Mary – but as administrators there has been a lot of discussion about the value, length of time, level of supervision, people available, etc. at night for safety and security
- A lot of administrators have started to move towards Camp Brebeuf
- Last year after Mount Mary – Mrs. Harris took the initiative to have the school make the decision to try it this year – it seems to be more active
- Bingo will allow to offset the cost to families of up to 50% (\$320 approximate total)
- Comparatively Mount Mary was approximately \$275 last year
- Grade 8s – will do \$100 off the cost
- We've been doing the same thing for a long time – there has been talk about not doing it at all due to the risks involved in the grade 8 retreat but for this year this is what we're going to do

- Not sure it is as spiritual as Mount Mary but will be a good comparison

#### **10. Attendance Campaign**

- Have reminded the students, attendance is important for success and they have to be accountable for this themselves – teachers have done different things to track attendance and encourage students to come to school
- Goal is to have 90% attendance by the month
- Last year the monthly gift card was a \$100 gift card for the whole school – this will continue
- Each class has a prize bin that the students will run once a month
- Last year CSAC supported the monthly prize
- Attendance has increased the month we ran the campaign so there was a correlation, but we can't indicate causation

**Motion to approve \$900 for the attendance campaign October-June for 2024/2025**

**Lisa Cotter, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anita Cozier**

**Carried Unanimously**

#### **11. Fundraising**

- **ECU Spelling Bee**
  - No cash – will need to be done in cash online
  - Children must spell a word to the family member and will have to sign off; will have to come back and do them in front of the class/group
  - Work with the teachers at their various levels to get appropriate words
- **Readathon**
  - Reading or Math fundraisers - \$5 each
- Feedback on the spelling bee is that it is not inclusive – kindergartens, special needs students can't participate so it would not be equitable
- Many feel that with not getting something in return, families are less likely to participate, especially in the financial climate we are currently facing
- Can we look at Macmillan's to continue with this as a the big one and do the spelling bee or readathon as a secondary smaller fundraiser
- Stemmlers was extremely popular and successful but doesn't meet the nutritional standards
- After discussion, the goal would be to switch to Stemmlers if its approved – to be determined by end of week; if not, proceed with MacMillan's with a goal of having this out and completed before the holidays
- Sub-Committee – Tania and Kristen and Buena – send out an email

#### **12. Co-Chair Announcement**

- Rosa will be stepping down from her position
- Position is open if anyone is interested
- **Motion for Andrew Plester to be co-chair Lisa Cotter, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tania Almeida**
  - **Unanimously carried**

### **13. Christmas Event**

- Working with Remember Me Catering to find a date for the turkey dinner (Marlene)
- With the musical taking place, the school Christmas concert was going to be cancelled
  - After significant feedback on how the musical doesn't include everyone but the Christmas concert does, Mrs. Harris will revisit this with the teachers
- We may need to look at either the Christmas concert or the Family Christmas night – it is a lot to ask of staff to do both
- Sub-Committee – Tania, Anita, Kristen, Silvana, Buena

### **14. Next Meeting**

- Monday November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024