



**Saint  
Peter**  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**St. Peter Catholic Elementary School**  
**Catholic School Advisory Council Meeting**  
**Monday September 30<sup>th</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

**Items**

Meeting commenced at 6:00 pm

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

- Read the land acknowledgement as a group
- Opening Prayer - Beginning
  - On the beginning of a new school year dreaming and planning and creating an educating community

**2. Team Building Game**

- Clock Game

**3. New Staff**

- Andrea Scribberas / Karen Port – JK/SK
- Brooke Gamble – Gr 1
- Marisa Mitchell – Gr 2
- Rebecca Cose – Gr 6
- Aleena Sebastian – Gr 8

- Luara costa ECE
- Catia Eccles ECE
- Savannah Martins – primary planning
- Bernadette Butler – FSL Hybrid
- Andy Pelligrino – Junior PM Planning

#### **4. School Wide Meditation**

- Each Monday after lunch recess – breathing exercises with calming sounds
- Some classes still do it daily

#### **5. Pastoral Theme**

- This year's theme is Ignite
- Defenders Ignite who we are in Christ as Caring Family Members

#### **6. N-Word Campaign**

- Words Matter, Words Hurt
- Still a lot of issues with the N word and fighting – so there is a campaign to detract kids from using the words and using positivity
- Want to foster a healthy Christ-like environment
- There are some concerns with the roll out of this campaign in the sense that some children do not know what it means but now have questions about it from seeing the materials

#### **7. Social Media Presentation**

- The impact of social media can be terrible – depression, isolation, suicide, obesity
- When children are left for significant periods of time on social media it can cause issues
- Cell phone addiction and too much screen time can have consequences

#### **8. Routines and Expectations**

- Presented rules and routines for the school and expectations for the whole school community collectively to set everyone up for success
  - walking in the hallways
  - using inside voices
  - visiting the washroom quietly, quickly, and respectfully
  - sitting down at their desks to eat
  - sitting respectfully in the assembly (modelled well by the Grade 8s)
- Wanted teachers to have a shared vision even with autonomy – every classroom as a board dedicated to math and to literacy

#### **9. School Play**

- The play will be iAm – children's musical designed to teach kids that even with all of our distractions and entertainment, the most exciting thing in life is getting to know the God who made us

- We're living in a world with smartphones and devices but the same God who spoke to Moses from a burning bush still wants to communicate with us – with all of our distractions and entertainment, the most exciting thing in life is getting to know the God who made us
- Ms. Gamble – grade 1 – artistic director for community players – will be assisting
- Will need significant volunteers – set creating, voices, etc.
- This will take place during Catholic Education Week – using back up tracks and script

#### 10. What's New

- Grade 8 is switching to Camp Brebeuf – cost is significant – Bingo will allow to offset the cost to families up to 50% (\$320)
  - Will need to discuss CSAC approval of funding for this
- School Musical
- School Wide Meditation
- Neighbours Helping Neighbours event was successful
- Staff Recognition each reporting period – want the staff to feel valued (1<sup>st</sup> report, 2<sup>nd</sup> report, and progress report) – teaching staff and non-teaching staff for each period
- Attendance Campaign is student focused – focus on families based on 90% attendance – won a \$100 gift certificate – 89.9% this is the best it's been in 3 years
  - Would like to continue the once-a-month piece
  - The onus is on the student – every teacher has been responsible for tracking their attendance to internalize it; goody chest students can pick something out of the treasure chest
  - Will need to discuss ongoing funding of this by CSAC

#### 11. EQAO

- EQAO improved for the first time in 6 years
- Will speak to categories later on once all the data becomes available

#### 12. Financial Report

- Was distributed to the group but not reviewed

#### 13. Nominations

- Ballots filled out
- **Chair**
  - Lisa Cotter – by ballot
- **Co-Chair**
  - Rose Lourenco – by ballot
- **Secretary**
  - Candidate Shona Majuery
    - Motion Rosa Lourenco, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bree Almeida- unanimous
- **Treasurer**
  - Darlene Ullman will continue to manage the finances
- **Fundraising Chair**

- Candidate Tania Almeida
  - Motion Shona Majuery, 2<sup>nd</sup> Linda Knight, unanimous
- **Events Chair**
  - Candidate Beth Freiter
    - Motion Jackie Steenberg, 2<sup>nd</sup> Linda Knight – unanimous
- **We need to review our by-laws at the next meeting**

**14. Environment**

- Scent Free and Latex Free due to significant allergies

**15. Bingo Volunteers**

- Bingo time slot once per month – go for 2 hours and help and it makes \$1100-\$1200 per night for our school
- If interested, Sharon will send the training link to be completed
- We have 2 dates in November and 1 in December to be covered

**16. Next Meeting**

- Monday October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024
- Tuesdays meetings do not work as there are significant conflicts
- A vote was held between Monday and Wednesdays with Mondays being selected unanimously

ACTION ITEMS		
Review By-laws	October Meeting	Council
Discuss funding Camp Brebauf	October Meeting	Council
Discuss funding attendance campaign	October Meeting	Council
Send Bingo email and training link	October Meeting	Sharon Farrow