



CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL
Tuesday, April 1, 2025 6pm-7pm
OLOF Learning Commons

Attended: Parents – Amy Ross, Andrea Pavia, Carole Ellams, Karen Bartlett, Michelle McKee, Michelle Raymond, Monique Thomas, Krista Smith, Renee Ciotti, Sarah Reel, Sarah Walwyn
Staff - Amanda O'Brien, Dan Mastroianni, Steph Gorloff

Review of Previous Minutes - approved

Treasurer Report

- General \$9226.47, Foundation \$29,849.63, Total \$39,067.10
- Pancake overhaul (\$170), Brown Paper (\$110), Shrove Tuesday (\$22), Tents (\$620) spent since last meeting
- \$4500 still available after committed expenses.

Principal Report

- Fall class schedules are being looked at now, earlier than normal, as there will be more movement at board level for retirements and new school openings this fall. Current enrollment for junior kindergarten is 22, we would need 16 more to keep the third class. Possible shuffling in the fall if there are late registrations.

Updates from Prior meeting

- Tents for track events - 3 purchased, came in under budget!
- Sports equipment for recess - will be spent in the next month. Staff was waiting on storage options for the gym before they could order.
- Parking changes - possibility of pylons going at entrance to reduce drive through traffic
- Confirmation, First Communion and grad gifts - sourced acrylic bookmarks and metal keychains. Will be engraved using the school's Cricut machine.
- For the Love of Reading Grant - likely don't qualify.
- Decodable book order - ordered and received. Kids are enjoying them, Dan to confirm the payment is taken from the council account.
- Bienenstock presents a 'how to re-engage with outside play' session - evening event will take place Wednesday May 28th 5-7pm. Board requires a waiver so we will have to have parents register on School Cash Online. Will need to sort out how to monitor attendance.
- Outdoor winter toy request - tabled to next meeting
- Organized games at recess - tabled to next meeting

Bienenstock Presentation 6:15pm

- They support schools with how to connect with and reimagine outdoor spaces.
- Offer design and installation separately
- Various heights and challenges for kids of all ages
- Current 4 week wait for design - 6 week process after that

- Current build wait time is approximately 1 year
- Cost is approximately \$65-\$95/sqft. Approximate cost could be around \$200,000
- Design cost depends on the size of the playground, usually less than 10% of budget
- There is yearly maintenance required, could be completed by the school, or they can come out, approximate cost \$3000-5000 yearly. Lifespan of a playground is 15 years.
- Council members should review offerings and bring thoughts to the next meeting.

Shrove Tuesday Wrap Up - tabled to next meeting

Teacher Wishlists - tabled to next meeting

Parent Communication re: student clubs, spirit days, assemblies etc - could be added to the monthly newsletter, further discussion carried over to next meeting

Catholic Education Week - tabled to next meeting

Mission Day - May 23. Teachers request the council to provide and hand out freezies again. This is a budget item so we will purchase them. Further discussion carried over to the next meeting.

Fundraising/event ideas - several suggestions brought up (Ernie's breakfast, cookbook, movie night, freezies Fridays). Further discussion tabled to the next meeting.

Next Meeting Date - TBD