



CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Wednesday M^Ay 8, 2026 6pm-8pm

OLOF Learning Commons

Attended: Parents – Andrea Pavia, Carole Ellams, Christina Schnare, Jenni Pigozzo, Michelle McKee, Monique Thomas, Krista Smith, Renee Ciotti **Staff** - Mike Sullivan, Steph Gorloff
Regrets - Amy Ross, Karen Bartlett, Michelle Raymond, Sarah Reel, Emily Gehue

Review of last meeting minutes - approved

Treasurer Report

- School general account - \$10,194.42 (\$8194.42 available after pending items)
- Foundation - \$35,983.63

Updates from Prior meeting

- Playground - Renee & Andrea to meet this week, we are waiting for info from the board.
- Vulnerable Sector Check updates - a letter will be available from the board for parents to use when applying. All parents who will attend field trips, drive students, volunteer in the school must have one in September. Mike to email to all parents before the end of the school year so they know to apply over the summer. Frequency of reapplication TBD.
- Recess kits - missing balls/inflatars - ask around for inflators. Several balls were found on the roof recently. Next year we will collect items and replenish/distribute to each class to ensure everything is given out in a timely manner.
- Cambridge Bingo update - Mike submitted an application, waiting for a reply now.
- 3D Printer - Mike ordered from the board. It will stay in the library. IT will support any issues. Costs came out of SGF, approximately \$900
- Skirt for the stage - to purchase this is \$200/4ft section, Likely close to \$2000 total. Steph will inquire with Bennie's to see if they have a class that could help create this.
- Mitt Bin - this is funded through the school's student needs funds.

Principal's Report

- Wasps in the lower field had it closed for several weeks. Facilities and the superintendent have come out, we are still waiting to hear back. Pest control said the problem is overwhelming. The field has opened again as the wasps have moved on, but we will need to address it as they will return.
- EQAO - Grade 6 testing is M^Ay 19-22, Grade 3 Testing is June 2-5
- Wifi has been installed in the gym
- Angus Audio has come in to quote on replacing equipment - will be getting a new sound system, with mic, bluetooth etc. \$7900 to be paid from SGF and installed by September.
- There will be 3 fire drills and 1 lockdown drill this month
- Welcome to Kindergarten May 12, 5:45pm-7pm
- Beacon of Hope (a student who is kind, works hard, good catholic values) award was given out to Ryan in Grade 6
- Grade 6 Columbian Students will be coming May 25-June 4
- Grade 7⁸ trip to Camp Brebeuf - May 13
- Director of Education visit - May 13
- May 13 - Father David to attend May Crowning liturgy and Grade 4 Bible Celebration

- New computers for classrooms are coming for the fall. We will be losing 2 computers (empty classrooms) to the board.
- Green Slips - seem to be going well, the teachers like them
- Staffing Updates
 - Gr 3/4/5 FI and one Kindergarten teacher spaces will be required placements from the board
- Catholic Education Week - Milk Bag Mats - we collected over 1000 bags and students helped create 3 mats. All students enjoyed this activity and we would like to continue to collect bags to do it again. Ms Pepic will hold on to the bags when they come in. Renee will create a loom for us to keep at the school.
- Mission Day wrap up
 - Very successful, the school raised \$8500, which was matched by Meridian.
 - Council handed out freezies. We had 6 volunteers and worked out a great system. We used room 140 and kids were directed right out the back door with their treats. We should have mitts for volunteers for next year.
- STEM Night
 - May 27, 5:50-7:30pm
 - U of W to attend with 7 activities, will use the gym, library and 1 classroom
 - Cambridge Public Library and House of Friendship will also attend.
 - We have \$400 PRO Grant, plus \$500 PIC Grant that could be used
 - Council can utilize Tetris Tumble and Kerplunk games as STEM related games and use the PRO Grant towards costs.
 - We will have door prizes and snacks, details TBD
- Nutrition for Learning
 - Snack bins are only being distributed at last recess, this is due to the amount of food we have, and hoping that if kids need extra food it will be at the end of the day. If there are kids who need food more often they can ask. There are also other programs such as Food4Kids that hands out food to students in need.
 - Renee and Krista have noticed the server a bit messy/unorganized (multiple boxes of one item open, inside fridge/freezer is dirty). Program is run by students, they may need a refresher/tips on managing items. Can parents help with the program? Mike will reach out to the teacher in charge.
- September Welcome Back Night
 - September 24th from 5-7pm
 - We could run a pizza dinner to raise some extra money. Pizza could be preordered, with some available for purchase that night with the tap machine from the board. \$2/slice, \$5 for a drink and 2 slices, full pizza deal etc
 - We will need parent (or high school) volunteers to help hand out food
 - We will borrow tables from the board so there are places to sit
 - Ice cream truck option, they offer a 10% kickback to the school, prices are around \$6 per item, but there is no minimum.
 - We could have a 'giveback' of freezies, handed out by high school volunteers.
- Teacher Wishlists
 - Mice and headsets for Grade 1/2s to use with their chromebooks. - 2 class sets would be helpful. \$500 approved.
- Next Meeting Date
 - June 8 - year end wrap up & social event