



Holy Rosary School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 3, 2026 - 6:00pm

Attendees

Sandra Labelle (Principal), Emily DaPonte (Vice Principal), Karen Maric (School rep)

Parent reps: Emma Watson, Angela Oppong, Stephanie Bonnick, Heather Leinonen, Meron Gebre-hiwet, Kristina Benoit, Mandy Armstrong

Regrets

Ryan Loveday, Diego Velasquez, Rasaq Omoloja, Cristina Podariu

Welcome

Territorial Acknowledgement and prayer – Ms. Labelle

Approval of [January CSAC Meeting Minutes](#) (Motion: Angela, Heather, Emma)

Approval of [agenda](#) (Motion: Heather, Angela, Emma)

Agenda

Principal's report:

- Pancake day
 - Stephanie has purchased all the items (including the juice boxes), Meron has also purchased syrup
 - Talked with staff to get all the forms back by Friday, especially if the student may be fasting
 - Meron has been helping to coordinate volunteers, numbers to be confirmed
 - Sandra to check whether there are any night groups using the gym on the weekend. If so, we may need to set up on Tuesday morning at 7am.
 - Sandra to let Stephanie know how many are needed for dietary sensitive pancakes. This has not been purchased yet.
 - Stephanie suggested asking for food scissors to help cut up the pancakes. Sandra and Meron to request this from the volunteers when communication goes out.
 - 26 volunteers so far
- Registration and the 2026-2027 school year
 - 38 JK's registered for next year so far
 - Have not heard anything about the boundary review at this point
 - No movement of any kind would happen due to this in 2027
 - Please tell families that are moving, to update/register

- Feb 26th - evening event for assistance and registration
- 79 SK's moving to grade 1
- 52 Grade 8s graduating this year
- Multicultural festival
 - We end school earlier this year (June 26th)
 - Suggestion for a Thursday night - June 11th (Same week as last year)
 - Food trucks - Need to secure this first (Emma can support if Ryan cannot)
 - Start thinking of entertainment
- Hot chocolate reward - should we do this reward or another reward?
 - So far for the fundraiser we have raised \$6100
 - They have so far earned hats and hoods day, board game day, and recess rewards
 - Stephanie noted that the kids enjoyed having hot chocolate, but making it was what took a long time. Handing out was not so bad. Support from CSAC to do the work.
 - Considerations for Lent since this is non nutritional
- Winter Friendship Festival
 - Puzzles, tattoos, bracelet making, book marks, postcards, art, word searches
 - Reading centre, trivia, skipping,
 - 20 estimation jars for now, maybe 7 more tomorrow
 - Afternoon of Olympic activities outside
- Year end activities
 - Consideration of ice cream trucks
 - Last year we did bowling, year before was movies
 - Emma: Would be good to know cost of each activity, then might be able to do multiple. Toy Story 5 comes out the last week of school.
 - Stephanie: Kids seemed to have a lot of fun bowling, over movies. However, for the movies, we save on buses.
 - Meron: Agree that kids enjoyed bowling, but didn't seem fair that some volunteer parents got extra things for their kids
 - Heather: Agree with something active. Consider other funds (kindie shirts, raymarkable funds, graduation, etc.), so consider activities that would cost around \$3-4k (Last year Council paid for \$4k with around \$2k subsidized by the school for bowling). Saw one year that Westvale Public school took the kids to the Boardwalk Splash pad. Another idea is rock climbing.
 - Kristina: Daughter enjoyed bowling last year. Mini putt
 - Need to secure dates for 635 kids
 - For bowling, an entire week was booked out to accommodate all the classes
 - Angela: Consider bringing something to the school, eg. carnival day with magician, etc...

Future meetings

- First Tuesday of every month - 6pm
- Next meeting: March 3

Meeting adjourned: 7:07pm

(Motion to adjourn: Emma, Heather)