



Holy Rosary School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 6, 2026 - 6:00pm

Attendees

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

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

Regrets

Emma Watson, Ryan Loveday, Diego Velasquez, Rasaq Omoloja, Cristina Podariu

Welcome

Territorial Acknowledgement and prayer – Ms. DaPonte

Approval of [December's CSAC Meeting Minutes](#) (Motion: Heather, Meron)

Approval of [agenda](#) (Motion: Heather, Mandy, Meron)

Agenda

Financial Report:

- December spending:
 - Angel day costs (\$1904.08)
 - Jungle sport (\$4230 - includes remaining balance, and family evening)
 - Remaining balance: \$1289.38







Principal's report:

- EQAO results - Province has seen a dip in numbers this year compared to last year. Holy Rosary Grade 3 numbers have dropped overall slightly this year over previous years.

GRADE 3

						
	2025 Province	2025 Board	2022 Holy Rosary	2023 Holy Rosary	2024 Holy Rosary	2025 Holy Rosary
Reading	74	75	79	84	80	71
Writing	65	65	66	71	64	68
Mathematics	64	65	72	59	68	66

GRADE 6

						
	2025 Province	2025 Board	2022 Holy Rosary	2023 Holy Rosary	2024 Holy Rosary	2025 Holy Rosary
Reading	86	84	91	85	85	93
Writing	85	82	91	82	92	85
Mathematics	51	54	42	62	74	59

- Angel day recap -

- Positives:

- Nice to see all the students be able to participate,
- Students enjoyed the donuts,
- Flow in the gym was easier to contain and handle.
- The timeline was ok for the Angel we had, but would not be enough time if the kids had to build the angel (premade angel was a big bonus).
- Handing out Angels in the hall was helpful,
- Having a trolley of items with a volunteer restock items was helpful,
- Preset donut toppings was helpful,
- Premade angel allowed the kids to go at their own pace
- No glitter next year, but glitter pens ok.
- Put the loop to go on the trees beforehand,
- Almost ran out of donut glaze at the end,
- Leave enough time for buddies to complete their own angels, some classes did their own second angel day.
- Donuts were large for some children (do they have a mini size for younger

- students?),
 - Seemed rushed, Stephanie had to usher them along to the next station before they were done,
 - Many classes did not arrive on time,
 - Very few times where children were done early,
 - The donut side needed more volunteers,
 - Most kids didn't want much help even though there were volunteers,
 - Donut glaze didn't work well because by the time you dipped and put it on the tray, it was already drying.
- Pancake day - February 17th (the Tuesday immediately after Family day)
 - Seating in the Gym
 - Need to find out number of boxes of pancake, juice and syrup needed
 - Pearl mill for Dietary needs, Stephanie for Vegan pancakes
 - ~\$700 last year for pancakes
 - Consider families that are fasting that week
 - Volunteers: Meron (Syrup), Stephanie (pancake mixes), Heather (Juice boxes), Sandra to reach out to Ryan
 - Motion to approve purchase of pancake items (Motion: Heather and Meron)

Winter Fundraiser:

- Friendship Festival
 - Will be done around Valentines day - Friday, Feb 13th
 - Activities and dance for the kids
 - Need to send out pledge forms by next week to get the funds in
 - We can't do baskets for this event (considered gambling)
 - Suggestions:
 - Guessing jars - need an organizer,
 - Ability to order popcorn (special order day)
 - Sending candy-grams to a friend
 - Photo booth
 - Friendship bracelet station
 - Volunteers: Stephanie, Meron, Heather, Angela, Mandy

Future meetings

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

Meeting adjourned: 7:09pm

(Motion to adjourn: Heather, Angela)