



Holy Rosary School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 6, 2026 - 6:00pm

Attendees

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

Parent reps: Emma Watson, Heather Leinonen, Meron Gebre-hiwet, Angela Oppong, Rasaaq Omoloja, Mandy Armstrong

Regrets

Kristina Benoit, Ryan Loveday, Diego Velasquez, Stephanie Bonnick, Cristina Podariu

Welcome

Territorial Acknowledgement and prayer – Mrs. Labelle

Approval of [April CSAC Meeting Minutes](#) (Motion: Meron, Emma)

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

Agenda

Financial report:

- April spending:
 - No spending
 - ~\$10,400 with a number of line items pending to spend
 - Accounts have not been updated recently as money is currently sitting in the Foundation account and waiting for receipts
 - Request for CSAC to donate for Canadian citizenship celebration - Will sponsor gift cards and cake ~\$200
 - Request for CSAC to donate to Links for learning (same as last year)

Multicultural festival:

- Silent auction items
 - Snacks around the world - Will request donations from families
 - Is there a way we can control the bidding?
 - Do we want to consider the lottery licence (not sure if there is enough time)
 - Sandra will reach out to Sara and will ask about a payment machine and the lottery licence.
- Booths
 - Have not yet had many volunteers

- Need to be careful about samples
- May leverage Grade 7s/8s to put some booths together
- Photo booth is booked and paid for
- Consider reaching out to Library, YMCA, Spanish exchange students
- Food trucks
 - 2 Ice cream trucks, the Wild Boar, Ziggies, Wing Monster, Swat food truck, El Milagro, the Serial Griller (Cancelled), Big Jerk has been contacted (TBD)
- Entertainment
 - Have not yet found entertainment
 - Multicultural foundation had some funding cuts so may not be able to help
 - We may be able to get a stage. Work order has been put in, but waiting for confirmation. Some acts may not be able to fit on a stage
 - Irish dancing group (tentative), Grand River Chinese school, Aboriginal hoop dancing group (not confirmed), Traditional Irish band (tentative), 10C dancing company (needs confirmation of availability), Royal Scottish dance club (needs to be a 5:30pm performance), Kung Fu performance, Glee
 - Any other ideas welcome, and may have funding.
 - Last year we had around 8 performances.
 - Feedback from last year: Tables would be nice.
 - Flags will be set out, and trucks mapped out
 - May need more garbage cans outside
 - More signage for the silent auction inside

Principal's report:

- Continued struggles with play equipment from home -
 - We have purchased outdoor equipment for the school yard to avoid play equipment coming from home.
 - Grade 8 leaders have been distributing the bags to the appropriate zones.
 - The kids still have frustrations with only one soccer field being open for the time being (weather).
 - Playground is now open.
- Will be adding at least 1 more portable (maybe 2), will be adding a 5th kindergarten class
- Boundary review
 - Board was visiting sites with a consultant
 - Boundary review will still happen, but Sept 2027 implementation
- Sandra will be remaining as principal next year. Emily will be moving on to another school.
- Year end activities
 - Bowling for school year end activity (second last week of school), potentially a snack when they come back
 - Ice cream truck is booked for Wednesday, June 24th
 - Will consider an outdoor play day near the end of school as well
 - Activate for Grade 8's - June 16

Future meetings

- First Tuesday of every month - 6pm
- Meeting before the festival - May 26, 5:30pm

Meeting adjourned: 7:20pm

(Motion to adjourn: Emma, Heather)