



# Holy Rosary School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 17, 2025 - 6:30pm

## Attendees

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

Parent reps: Angela Oppong, Emma Watson, Kristina Benoit, Diego Velasquez, Meron Gebre-hiwet, Stephanie Bonnick, Heather Leinonen, Rasaan Omoloja, Cristina Podariu, Mandy Armstrong

## Regrets

Ryan Loveday

## Welcome

Territorial Acknowledgement and prayer – Mrs. Labelle

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

## Agenda

Welcome & Introductions Review of Role of CSAC (Catholic School Advisory Council)  
[WCDSB AP Memo School Council](#) & [Catholic Schools Handbook](#)

### Public Meeting:

Responsibilities of each role

- Election/Appointment of positions
  - Chair/Co-Chairs: Angela Oppong, Emma Watson (**Motion:** Meron, Mandy)
  - Secretary and time keeper: Mandy Armstrong (**Motion:** Meron, Angela, Heather)
  - Treasurer: Heather Leinonen (**Motion:** Angela, Mandy, Emma, Meron)
- Parish Representative: none
- Community Representative: none
- Staff Representatives - Karen Maric
- Vice Principal: Andrew Gordon
- Principal: Sandra Labelle

### Financial Report:

- School Budget & Council Budget and 2023-2024 Year-End Report
  - Met June 20th, strong position from last year (under Fundraising and PIC: \$7400, \$2600 for playground)

- CPIC: Not received yet.
  - Junglesport (Nov 10-14): Deposit already paid if we add parent night, we will still owe \$4100 (Motion from all, we would like to use the CSAC funds to pay for the rest of this so students do not have to pay).
  - Mural: Sandra will assess, there may be a request for funds later on.
  - Consideration for more exercise bikes
- Parish Update
    - Sandra and Emily met with Father Steve, expressed challenges with Confirmation and graduation happening so close together, and last minute dates received by the school. He will try to get dates for this year by the end of October.
    - Tentatively: Communion mid April, Confirmation in May

### **School Improvement & Planning:**

- Enrolment & Staffing
  - 27 classes, 623 students, 72 staff, 16 EA's
  - 8 Portables
- Theme for the Year
  - Be the ONE! (We want you to be the one to be Raymarkable)
- Activities in the School
  - Acadiance for literacy
  - Cell phone policies reviewed with students
  - Guest speakers and field trips will continue to be communicated
  - Extra curricular activities, trying to make them as equitable as possible
- School Lunches Pizza
  - Not offering Pitas this year as it was not very popular
- CSAC would like to consider family pasta night, a speaker for intermediates, clothing exchange
- Emma wants a book fair or book exchange for the end of year party
- Should plan for Angel day earlier

### **Fall Fundraiser:**

- Dance-a-thon
  - Support to continue this fundraiser idea
  - Date: Friday, October 24th (**Motion:** Angela, Meron)
  - Suggestion to send out donation sheet and info before Thanksgiving
  - Organize a letter to outline what it is and what we will use the funds for
  - Possible meeting to plan and gather info for the letter: Sept 29th (virtual meeting)
- Subcommittee
  - Stephanie for balloons and decorations
  - Emma and Angela to help with organization

## **Future meetings**

- Sept 29th - 6pm (Virtual)
- Oct 14th - 6pm
- First Tuesday of every month after that - 6pm

## **Meeting adjourned: 7:59pm**

(Motion to adjourn: Emma, Meron)