



St. Nicholas Catholic School Advisory Council

September 29, 2026 - Meeting Agenda

6:30 - 8:00 in the St. Nicholas Learning Commons or on [Google Meet](#)

RSVP - online: Subomi, Lori

RSVP - in person: Thom, Jorge, Clarisa, Ashley, Julia, Jamie, Adam, Scott, Paula, Sherri, Celene, Kendra, Stephanie

Regrets: Ranald, Alysia

Item/Description	Time	Action or Decisions
Welcome and Prayer - Paula	5 min	We would like to acknowledge that the land on which we gather today is the land traditionally cared for by the Haudenosaunee, Anishinaabe and Chonnonton people. We also acknowledge the enduring presence and deep traditional knowledge, laws and philosophies of the Indigenous people with whom we share this land today. Catholic School Council Prayer God, the source of every good gift, You have called us together as servants to do Your will. Grant us the light of Your Spirit To guide us in our responsibilities as a School Council. May we work together in harmony for the common good. May we listen to one another in a spirit of genuine respect. May we encourage and reverence one another's unique talents. May we use the gifts of the Spirit in creative Christian leadership. May we approach our decision-making through discernment and prayer. May we respond effectively to the needs of the children in our care. God of Love, You give us the gifts of the Holy Spirit for the common good. May Your blessings radiate from us to others in a new spirit of service. We ask this through Jesus Christ the Light of the World. Amen
Introductions	15 min	Introductions of all present.
<u>Election/Appointment of Position</u> • Chair/co-chair • Secretary • Treasurer • Parent Representative • Community Representative • Staff Rep		• Chair/co-chair - Thom • Secretary - rotating • Treasurer - Adam • Parent Representative • Community Representative • Staff Rep - Sheri Belez
<u>Financial Report</u> • Financial update from 2025/26	Paula	Approximate Amounts: School Council Funds \$8,000

- Financial commitments for 2026/27 - Turkey lunch (\$2000) - Shrove Tuesday (\$300) - Gift cards for families in need (\$500) - Greening maintenance (\$500) - This is mandatory to ensure we have funds to maintain the schoolyard - Grade 8 graduation (\$1500) - To go towards their celebration event - Year-end BBQ - Money to subsidize school trips or presentations?		Can apply for PIC and PRO grant this year. Student Generated Funds \$20,000 Continuous Fundraising: Factory Shoe, Hot Lunches Expenses: Cover the cost of field trips that don't get paid by families Quote for volleyball net and posts \$ 2,300 + tax Sensory Play Panels for Kindergarten Pen \$2,100+Tax Gaga Ball Pit \$4,400+TAX
Faith and Parish Updates St. Michael Parish in Waterloo		- Father Jamroz presiding at our liturgy this Thursday - Grade 2 - First Holy Communion (Sunday, May 16th @ 1:30 PM) - need to register at the church - Parent meeting Oct. 7 @ 7 pm - Grade 7 - Confirmation (Saturday, May 15th @ 11 AM) - need to register at the church - Parent meeting Oct. 14 @ 7 pm - Sunday Mass Oct. 18th - Looking for student readers - Grade 4 Bible Celebration TBD - during school day - Catholic Education Week first week of May 2027
Vision for CSAC Purpose of WRDSB CSAC - Combo of concrete planning and creating and imagining - EG - hold St. Nicholas events at community centers; Linking with Waterloo Region and their safe space initiatives; shining lights on diverse holidays and/or celebrations. - Needs assessment, what are you/we hearing in our communities - Goals (on going...) Hopes and Expectations for the Year - What would you like to see happen	15 min	

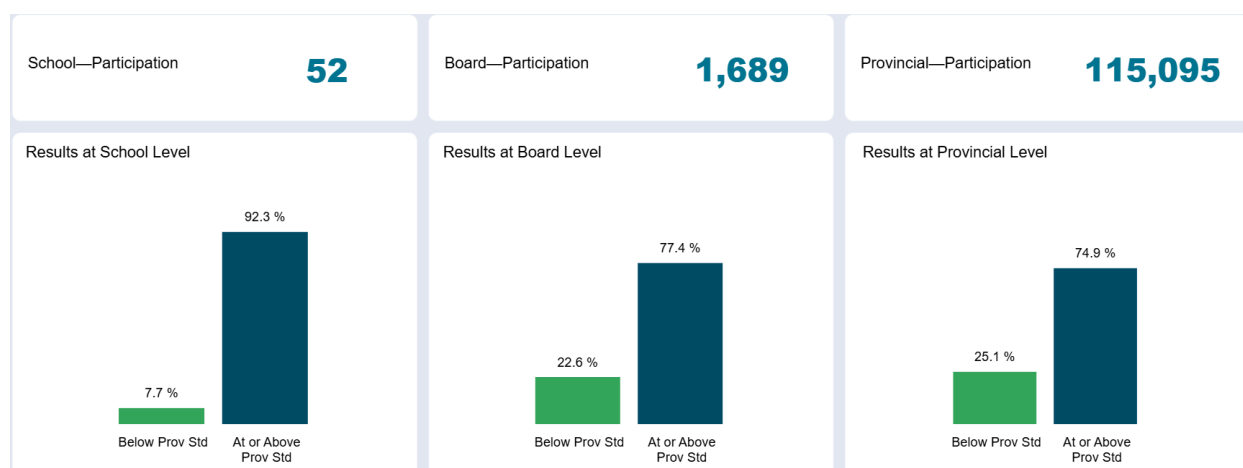
this year? - Do you have an opinion on how meetings are run (formal, informal, voting etc.)? - Co-chair? Treasurer? - Expectations around attendance, virtual, minutes, "air time"		
Events (Review) Upcoming Events - Dance-A-Thon? - Turkey Dinner? - Pancake Tuesday?	10 mis	Oct. 30th Gym used all day Classes come in, in turn, and dance and spend time. In past was a fundraiser - now it is for fun. Each kid gets a glow stick Idea to purchase glow items - sell for a dollar or 2 dollar Can add a "plus 1" on school cash online. Will play own music, will create an opportunity for the kids make suggestions for music. - Could be a google document with a link - Just dance videos a good - Need this in advance - Volunteers Turkey Lunch a Monday proposed Dec. 14th alternate is the Dec. 7th - Will need to book caterer - Volunteers will be needed and will need their vulnerable sector check - CSAC - could raise money to cover the fees for vulnerable sector checks Grad - CSAC usually gives a donation for the grad class - \$1500 - Grad at church - mass, ceremony, and then a school bus could go to a different location. - Vote passed Mental Health Productions - could council subsidise a part of the cost of the \$1600.00 - Cost would be \$8/student - \$5/student for mental health initiative - Vote passed Support Staff \$600.00 for EA Group Teachers \$100/teacher Total: \$3400 - Vote passed
Safe and Inclusive St. Nich's		- Week of giving

- What is this? - Boardwide Survey from Last Year - Interested in being a part of this??		- Related to events.
Principal Report (P. Pizarro)	10 min	https://www.wcdsb.ca/st-nicholas-catholic-elementary-school/ WCDSB Multi-Year Strategic Plan https://www.wcdsb.ca/mysp/ Pastoral Plan https://www.wcdsb.ca/pastoral-plan/ Student Achievement Plan https://www.wcdsb.ca/about-us/student-achievement-plan-sap/ EQAO Results are out! Highlights below
Ongoing business... Review of proposed by-laws - A big thank you to Olasubomi Sofowora who spent time last year drafting by-laws for our CSAC. We have reviewed them, but we have not actually revised or adopted them. - Today, we will briefly review them with the hopes that they can be more formally adopted later this year once Paula takes over	10 min (70)	
Review of Financial Policies - APB004 - School Generated Funds and Fundraising - Acceptable Uses of School Generated Funds - Unacceptable Uses of School Generated Funds - APB001 - School Operating Budget - APB002 - School Fees for Learning Materials and School Activities - Current CSAC financial statement	5 min (75)	
Use of volunteers in schools - Casual volunteers for events - Volunteer drivers vs bus expenses - Regular volunteers to support student programming - Registering as a Volunteer at St. Nicholas - Upcoming need: Strong Start for Reading volunteers	5 min (80)	

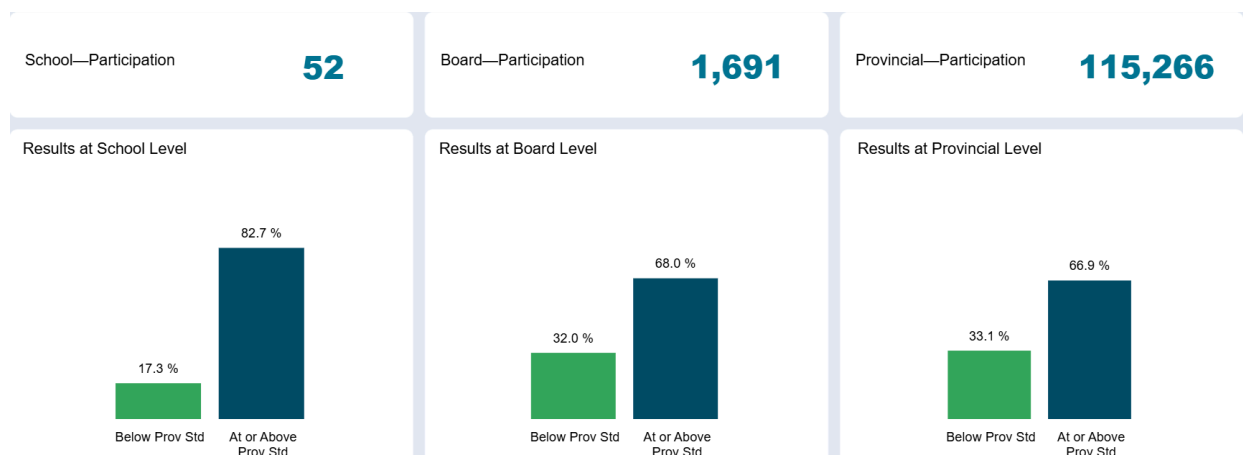
Scheduling of special school events Key dates and daily announcements are listed on the website and public calendar. Special dates all listed in the parent handbook	3 min (83)	
Julia motion to adjourn Adam seconded		
Next Meeting Target date - End of November	2 min (85)	Nov. 3

EQAO Results

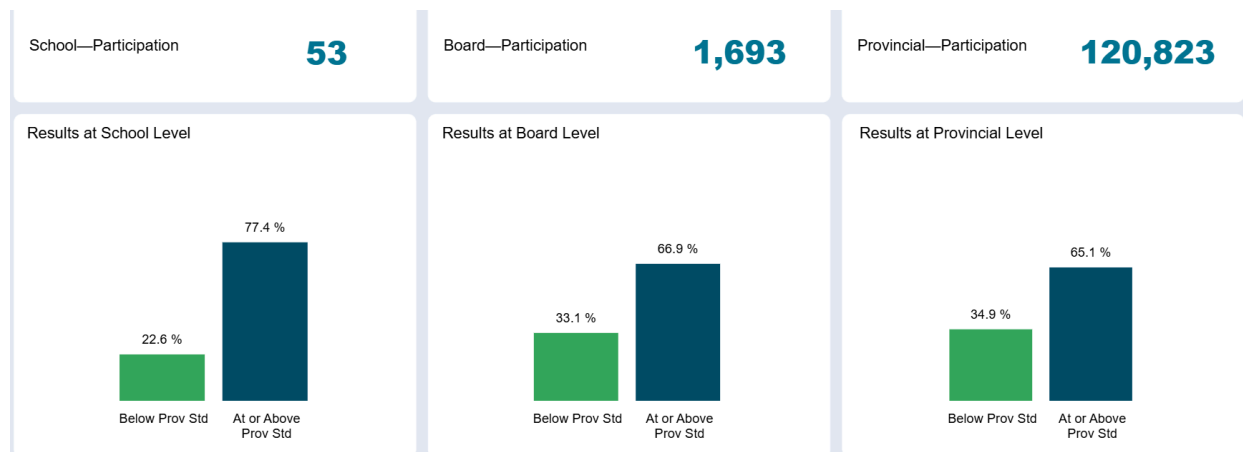
Grade 3 Reading



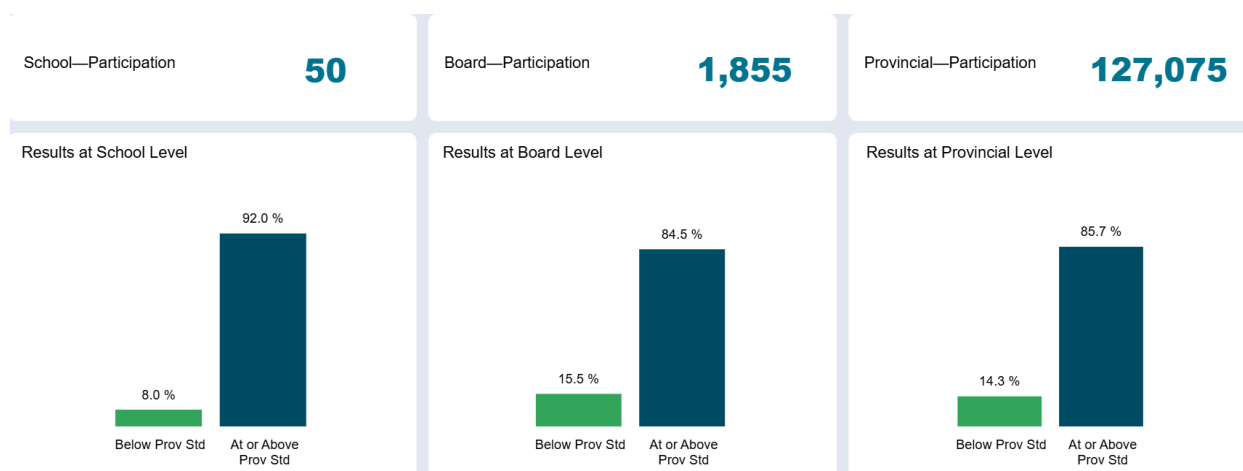
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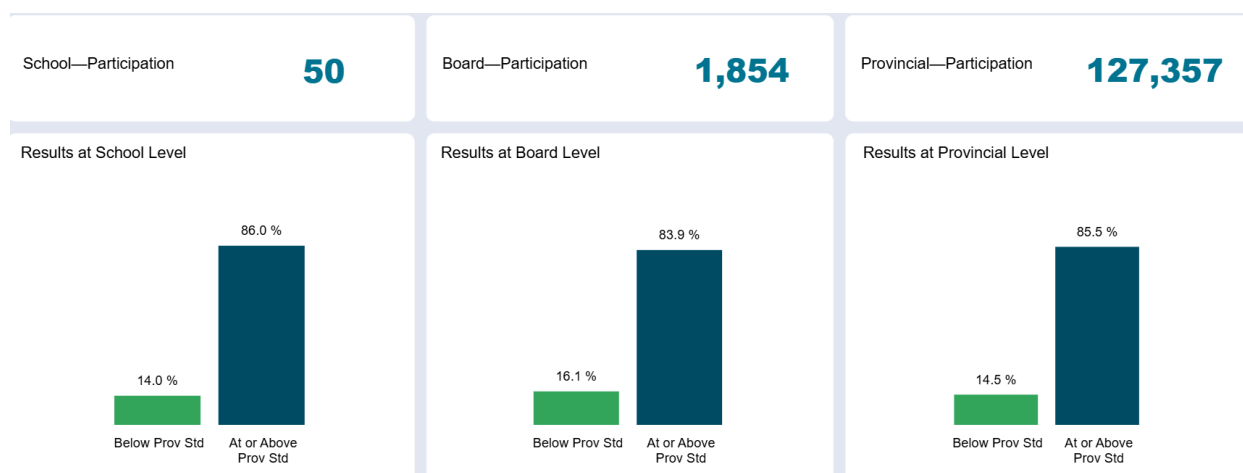
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Grade 6 Reading



Writing



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School—Participation

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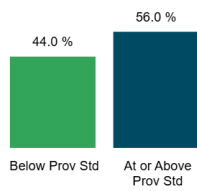
Board—Participation

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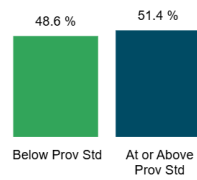
Provincial—Participation

127,263

Results at School Level



Results at Board Level



Results at Provincial Level

