CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL
Tuesday October 13, 2026 6pm
Our Lady of Fatima Library

Attendees: Parents: Krista Smith, Renee Ciotti, Amy Ross, Monique Thomas, Jenni Pigozzo, Monika Beauchamp, Sarah Reel, Kayla Bognar, Jessica DaSilva Staff: Mike Sullivan, Ana Pepic

1. Approval of Minutes from Sept 15, 2026 - approved
2. Artshine Presentation with Joe & Chris
    - Parent-paid art program across 4 seasons, running 6–8 weeks per session (4-week options also possible).
    - Open to all grades; available after school or during lunch.
    - $20 per student/week for 45 min-1 hour session.
    - Includes a 3-hour free school event (e.g., parent night "Make & Take") and 2 free scholarships per season.
    - Council agrees the program would be well received at OLOF,, Mike to set up.
3. Principal's Report
    - Terra Cotta Cookie Dough Fundraiser coming October 30 – November 18. Funds will be put towards transportation for sporting events.
    - Halloween Smencils are being sold this week to support grade 8 retreat
        - Discussion to avoid overlap between teacher/school and council fundraisers, council requests to only run one at a time to prevent overburdening families.
    - 11 registered volunteers with completed VSC, 4-5 waiting on step 2
    - Terry Fox Run raised $513
    - Meet the Teacher Night was a successful event.
    - Mike met with the principals from St. Gabriel and St. Elizabeth and Father David to discuss mass and liturgies for the year. Father David will hold 2 liturgies per school and Mass at church (dates TBD). School pastoral team to organize additional liturgies, the first one happened last week
    - 3 fire drills and 1 lockdown completed; 3 additional fire drills planned for spring.
    - Orange Shirt Day: Well done across all grades.
    - Staffing Updates:
        - Mme Richardson (Collins) is back from maternity leave.
        - Ms. Rabak is covering for Ms. Kunkle, currently until November 13.

        - Gr 3/4/5 French Immersion Teacher: Ms. Carmichael is covering, HR still interviewing French teaching candidates.
    - Nutrition for Learning has started, Ms. Rees is running this again.
    - Student Council & Clubs:
        - Falcon Flyer Club with Ms. Pavao just issued their first newsletter
        - Intermediate Student School Council: Led by Pocsai, Swiatkowski, and Pavao, they will plan spirit days and other initiatives (will visit a CSAC meeting in the future).
    - EQAO:
        - Grade 3 scores need improvement/boosting.
        - Students will be selected to monitor progress.
        - Focus on building student computer skills prior to Grade 3.
4. Treasurer's Report
    - CSAC Account Balance: $7,859.68
    - Foundation Account: $35,986.63
5. Follow-Ups & Ongoing Business
    - Community Outreach & Services:
        - W.G. Johnson has a vending service for food
        - St Vincent De Paul Support though St Mary's - Father David acts as the bridge. The phone isn't answered all day but they will return messages.
    - Dec 3 Siskins Game - we will invite grades 4–8. Tickets are free. Bussing will be $1,200. Amy will apply for a grant to cover bussing costs for this plus an alternate trip for grades 1-3. If we don't get the grant it can be covered by SGF.
    - Redhawks 50/50 will choose an Ayr Game to maximize away spectators. Saturday February 20 or 27.
    - Teacher Requests:
        - Computer Mice Request: Not needed
        - Recess Equipment: Balls were purchased for grades 1-8 and are being used. Ana sent the Kindergarten request list to Krista.
        - Kindie list includes a request for a shed. Mike to look into shed restrictions (concrete pad, location etc)
        - Gym equipment to be ordered this week
6. Welcome Back Night Summary:
    - Raised $1,550 total ($400 from pizza + $1,150 from silent auction)
    - Feedback was positive, a few people suggested trying to find a way to make it have a little more of a community feel like when we had it on the blacktop where kids could play while parents socialize.
    - Suggest for next year to call it Welcome Back Night and have it focus more on community and seeing the school, including the library, gym etc and not just meeting the teacher.

7. Halloween Dance-a-Thon (Oct 30):
    - 20 prizes secured so far, with more coming in.
    - Door decorating contest actively running.
    - Looking for 10–15 volunteers. Will put a callout in the Facebook group
    - Mike to follow up on whether the gym is booked Thursday night for us to decorate in advance.
8. Christmas Planning: Caterer booked, same cost as last year. Tables are ordered - 20 from the board and 20 from ABC Rentals
9. Upcoming Meeting Dates
    - November 10, 2026
    - February 9, 2027
    - April 13, 2027
    - May 11, 2027
    - June 8, 2027