



Guardian Angels Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes



February 7, 2024 @ 6:30 pm

Catholic Education Week Theme: We are Called to Love

1. Opening Prayer – TBD (Said by Ms. Limarzi)
2. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement - S. Pascuttini (read by Ms. Limarzi)

Land Acknowledgement

We begin by acknowledging the land and our responsibility to care for and respect all that Creation gives to provide us with life. This land upon which we live, work and sustain ourselves is the ancestral and treaty lands of the Michizaagiig Anishinaabek also known today as the Mississaugas of the Credit, the rightful caretakers and titleholders of this land. We also recognize that this land is rich in pre-contact history and relationships, which includes the Anishinaabek and Onkwehonwe and since European contact has and continues to become home for Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.

3. Approval of Minutes Nov. 15 2023
 1. Ms. Galifi
 2. Ms. Rose
4. Approval of Agenda for Feb. 7 2024
 1. Elizabeth Amarin
 2. Ms. Galifi
5. Chairs Report
 - S. Pascuttini – Nothing new to report or update

Items to Discuss

Shrove Tuesday

- Taking place Tuesday Feb 13th, parent volunteers to arrive around 8:15am, meet at office, we will be split up and assigned to 3 different rooms (for electrical safety) and classes will be divided amongst the 3 rooms for pancakes
- Pancake mix and syrup purchased by school
- 3 griddles at the school, Dash can bring another griddle
- Volunteers will be needed to mix, cook and delivery – Leah, Stephanie, Kelly, Tasha and Dash have volunteered
- School has plates (M. Limarzi to check and buy more if needed), containers for syrup, bowls, spoons, jugs – but parents to bring a few more of the items for mixing, pouring *whisks*



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- Letter home to students on Friday:
 - Includes ingredients in mix and syrup
 - Donations for ShareLife?
 - Cash used to be accepted at school, would use cash to give directly to ShareLife (this was not a parent council initiative, council has already approved donation to Church and donations for ShareLife are already available on SchoolCashOnline during designated times throughout the year)
 - Collection from parents can be topped up by school council
 - \$300 from council was donated to Church at Christmas
 - 2nd ShareLife week is coming up
 - Ms. Limarzi can ask Ms. Fernandes if she can check the previous years for donation amounts from the school (we do share this information in the minutes of the council meetings)

Sacrament Donations

- Gifts for confirmation and first communion students
- A box was found in storage with pins given out in previous year, but not sure how many exactly are in there, M. Limarzi to verify quantity
- Grade 7 – 21 students
- Grade 2 – More than 21, *verify amount*
- M. Limarzi asking council for \$100 to support gifts – provided there is enough pins for the confirmation students, the idea is to purchase mini rosaries for the communion students (provided there is NOT enough pins to be distributed to both groups)
- Motion to approve spend of \$100 for sacrament gifts:
 - 1. Kelly
 - 2. Elizabeth

Graduation Donations

- Requesting motion to approve a donation from council
- We did okay the grad support at the last meeting...
- 2022-2023 school year the council donated \$500
- As per Kelly, we would have enough money to do that again this year
- 27 students are graduating this 2023-2024 school year
- Grad date is still in motion
- There are quite a few expenses
- The previous amount was not allocated to anything specific
- Motion to approve: *pending Kelly's review that we DO have the budget*



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- 1. Sarah
- 2. Kelly
- More than 27 students last year, a class and a half – possibly 40 students, or even 45? Not confirmed (Ms. Marino)

6. Treasurer's Report – Mrs. O'Donnell

- Not available during meeting, Kelly to send out after

7. Parish Rep Updates – Mrs. Arcilla

- Monthly EDGE ministry (grade 3 and up, all local schools), there is also another group for teens (high school)
- Last meeting was Feb 3
- Next meeting is a Lenten retreat, March 9th, 9am-1:30pm at Parish Hall (Jenn might make a poster!)
- Next meetings:
 - April 13, 6:15-8:30
 - May 6:15-8:30
 - June 6:15-11:30 – will also include potluck
- Also looking for summer program at the church – they will gauge interest from community before proceeding
- Feb 24 and March 2nd
 - Alter Server training in Parish Hall from 11:30a-1:30pm
 - For those youth that have already completed their first Holy Communion
- Will ask for poster about EDGE to distribute for students and parents communication (or Jenn to create one, something engaging, teachers can also post in classrooms)

8. OAPCE updates – Mrs. Rose

- No updates

9. Principal's Report – Mrs. Limarzi

Updates to Staffing:

- Elisa Giovenco – SERT January – June 2024

Sports and Clubs at GA:

- Chess ongoing



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- Board Chess Friday April 5
- Basketball Junior:
- Boys February 8
- Girls February 12
- Junior Boys Boards February 21
- Junior Girls Boards February 22

Upcoming Trips/Excursions:

- Grade 5/6, 6/7 Silver Creek (spring 2024)
- Grade 3/4 , 4 Silver Creek (spring 2024)
- Grade 3 Swim to Survive (February – March)

Upcoming Speakers:

- X movement = February 20, 22, 23 (parent involvement evening will be forthcoming)

Food Days:

- Pizza
- Cookies/Popcorn
- Lunch Lady
- Council Run: Sub Lunches, Hamburgers/Hot dogs (to begin soon)
 - This was approved in Nov to move forward
 - Everything is already set with provider to move forward – Jenn to connect with Ms. Limarzi on details, ready to input in SchoolCashOnline
 - Still planning to do it monthly, on Fridays
 - But orders need to be submitted by Monday of that week
 - Move to begin to March 1st – Agreed by council

Dates to Remember:

- February 13: Reports Go Home Term 1/Shrove Tuesday
- February 7 – 13: Valentine's Spirit Week
- February 14: Ash Wednesday
- February 15/16: Parent/Teacher Interviews
- February 16: PA Day – Reporting to Parents
- February 19: Family Day
- February 20: X Movement student presentations
- February 22: X Movement student presentations
- February 23: X Movement student presentations
- February 28: Pink Shirt Day
- March 11 – 15: March Break
- March 29: Good Friday



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- April 1: Easter Monday
- April 8: NEW: PA Day due to Solar Eclipse
- April 15: Easter Mass 9:30am

Academics

- Grade 2 and 5 Teachers participating in a Math Professional Learning Cycle with a focus on building student math confidence
- Empower, Lexia and Corrective Reading continue
- Equity Lead: Mr. Valerio
- Continue to be supported by a math facilitator (year long) in Grade 5/6, 6/7
- EQAO student data for 2022 – 2023 was sent home in October and our data is visible on EQAO website.
- Reading, Writing, Math at Primary Level in line with board and provincial standard
- Reading, Writing at Junior Level above board and provincial standard. Math identified as below board and provincial standard at Junior level

Faith:

- Students are recognized through our Virtue Program, monthly presentations with our school community and student names are recognized over announcements.
- Easter Mass schedule for Monday April 15 @ 9:30am
- Rosary Apostolates monthly visits to pray the rosary as a community full year program.
- Social Justice initiatives: Christmas Toy Drive – many toys collected and brought to local police station for Toys for Tots 😊 Lenten soap drive (Dr. Simeone).
- ShareLife Spirit Week forthcoming

10. Other Business (Questions or comments captured)

- If the council provides money for school events, and it is not all spent, does it go back to the council? A: Money allocated is fully spent
- \$1100 for outdoor toys – some of the items came in January, ML to review amount that is still left, there are still more items that need to be purchased
- Last year grads, raised their own funds from selling candy...that's what the popcorn sales are for on Fridays, to help with grad expenses
- Another item has been added for grad support – donation for Valentine's dance
- What about Freezie Fridays (for grad funds)? We can explore – but would have to be school based, need capacity to run that, discuss as a school and then reach out to council if school needs support
- Cookie Dough numbers? Dollars are not reflecting on report, M. Limarzi to follow up and check, Kelly checked that Subs and Poinsettia's are on there, bank is around \$8000 (only up to December), likely the cookie dough check didn't get processed until January



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- \$904 – to review deposit
- Process for informing Ms. Fernandes
 - Generally, Ms. Limarzi will update her – new information, this is the norm

11. Closing Prayer – Said by Jenn Arcilla

12. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn by Elizabeth and Ms. Rose

Dates for Future Meetings:

- April 24 2024 @ 6:30pm (Virtual)
- Volunteer Appreciation TBD

April 3, 2024 @ 6:30 pm

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Present: M. Limarzi, M. Alimurung, L. Alday, L. Rose, K. O'Donnell, S. Luke, D. Moodley, T. Armogan, S. Pascuttini

Other Business: Allocation of Funds to complement technology purchase

Motion to allocate \$3300 to support purchase of technology (10 chrome books)

1. D. Moodley
2. T. Armogan