**St. John the Baptist
Catholic School Council Minutes**Wednesday, October 16th, 2024, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

 **Recording Secretary:** Meagan Gullace

**Attendees:** Monique Ough, Linda Troiola, Andrée Gates, Connie Sanfilippo, Candice Dixon, Meagan Gullace, Lisa Crisanti Kabay, Candice Agostino, Marsha Chiarotto-Breault, Tina Gaudio, Angela Landolfi, Jessica Rietta, Meagan Gullace, Daniella Cestra, Melissa Barranca, Alanna Raponi, Alessandra Canizares, Alexia Basilone, Patricia Smyth Grdosic, Franca Vianello

**Non Voting Attendees**: Candy Ross (Online)

**Absent Voting Attendees:** Jennifer Cariati, Melissa Saporita, Cecilia Dadina

1. **Routine Matters:**
* 1- Call to Order at 6:30 p.m.
* 2 - Opening Prayer - read by C. Sanfilippo
* 3 - Land Acknowledgement - read by L. Tuccitto
* 4 - Approval of Agenda
* 5- Approval of Minutes - no minutes from last meeting to approve
* 6- Introductions - Catholic School Council introduced themselves
* 7- Rules of Engagement - Catholic School Council rules given by A. Gates
1. **Trustee Update:**

 N/A

1. **Information / Updates:**
	* **1 - Central Committee for Catholic School Councils (CCCSC) Report:**
		+ No updates at this time
	* **2 - Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE)report:**
		+ No updates at this time
2. **Standing Items:**
	* **1 - Co-chairs Report:**
		+ Meeting dates for the year have been sent out - Wednesdays at 6:30pm (school library):
			- October 16th, 2024
			- November 13th, 2024
			- January 15th, 2025
			- February 19th, 2025
			- April 9th, 2025
			- \*\*\*April 24th, 2025 -- (optional) - Watch party for the annual Board Budget Review meeting. Start time TBC.
			- May 21st, 2025
			- June Social - TBD
		+ If there are any non-voting members who want to volunteer/ be informed (when possible), they can reach out to Co-Chair, A. Gates.
	* **2- Treasurer's Report (C. Dixon):**
		+ Balance as of Oct. 16th, 2024 includes:
			- all commitments and Session 1 Hot lunch expenses
			- expenses submitted to date (Karate deposit, Krispy Kreme prizes)
		+ C. Dixon presented hot lunch forecasted costs and profits from session 1 of hot lunch program.
			- Hot lunch expenses still to be paid out for session 1 (paid weekly or monthly – vendor determined)
			- Error for Pancake Tuesday amount set aside noted, to be corrected on next report
	* **3 - Parish Rep Report:**

Updates from Holy Family Parish Bolton (L. Crisanti Kabay):

* Registration for First Communion and Confirmation 2025 are available on the website.
	+ All forms and the child's baptism certificate need to be emailed to holyfamilyboltonoffice@gmail.com
		- * The church will email the parents directly regarding registration and meetings.
* Monday mass has been removed. New mass times are as follows:
	+ - * Saturday 5:00PM
			* Sunday 8:30AM, 10:00AM, 12:00PM
			* Wednesday 7:00PM
			* Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10:00AM
* Mom and Tots program is every Thursday from 9:30-12:00 PM
* Programs for Children – Youth Ministry:
	+ Rooted: Interactive teaching about faith, social time/games, Gr 3, 4 and 5. Starting October 26 3-5PM
	+ Edge: Gr 6, 7 and 8. Starting Saturday October 26 6:30-8:30PM \*Alternate with Life Teen
	+ Life Teen: Gr 9 to 12. Starts November 2 5-8:30PM
	+ For any Youth Ministry questions contact Eric at eluscombe@archtoronto.org
	+ **4 - Principal’s Report:**
		- School Events:
		- Annual Terry Fox Marathon of hope was held on Sept 20, 2024
		- Celebrated our Opening School Mass with Father Nguyen on Sept 25th
		- Virtue assemblies have started this year. The virtue of Faith was celebrated on Sept 27. The virtue of Empathy will be celebrated on Oct 25.
		- Three fire drills need to be conducted per term. 2 out of the 3 fire drills have been completed this term. We will be having another fire drill next week, as well as a lock down practice.
		- Softball team for juniors and intermediates had their tournament on Oct 1 and 3. Thank you to the coaches, Mr. Tallevi, Mr. Monardo, Mrs. McCaffrey and Mrs. Cummins.
		- Junior Volleyball has started – the boys and girls had their mini tournament on Oct 10 at Holy Family. The girls advanced to the Family Tournament on Oct 15 at St. Michael's Secondary. Thank you to the coaches Mr. Vandervoort, Mrs. Charbonneau, Mrs. O’Donnell and Mrs. Zeni. Thank you Mrs. McCaffrey for convening the Family Tournament at St. Mikes.
		- Cross Country will be on Oct 17. Thank you to Mr. Vandervoort, Mrs. Cecchetto, Mrs. Cocco for coaching the students.
		- Parents are welcome to come watch their child participate in sporting events as spectators but must fill out “A Spectator Code of Conduct” form.
		- Krispy Kreme Donuts fundraiser ends Monday October 21
		- Started a Snack Shop fundraiser at the school. Will be selling Terra Cotta Cookies and Kernels Popcorn once a week for the month of November. This will start on Halloween.
		- Halloween Dance – Donations accepted through school cash online
		- TerraCotta Cookie Dough Fundraiser – Nov 17 kick off
	+ Wellness Committee:
		- Our Wellness Committee attended the annual conference on Tuesday, Sept 24 at St. Evan CES with Mrs. Cummins and Mrs. Patrick.
		- Students in grade 7 had an opportunity to listen to presenter MTC Life Coach Miguel. The committee planned wellness goals for this year.
		- The wellness committee will be organizing Mindful Monday events that consist of school mindful reflections
		- Wellness Wednesdays that will alternate between various activities weekly from K-8 – such as mindful coloring, yoga, movement, dance, etc.
		- We have been able to utilize a $500 grant from Peel Public Health to help support our wellness initiatives and activities for the school by purchasing calming corner items for classes K-3. Sports equipment outside for PALS and games for the Games Club were also purchased.
* Equity and Indigenous:
	+ - Truth and Reconciliation Week was honored by acknowledging stories and facts over the morning announcements. Grade 1-3 classes had Indigenous Presenters from the Board leading in helping students re-write their own Land Acknowledgement.
		- On Monday, September 30th we gathered as a school community for an assembly for National Day of Truth and Reconciliation.
		- Thank you Mrs. Pitcher and Mme Covre for hosting the liturgy. All students received a button for Orange Shirt Day and all proceeds went directly to supporting Geronimo's Dream Foundation.
		- Mrs. Charbonneau has agreed to be our Equity Lead and we will attend an Equity conference on Oct 22 with keynote speaker Dr. Burns.
		- At our recent PA Day on Oct 11 staff engaged in a video on discriminatory language and the board's standing practice on discriminatory language in our Catholic Schools.
* YFA Committee:
	+ - Helped organize the food drive for Thanksgiving
		- Lead the opening school Mass
		- Assisted with the Orange Shirt Day Liturgy
		- Washed and Delivered apples for the Caledon Crunch which were donated by Albion Farms
* ECO Committee:
	+ - Water waste presentations happened on Sept 18
		- Outdoor Education grant for $2,000 is now available. L. Tuccito will work with the Eco Club to determine how to use it.
* Board Initiatives:
	+ - Teachers from K-2 have been participating in Reading Screeners sessions. This is part of the Right to Read Program. All teachers in K-3 will be trained in screening students reading level and will be reflected on their Term 1 report card.
		- The board has purchased UFLI reading program for grades 1-2 as well as literacy kits for grade 2 teachers
		- Kindergarten continues to use Heggerty resource
		- All classes from K-2 will use a sound wall as part of their literacy program
		- The Board has sent each school math game items such as dice, cards, chips for teachers to engage students in purposeful math games. Math games are directed and connected to curriculum fidelity, knowing the learner and math confidence.
		- New Fully Alive program for grade 1 – Beloved and Belonging.
* Upcoming Dates:
	+ - Empathy Virtue Assembly – Oct 25 at 1:00pm
		- Halloween Dance – Oct 31
		- Snack Shop Fundraiser Starts – Oct 31 (will run monthly)
		- Picture Re-Take Day – Nov 9
		- Indigenous Presentations for Juniors - Nov 19
		- Krispy Kreme Doughnut Fundraiser Pickup – Nov 20
		- Terra Cotta Cookie Dough Fundraiser Kickoff – Nov 17
* Requests:
	+ - Volleyball Nets
		- AV Equipment
1. **Action Items – Fundraising, Events and Asks:**
	* **1 - Fundraising:**
	* Krispy Kreme updates and day-of details:
		+ Krispy Kreme fundraiser doing well
		+ Fundraiser ends Monday October 21
		+ Reminder email will go out Friday and Monday
		+ A. Gates will reach out for volunteers to help with pickup and parent pickup for Nov. 20th once total quantity is known.

* + **1 - Events:**
	+ Bingo Night- Nov. 7th Update:
		- Monday October 21st Bingo Night details will be sent via newsletter
		- Will be accepting donations for Christmas Food Drive
		- URL/QR code will be available for Bingo Night registrations
	+ Christmas Story Walk:
		- Pending Date: Tuesday December 17th
		- Looking to do a Nativity Story Christmas Walk in the evening. This would replace the Christmas Concert
		- Final details still to be confirmed
	+ **2 - Asks:**
	+ Gather asks or school needs identified:
		- Asks will be collected and A. Gates will add them into the tracker
		- Current Commitments: Karate, Pancake Tuesday, Skate Night, Bingo Nights x 2
		- Current asks: 25th Anniversary Events, Volleyball Net, AV Equipment, Christmas Walk, Kinder Celebrations, Grade 8 Graduation, School Play Day, Sacrament Celebration + Gift, Carnival Hot Chocolate
		- New AV equipment is needed. Council will need an official quote for pricing in order to vote
		- Outside lines for the school yard are still a conversation. Peel Public Health can cover a certain amount. L. Tuccitto to look further into this
		- Mabel’s Labels fundraiser was proposed for 2024/25 Spring fundraiser
	+ Prioritization, Review and Voting (as required):
		- Volleyball Net:
		- L. Tuccitto asked for new volleyball net
		- Existing net will not pass Health & Safety
			* + Ask: Up to $1652.11
				+ **VOTED and PASSED**
1. **Future Meetings:**

Date and Time of Next Meeting:

* Wednesday, November 13th, 2024 @ 6:30pm
1. **Adjournment**
* Meeting adjourned 8:00pm