**St. John the Baptist  
Catholic School Council Minutes**Wednesday, November 13th, 2024, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Recording Secretary:** Franca Vianello (acting)

**Attendees:** Laura Tuccitto, Linda Troiola, Andrée Gates, Connie Sanfilippo, Candice Dixon, Lisa Crisanti Kabay, Candice Agostino, Tina Gaudio, Angela Landolfi, Jessica Rietta, Daniella Cestra, Melissa Barranca, Alanna Raponi, Alessandra Canizares, Patricia Smyth Grdosic, Franca Vianello, Jennifer Cariati, Melissa Saporita, Cecilia Dadina

**Non Voting Attendees**: Catherine Donoghue, Marilena Cecco, Lucia Catarino

**Absent Voting Attendees:** Meagan Gullace, Alexia Basilone, Marsha Chiarotto-Breault, Monique Ough

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:
  + 1 item added by A. Canizares - student dress code
* 5- Approval of Minutes - approved by C. Agostino

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:**
     + First meeting took place. Updates on Catholic Education Week to come soon
2. **Standing Items:**
   * **1 - Co-Chairs Report (A. Gates / C. Sanfilippo):**
     + Bingo night was very successful!
       - 242 attendees
       - Next bingo night will be close to Easter.
       - Will need help with table and chairs setup – possibly use High School students to help for their community service hours (to be confirmed)
     + Pancake Tuesday
       - C. Sanfilippo is in talks with McDonalds for pricing on Pancake Tuesday
     + Hot Lunch
       - Hot lunch second session will be done from January 5th until April 2nd
       - Third session will run April-June
   * **2- Treasurer's Report (C. Dixon):**
     + Balance as of Nov. 13th, 2024 includes:
       - All commitments and Session 1 Hot lunch expenses
       - Expenses submitted to date: Karate deposit, Krispy Kreme prizes, Bingo prizes x 2, , Volleyball Net
       - Allocated expenses include: Karate Balance, Shrove Tuesday, School Skate Night, Bingo Prizes #2
   * **3 - Parish Rep Report:**

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

* Registration for First Communion and Confirmation 2025 are now closed
* Liturgy of the Word for Children Masses: November 17th, December 1st, December 15th @ 10:00 AM. Children ages 4-8 are invited to attend (siblings and parents are also welcome). If interested in volunteering please email Fausta or Shelley.
  + **4 - Principal’s Report:**
    - School Events:
    - BINGO Night on Nov 7th was a huge success and so much fun
    - Grade 8’s visited St. Michaels’ High school on Nov 6th
    - Lockdown procedure on Friday, Nov 8th. Students did remarkable with staying quiet in their locked classes
    - Terra Cotta Cookie Dough Fundraiser online Nov 11 – Dec 3.
    - Progress Reports go home electronically on Nov 12
    - Parent teacher interview is on Nov 14. Parents were able to book their interview times online
    - Grade 2’s will be visiting Peel Safety Village on Nov 14
    - Holy Family School will give a presentation on the extended French program to our grade 4’s on Nov 14 from 9:30-10:15
    - Intermediate Volleyball has started for girls and boys and the tournament is at SJB on Nov 26th
    - Bus Safety Presentation will be on Nov 28th
    - Virtue Assembly for Conscience will be on Nov 29th at 9:30am
    - Grade 4 and 4/5 class will be at Silver Creek on Dec 4th
    - Dec 17 FDK’s at WillowGrove Trip
    - Dec 18 Christmas Sing a long from 1-2pm from St. Michaels CSS
  + Wellness Committee:
    - The Wellness Committee started Mindful Monday events that consist of school mindful reflections and games club.
    - Wellness Wednesdays that will alternate between various activities weekly from K-8 – such as mindful coloring, yoga, movement, dance, etc.
* Equity and Indigenous:
  + - Indigenous Presentations for Juniors on Land Acknowledgement
* Youth Faith Ambassadors (YFA) Committee:
  + - YFA students helped with Liturgy poppy distribution
    - Organized Halloween Candy for Dr. Simone
* ECO Committee:
  + - Outdoor Education grant for $2,000 is now available – will be using funds for painting lines in school yard.
* Board Initiatives:
  + - Teachers from K-2 have been participating in Reading Screeners sessions. As part of the Right to Read all teachers in K-3 will be trained in screening students reading level and will be reflected on their term 1 report card. Teachers will be screening all students SK-2 on Nov 14 and 15
    - The board has purchased UFLI reading program for grades 1-2 as well as literacy kit for grade 2 teachers
    - Kindergarten continues to use Heggerty resources
    - All classes from K-2 will use a sound wall as part of their literacy program
    - Math Games – 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 connects to curriculum fidelity, knowing the learner and math confidence.
    - New Fully Alive program curriculum for grade 1 – Beloved and Belonging.
* Upcoming Dates:
  + - Indigenous Presentations for Juniors - Nov 19
    - Krispy Kreme Pickup – Nov 20
    - Nov 22 – PA Day
    - Terra Cotta Cookie Dough Fundraiser – Nov 11. Pick up cookie dough on Dec 17
    - Christmas Follow the Star Open House - Dec 12 from 5-7 pm
* Requests:
  + - AV Equipment – L. Tuccitto to get more details and costs

1. **Action Items – Fundraising, Events and Asks:**
   * **1 - Fundraising:**
   * Krispy Kreme updates and day-of details:
     + Sold all 600 dozens
     + 3 volunteers picking up Wednesday November 20th
   * Terra Cotta Cookie pickup support- December 17th, 4:30pm-6:30pm:
     + A. Gates to organize volunteers to help with delivery and parent pickup

* + **2 - Events:**
  + Christmas Story Walk- Tuesday December 12th:
    - May need some grade 8 volunteers/ YFAs
    - Council will supply hot chocolate from Coffee Time
    - 20 Vendors to attend market in the gym (no charge to vendors)
    - Santa to attend / Parents can take their own photos
  + **3 - 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, Spring Bingo Night
    - Current asks: 25th Anniversary Events, AV Equipment, Kinder Celebrations, Grade 8 Graduation, School Play Day, Carnival Hot Chocolate
    - New AV equipment is needed:
    - L. Tuccitto to get more details and costs
    - 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 and to combine with monies from Outdoor Education Grant
  + Prioritization, Review and Voting (as required):
    - Hot Chocolate for Follow the Star Christmas Open House:
      * + Ask: $180.00
        + **VOTED and PASSED**
    - Sacrament Gifts for Grade 2s and 8s:
    - Rubik’s cubes (Cupcakes to be voted on at a later meeting)
    - Ask: up to $600
    - **VOTED and PASSED**

1. **Future Meetings:**

Date and Time of Next Meeting:

* Wednesday, January 15th, 2024 @ 6:30pm

1. **Adjournment**

* Meeting adjourned 7:52pm