



Principal: J. Page
Vice-Principal: J. Lugtu
Head Secretary: F. Antenucci

Superintendent of Schools: B. Diogo
Pastor: Msgr. O. Keenan, Rev. F. McLaren
Trustee: S. Xaviour

AGENDA

Catholic School Council Meeting

Date: Monday October 7th, 2024

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Library

A. Routine Matters

1. Call to Order and Attendance
2. Opening Prayer
3. Land Acknowledgement
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of Catholic School Council Minutes – June 13th, 2024
 - a. Business Arising from the Minutes

B. Trustee Update (if applicable)

C. Review Mandate of Council and Roles

1. Elect executive positions
2. Review Meeting Dates – 6:30pm
November 4th, January 13th, February 3rd, March 3rd, April 24th (Budget Consultation),
May 26th
3. CSC Chairs Meeting – Thursday October 24, 2024

D. Standing Items

1. Chair/Treasurer's Report
2. Principal Report
3. Parish Report
4. Teacher Report

E. Information/Updates (if applicable)

1. Central Committee for Catholic School Councils (CCCSC) Report
2. Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) Reports

F. Action Items

G. Future Meetings

November 4th 6:30pm

H. Adjournment





St. André Bessette Catholic Elementary School Council

APPROVED Meeting Minutes

Date | Time 10/7/2024 6:30 PM | Meeting called to order by Jennifer Page

In Attendance

Jennifer Page, Juliet Lugtu, Melissa Galluzzo, Sabrina Schiralli, Antonietta Moniz, Miranda Loberto, Reva Sulaka, Myleene Consignado, Amanda Ghanem, Lisa Colaiacovo, Nejood Hirmiz, Dina Odish, Erin Rosart, Tania Dell'Erario, Michelle DeMedeiros (remote), Bonita Boadi (remote), Faustina Adu Gyamfi (remote)

1. 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.

As a responsible community we believe all people are sacred and possess inherent and immeasurable worth and dignity. Colonialism displaced and dispossessed Indigenous Peoples of their ancestral lands and continues to deny their basic human rights, dignities and freedoms. We are committed to the sacrament of reconciliation, making reparations and fulfilling our treaty obligations, duties and responsibilities as outlined in the Gdoo-naaganinaa (Dish with One Spoon) wampum. This treaty governs and affirms that we actively maintain mutually beneficial relationships and collectively respect and care for the land, water, animals and each other in order to guarantee a good life for our future descendants.

2. Opening Prayer

Council Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

We come before You today with grateful hearts for the opportunity to gather as a parent council. We thank You for the gift of our children, our schools, and the communities that nurture them.

As we begin this meeting, we ask for Your guidance and wisdom. Help us to listen carefully, speak thoughtfully, and make decisions with love and fairness. Let every word spoken here be filled with grace, and every action be directed toward the well-being of our students, families, and educators.

Bless our efforts to collaborate and serve, and grant us the strength to support one another as we work to create a positive and nurturing environment for all.

May Your spirit of peace and unity be present in all we do.

In Your name, we pray.

Amen

3. Approval of Agenda

Motioned by: A. Moniz; Seconded by M. Galluzzo; Approved

4. Approval of Minutes

No new minutes to approve

5. Election of Executive Positions

- Co-chairs: Sabrina Schiralli & Melissa Galluzzo
- Secretary: Erin Rosart
- Treasurer: Miranda Loberto
- Parish Rep: Antonietta Moniz
- OAPCE Rep: Myleene Consignado
- Members at large: Reva Sulaka, Michelle DeMedeiros, Amanda Ghanem, Lisa Colaiacovo, Nejood Hirmiz, Dina Odish

6. Principal's Report – J. Page

- A. Communication – Weekly updates and Monthly Round Up
- B. School Organization
 - a. Increase in population – reorganization required
 - b. Added 2 new classes (1/2 Kindergarten class and Grade 3/4 class)
 - c. 460 students
- C. Liturgies/Virtues Assemblies
 - a. Opening Mass – October 8th (Grade 8s organizing)
 - b. *New Virtue Program – certificates and bracelets to recognize students each month
 - c. Virtue of Faith – October 2nd Office
 - d. Virtue of Empathy – October 10th (Iafrate & Mic Papini)
 - e. Father Fraser visited September 27th and introduced himself to students and staff
 - f. Initiative for Wellness: Christian Meditation – starting after Thanksgiving
- D. Upcoming Holidays/PA Days
 - a. October 11th – PA Day
 - b. October 14th – Thanksgiving
- E. September Events
 - a. Mental Health and Wellness Conference – September 12th
 - b. Fall Food Drive – St. John Henry Newman Angel's Pantry
 - c. YFL have been established and worked on Truth and Reconciliation prayers and announcements
 - d. Truth and Reconciliation Week – Focus on Indigenous Excellence
 - e. Terry Fox – September 27th
 - f. Orange Shirt Day – September 30th
 - g. Open House and Book Fair – October 2nd
- F. Upcoming School Events

- a. Junior Volleyball Tournaments – October 9th
- b. Grade 8 Retreat – October 9th
- c. Cross Country Meet – October 16th
- d. Picture Day – October 29th
- e. Spirit Week for ShareLife – October 28th-November 1st
- f. Pumpkin Cookie Sales

7. Teacher Update – T. Dell'Erario

- On Sept. 12th, Ms. Carr attended the Wellness Conference with the 4 Intermediate Leads.
- In a couple of weeks, students in grades 6-8 are welcome to attend a weekly gathering, on Mondays, where they can partake in activities on mental health. It will be a safe space for students to talk with each other and work on activities and school initiatives.
- On Sept. 27th, we had the Terry Fox Walk. We raised approx. \$600
- During the first week of October, we had the Book Fair, and we made approx. \$2000 in materials and books for the school library. There will be another Book Fair in February. Also, book exchange started today.
- On Oct. 3rd, the Grade 2 and 8 classes participated in the Peel Water presentation. The presentations tied into their Science Units.
- The PAT (Pathways and Transitions) facilitator came in to meet with the Intermediate students to discuss “My Blueprint” for their transition to high school.
- As one of our Eco school initiatives, we will be having “Wasteless Thursdays” (lunch and snacks to be packed in reusable containers).
- On Oct 9th, Grade 8s will be having a Wellness Retreat at Riverstone Community Centre. Students will begin the day in prayer and participate in a variety of bonding activities that strengthen their relationship with each other and God. As a lead up to the trip, Ms. Page visited the grade 8 classes and led them in Christian meditation. She also taught students about the importance of being with God and quieting the temptations of the outside world. It was a huge success last year and the teachers are very excited to bring it back again.
- Grad Wear orders are out. It's a continued tradition that Graduates get their grad t-shirt fee as a gift from the school.
- On October 9th, Bessette will be hosting a Mini Volleyball tournament
- The Family Tournament will be on Oct. 17th and 18th at St. John Bosco.
- On October 10th, some of the Junior grades will be going to watch “Wild Robot” to support the novel study they are doing in class.
- At the end of the month, the Youth Faith Leaders are planning events for Halloween. There will be a Spirit Week, a primary craft where YFL leaders will go into K-2 classrooms to lead them, Halloween trivia, Scavenger hunt and a Halloween dance.

8. Treasurer Update – M. Loberto

- Balance is \$9400.38 as of June 30

9. Parish Update – A. Moniz

- Communion date – Tuesday May 13, 7pm
- Confirmation date – Friday, May 2, 7pm
- Children's Liturgy held at Saturday Mass and Sunday 10am and 1pm Mass
- Youth Faith group for Grade 7 and up – had first gathering on Saturday (bonfire, BBQ, other activities)
 - Future dates on website
- Visit website for resources and updates

10. Action Items

School Lunch

- Beef patties
 - this year will be done on school cash online, students to order in advance so we know how many to purchase
 - every Thursday as snack option
- Portuguese Chicken
 - Can try for every other week to start
 - Need a parent volunteer to assist with distribution
- Form a lunch committee to ensure someone is available to cover lunch days/pick up patties each week
- Motion to sell patties every Thursday and Portuguese chicken every other Friday
 - Motioned by A. Moniz; Seconded by M. Galluzzo; Approved

Bussing Discussion

- No courtesy seating available at this time
- If bus arrives to school before teacher supervision begins, students are held on the bus until a teacher arrives
- STOPR responsible for all bus stop locations, routes and times

Fundraising Ideas

- Chocolate sale
 - World's Famous Chocolates or Laura Secord
 - J. Page to have a representative attend a meeting to present
 - Another option – Farm to Table popcorn
- Dance-a-thon
 - Issue with running this in the past was tax receipts – there is a way to do this through cash online so not a problem
 - If over \$5000 raised, considered a major fundraiser – allowed on major per year
- Crock Charms
 - Cost to us \$1.10 each, sell for \$3.00
 - Initial order may be more due to added cost of custom mold
- Christmas Market
 - Need to start securing vendors asap
 - Pictures with Santa
 - Form a subcommittee to start planning immediately

11. Adjournment

10/7/2024 8:37 PM

Meeting adjourned – Motioned by M. Galluzzo; Seconded by R. Sulaka

Next meeting – Monday, November 4, 6:30pm

St. Andre Bessette School Council Account
Treasurer's Report - September 30, 2024

	Income	Expenditure	
Opening Balance on September 1, 2024	\$ 9,400.38		
Banking:			
Service Charges		\$ -	
Communion:			
Frames, photos and gift bags		\$ -	
Community:			
Movie Night	\$ -	\$ -	
School BBQ	\$ -	\$ -	
School Bake Sale	\$ -	\$ -	
Confirmation/Graduation:			
2024-2025 School Year		\$ -	
Prayer Cards Lamination		\$ -	
Fundraiser:			
	\$ -	\$ -	
Grants:			
Parent Involvement (2024)	\$ -		
Office Admin:			
2024-2025 School Year		\$ -	
School Council General:			
		\$ -	
Student Support:			
2024-2025 School Year		\$ -	
Closing Balance on September 30, 2024	\$ 9,400.38	\$ -	\$ 9,400.38
Ongoing Yearly Commitments 2024-2025			
Confirmation/Graduation		\$ 1,000.00	
Office Admin		\$ 100.00	
Student Support Fund		\$ 500.00	
Subtotal:	\$ -	\$ 1,600.00	
Total Not Committed			\$ 7,800.38

Updated information is identified in blue