



# St. André Bessette Catholic Elementary School Council

## APPROVED Meeting Minutes

Date | Time 11/4/2024 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, Amanda Ghanem, Lisa Colaiacovo, Nejood Hirmiz, Dina Odish, Michelle DeMedeiros, Erin Rosart, Tania Dell'Erario, Laura Mazzucco, Stephanie Bazile (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*

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### 3. Chocolate Sales Presentation – World's Finest Chocolate Representative (Melanie)

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- Campaign process
  - Choose product, send out opt-out letters to families explaining fundraiser
  - Send home 1 case per family
  - Discourage kids selling door to door
  - Families pay school cash online
  - Once payment received, can take second case if needed
  - Prizes – create draw tickets, company provides 2 gnomes for every 100 cases, draw names each day
  - Run campaign for 2 weeks – students have 2 full weeks (3 weekends) to sell
  - Any cases received that are not opened can be refunded for full credit
  - For every 100 cases bought, company provides 4 free cases (worth \$400) – can put this extra profit towards grand prizes
- Products
  - Laura Secord 5 flavour 100g chocolate bars
    - Sell for \$5 each, 30/case - \$150 total, \$53 profit
    - Flavours: puffed rice, toffee crunch, mint, milk chocolate, 70% dark chocolate
  - Snack bars 31g chocolate bars
    - Sell for 3/\$5, 60/case - \$100 total, \$50 profit
    - Flavours: milk chocolate, caramel, crisp

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### 4. Approval of Agenda

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Motioned by: S. Schiralli; Seconded by M. Loberto; Approved

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### 5. Approval of Minutes

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Motioned by: L. Colaiacono; Seconded by M. Galluzzo; Approved

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### 6. Treasurer Update – M. Loberto

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- No change since last report - \$9,400.38
- Do we need to spend balance?
  - Can carry over balance, but should start thinking about things to put it towards
  - Come up with initiatives to work towards for fundraising
    - Upcoming school movie trip – Dec. 17, Moana 2
    - Quote for 10 buses approx.. \$2373, can council contribute to this?
  - T. Dell'Erario to put together a google form to get ideas from teachers on needs in school
  - Activities for kids
    - Astronomy in Action – bring in planetarium domes, each class gets 40 minute slot; cost \$4015
    - Jungle Sport – climbing activities, 5 days, each class 2 sessions during gym period; cost \$4800
  - Gym equipment is a need

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## 7. Principal Report – J. Page

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### A. Liturgies / Virtues Assemblies

- i. Virtue of Empathy October 10th – certificates and bracelets were handed out
- ii. Virtue of Conscience – Date TBD
- iii. Remembrance Day Liturgy – November 11<sup>th</sup>
- iv. Advent Mass – December 5<sup>th</sup>
- v. Christian Meditation

### B. Upcoming Holidays / P.A. Days

- i. PA Day – November 22nd, 2024
- ii. Christmas Break → December 23, 2024 – January 3rd, 2025 (return January 6th)

### C. Progress Reports & Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews

- i. Progress Reports go home November 12th both electronically to student email and hard copy – Term 1 report card will only be sent electronically
- ii. Interview bookings online through link sent today – November 14th

### D. School Improvement Plan

- i. High Impact Instructional Strategies – “Math Conversations” school focus
- ii. School wide math confidence lessons
- iii. Math Talk Mondays – Morning announcement inquiry and in class math games
- iv. Acadience Screening – K-2 students November 15th (Ministry Mandated)

### E. Upcoming School Events

- i. Bullying Prevention Week November 18<sup>th</sup>
- ii. Picture Re-Take Day – November 26<sup>th</sup>
- iii. Grade 9 transition meetings/Visits (Nov. 12th at Aquinas)
- iv. Vaccine Clinic Grade 7 & 8

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## 8. Teacher Report – T. Dell'Erario & L. Mazzucco

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- On Oct 9th, the Grade 8s attended a Wellness Retreat at Riverstone Community Centre. Students participated in movement, collaborative games, and meditation.
- On October 10th, some of the Junior grades went to watch “Wild Robot” to support the novel study they are doing in class. The students had a great time!
- On Oct.16th, students had a Cross Country Family meet. Four students qualified to compete at the Board Tournament. On Oct. 22, at the Board Cross Country Meet Isaiah in grade 5 placed 2nd overall.
- On the 16th and the 18th, The Indigenous Education Team came to our school and students in grades 4-8 participated in a workshop with a giant map that focussed on Indigenous language, traditional territory, treaties, communities and more.
- On Oct. 17th and 18th, the Junior boys and girls participated in a Family Volleyball tournament at St. John Bosco. The students played with great sportsmanship at both tournaments.
- On Oct. 21, CCAT testing for the grade 4s began
- The week of Oct. 28th we had Spirit Week. Students participated in hat day, Orange and Black day, a Halloween costume and dance day, ending off the week with a PJ/Cozy day and a movie.
- YFI visited K- 2 classes to do a Halloween craft with them, they had a Trivia day and a Scavenger hunt. Ms. Chiodo and Ms. Luciani’s class won a prize.

- Halloween cookies were sold, All proceeds went to Sharelife.
- During the month of October the Wellness Leaders participated in whole school announcements around our wellness. This month they are partnering with the Eco schools to create recycling and earth posters. The group is working towards creating a safe space for grades 6-8 to take a break and support their mental health.
- The Eco team continues with their litterless lunch Thursdays initiative. The Eco team is conducting audits on classes who signed up to be audited. This is where they count how many litterless lunches are brought to school in each classroom.
- Tomorrow we will be having the Region of Peel presenting waste and education workshops to Grades 1 to 3. This is to put the spotlight on current waste issues and to try and inspire students to reduce waste at home and school. The grade 1 focus is the importance of the 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle). The grade 2 workshop will focus on sustainability in our relationship with the natural environment. Grade 3s will focus on the food lifecycle by looking at properly disposing of food waste, and uncover composting methods in the Region of Peel. They will also investigate different stages of decomposition.
- There is an extended day trip for grade 7s and 8s is still in the works. Info and location will be released once details are finalized
- On Nov. 12, grade 8s will be going to St. Thomas Aquinas for a Day in the Life
- The third week of November, we will be having Bully Prevention and Awareness Week. The YFL will be leading a liturgy virtually.

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## 9. Parish Update – A. Moniz

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- Next confirmation meeting – November 9
- Next communion meeting – November 23
- Loaves and Fishes Gala took place on October 25 to raise money for the new building fund
  - A donor has stepped forward to match dollar for dollar up to 1 million raised before 2025
- St. Patrick Day 2026 set as start date for building
- Advent Christmas Concert to be held on December 8
  - There will be a children's choir, ages 8-12

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## 10. Action Items

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### Christmas Market

- 15 paid vendors, 3 outstanding
  - Good variety – accessories, ornaments, cookies, jewellery, scarves for pets, crochet items, boba tea, hair accessories, baked goods
- Marquee letters (photo op)
  - \$60/letter, \$25 delivery and set up fee
  - "JOY" or "NOEL"
- Santa photos – free, take your own photo with phone, volunteers to assist
  - Candy canes for all the kids from Santa
- Council table – to sell snacks/drinks
  - Coffee – Starbucks will possibly donate free coffee, M. Galluzzo to inquire and advise
  - Popcorn – can borrow popcorn machine from St. Anthony's

- Food Trucks
  - Beavertails? - \$350 cost
  - Street Eats Events – no fee
    - Poutine, chicken fingers, chicken and fries, Philly cheesesteak, tacos
- Parent Council to wear badges – Lisa will make
- Volunteer committee to help day of – set up, tear down, drinks/snack table, greeters at door, Santa pics, walking the floor, assisting with vendor organization
- Items put forward to vote
  - Beavertail truck – no
  - Marquee letters – yes, “JOY”
  - Candy canes from Santa – yes
  - Council badges – yes
  - Water and popcorn - yes

#### Smoothie Day - Reva

- Cost is \$5.50
- Flavours – strawberry banana, mango, mango pineapple
- Food combos also available
- \$10 delivery fee

#### Lunch days update

- All dates have been covered for pickup, J. Lugtu to put an updated list on good classroom
- Patty sleeves – to be purchased on amazon as patty place does not always provide enough
  - Lisa to purchase

#### Bussing for movie trip

- Will council cover the cost?
- Vote – majority yes; passed

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## 11. Adjournment

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11/4/2024 8:30 PM

Meeting adjourned – Motioned by M. Galluzzo; Seconded by M. DeMedeiros

Next meeting – Monday, January 13, 6:30pm