



## ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 1, 2023 | 6:30 pm

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### In Attendance

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Carmine Minutillo

Shannon Jones

Casey Wells

Lucy Cross

Emily Smith

Emelia Cutrona

Alex Revell

Lindsay Devlin

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### Call to Order

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Meeting called to order by Shannon Jones @ 6:37pm

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### Prayer

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Carmine, principal, began meeting with prayer

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### Review and Approval of Minutes

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1. Emily Smith
2. Shannon Jones

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### Updates

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1. **Treasurer's Report** (Marah was away but emailed in her report)
  - Sorting out bits for outstanding payments but it's coming together
  - Sleds for Kindergarten was purchased
  - Gift Cards for fundraiser was purchased \$150
  - Poinsettia fundraiser had a profit of \$1289 with total sales of \$2596.68
  - Christmas tree fundraiser had a profit of \$367 with total sales of \$2700.00
  - Cost of the Christmas dinner was \$253.24 with several donations of food.
  - Funds raised from Cash Online for the food bank was \$538.02 and a donation of \$284.78 will be donated to our local food bank.
  - \$10,174,41 in the bank.
    - Earmarked
      - Year end field trips \$100 per class \$1,100
      - First Communion \$250
  - Pro Grant will be deposited as we received \$1,000 for building community

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## Parish Report

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- There is a deadline for Sacraments and it's closing on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Confirmation has not been caught up since the pandemic. It's open to everyone.  
-Father will decide on how he will do this depending on numbers.
- School Mass will happen at the school for the next 2 masses and then at the church for the following 2
- Graduation will happen after that at the church
- They are putting together a new website and it will be up and running soon. The church would like to connect it to the school website for families to have easy access. -This will go under the Parish section.
- Is there a class that would like to decorate bags to hold food donations that will be collected at the church for the local grocery store for lent? The church will drop off the bags to the school. If no interest Avery Devlin will gladly make these up.

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## Teacher Report from Anna Rand given by Carmine

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- Beyond A Classroom is a week long program that covers curriculum and instruction. Mrs. Rand's class is going to go to City Hall to learn about how the city runs. The class has to come up with a plan for the week. The students are curious about the jail in the basement. The cost is cheap about \$60 per student.

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## Principal Report

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- Thank you for the Christmas Dinner it was great and went well.  
-Emily said that her father-in-law is a member of the KOC and said that they would be interested in donating the cost of the food for next year's Christmas dinner
- The poinsettias and Christmas tree fundraiser went smoothly  
-Shannon said that we need to think about the vouchers for next year for the Christmas Tree's to make it more streamlined.
- \$538 was donated from families for the food bank, need to take the cost of the dinner out of that.
- Asked Kerri Smith \_\_\_ about the recognition wall for larger donations and she needed to talk to her boss and we haven't heard back... to be continued.
- We have the playground stencils at the school as they were found at St. James Major so in the spring we are good to go.
- Many clubs are happening right now during recess (Arts and Crafts, Homework, Band, Dance, Board Games, Chess) these are done by division and there is something for everyone. Big turnout  
-Lucy offered to assist with the Arts and craft club if assistance was needed
- Basketball tryouts are still going on and Basketball will finish at the end of February
- Intramurals such as dodge ball and hand ball will commence after March Break  
-Shannon asked if they could join with Harrowsmith to play some matches as they could walk there?
- Funding from the board was given to have after-school sessions for grade 3 & 6 students in preparation for EQAO, Ms. DeSa and Ms. Murphy are going to be doing this a couple of days per week as they have 16 hours of funding time.
- Government funding for tutoring that has been in the media, our school was able to choose 2 students out of the whole school for this funding
- MDI surveys for students in grade 4-8, ask a variety of questions from school to academics, how you feel etc. – This informs equity and social goals for next year's School Improvement Plan.
- Grade 4 received Bibles that were donated, and Father handed them out to the students.

- Grade 8 Graduation will be Monday June 26<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 at the church, mass/prayer service, followed by awards in the hall. Students will then go on a cruise in Kingston with other schools  
-no cost to students as the school covers this
- Recent and Upcoming events
  - Basketball will have a tournament late February
  - Connie Stewart did Bell Lets Talk Day- 10min meditation and she went to classrooms to make sure that students had someone they could talk to either at school or home.
  - Family Literacy Day, students wore PJ's, reading buddies, guests came to classrooms
  - Feb 4<sup>th</sup> Ball Hockey Tournament for grade 6 students
  - Report cards will come home Feb 21st and will be electronic
  - February 22<sup>nd</sup> is Ash Wednesday (father will come) and Pink Shirt day is the same day

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## Fundraising and Planning

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### Spring Fundraising

- Marah- Lilies for Easter? Look into Rekker Gardens
- Have done Liv Simple in the past
- Cheesecake Jars have been successful and easy with \$1090 in profit
- MacMillans cookie dough (hard to do as the school doesn't have freezer space) but check into dates possibly do it when weather is cold to store outside?

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## Open Discussion

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- Lindsay - picture day and class pictures could be on the same day and Carmine is going to talk to the photo company and set things up differently for next year hopefully.
- Shannon- Need to get catalogues for Playground to see what prices are  
-In the past \$8,000 just to prep the ground  
-Leah Niff? Ask to come and look at the school to see if there is a site to actually put a playground
- Alex- Buy balls for each classroom to have for the yard
- Lindsay- Extend the asphalt by the back door to make a Basketball court (hard to get this passed)
- Carmine- The 'garden' could be an area of improvement for an outdoor space that we could improve
- Shannon- how do we increase participation in Parent Council either at meetings or helping with functions?
- Lindsay- STEM, Tech (no tech as board is creating equity among schools), Materials needed that isn't covered by the school budget? (what do teachers need?) Tower Garden?
- Shannon- Pro Grant \$1,000. -Building back a sense of community  
-creative night for parents and/or kids (paint or crafts)  
-Parents only OR include kids??  
-come out to the fun night for them (paint night, pottery, movie night at the theater)  
-Could be multiple nights need to have the money spent by the end of May
- Shannon- Trousdale's- Idea for next Christmas kids could shop the store for parents and a % of sales could go to the school?
- Valentines Day dance??? Too late to get this organized but the students are wanting to organize one during the day at the school (not a great idea for evening, liability, other kids come, drinking)
- Emily- is possible to have partitions between urinal's? (will check into it)
- Emily- Last Parent Council Committee, can we do something for them for their service, Thank you, swag? Something

- Lucy donated money to Parent council from the Yoga (Thank you)

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### Next Meeting

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- Next meeting – Wednesday March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30

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### Adjournment

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Meeting adjourned at 7:52, we are getting better 😊 Goal is 7:30