

St Catherine's School Council Meeting Agenda

Feb 27, 2025, 6:45 pm

1. **Call to order:** 6:55 pm by Crystie
2. **Record of attendance** – Jackie Price, Amy Brecka, Lexi Paskal, Dan Vanden Dungen, Crystie Praskach
3. **Opening prayer and Land Acknowledgement** - Dan Vanden Dungen
4. **Review and adoption of minutes from previous meeting** - Approved by Amy
5. **Reports:**
 - a. **Principal** (attached below)
 - b. **Chair**
6. **Correspondence:**
 - ASCA Spring Symposium - annual conference- \$250.00 - Crystie will register and all are welcome to attend all or part of the day April 26
7. **Old business:**
 - a. **Grade 4-5 Basketball -**
 - Badminton will be using the gym Tuesdays and Thursdays so available days are Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. 3:30-5:00
 - Parents will be surveyed to select best days
 - b. **Family Dance - March 20 6:00-8:00 pm**
 - Need Set up and Take Down - Come at 5:00
 - Crystie will ask Leadership if they'd like to help, make up games
 - Lexi will buy snacks, Crystie will buy prizes, Popcorn?
 - We will use the School sound system like Jr High Dance, Miss Sarah will DJ
 - c. **Grant Money**
 - We will move forward purchasing books for our Parenting Library, register for the Spring Symposium and purchase the Screensanity parent night package.
8. **New Business:**
 - a. **Feedback on plans for next year**
 - Palliser is looking at extending their school days due to student wellness and needing longer breaks, extending the Friday as well. Parents have been sent a survey asking if the school hours meet the family's needs.

This affects our school, and St. Joes, as the bussing system is shared. This would not include an extension in time for EAs or extra staffing.

- Our enrollment is projected to stay flat, looking at one class per grade next year, some classes being smaller and one class being larger.
- Early learning is growing, what are the possibilities of adding an afternoon? Discussion on full-day vs. half-day kindergarten. What best meets parents' needs vs. what is best for kids.

b. Screensanity Presentation

- Will look into booking into April at next meeting

9. Next meeting: Wednesday, March 26th at 6:45 pm

10. Closing prayer

11. Adjournment

Principal's Report

1. Staffing:

- Welcome to PSII student teachers Wylie Duncan with Mr. Gokarn and Hannah Albrecht with Mr. Dawydiuk. They will be here March 3 to April 15.
- Our new FNMI Facilitator, Colby Stone, started at St. Catherine today. He will be here most Thursdays.
- Expect to see some jobs posted for St. Catherine School this month:
 - Maternity leave for Mrs. Nelson (after Easter break)
 - Maternity leave for Mrs. Ortynski (for next year)
 - Retirement for Mrs. Loman

2. Surveys and data:

- We have not gotten word to open AEA surveys but expect to do so soon
- Parents should be receiving surveys in the mail over the next week or two (we think)

3. Curriculum and Instruction

- Human Growth and Development Update – Parental notification letters have been revised and will be distributed to us by Rhonda Kawa. Admin will ensure that notice is provided prior to instruction

4. Together in Faith: School, Home, Parish Committees

- The school division is setting up a new structure called School, Home, Parish committees. These committees will include the Superintendent as well as Trustees, Parish Priests, Principals, School Councils Chairs. These committees will serve as a platform for fostering and maintaining strong relationships with our educational partners, ensuring a collaborative link between school, home and parish. The first meetings will be in May.

5. Maintenance / Facility:

- Over the cold spell, we had a few heating issues, but nothing as severe as in previous years. Due to the age of the school and history of our HVAC system, that is not unexpected. Dan Met with Vivien Kossuth, head of Maintenance, to discuss procedures for handling these events.
- The school division has created a new capital Furniture and Equipment (F & E) replacement program to address the concern that school budgets were having a hard time covering off some of the larger equipment purchases for items that were aging out or wearing down. For our school, this could help us to replace our washing machine and clocks.
- We will be having our annual Infrastructure, Maintenance, and Renewal (IMR) site inspection / meeting at our school March 19. Dan is compiling a list of things needing to be addressed. Outdoor playground, fields etc and heating system challenges and windows are high on the list.

6. Home and School:

- Advertisements are up for the auction on Saturday, April 5
- Home and School sponsored mental health presentations by Marco Corbo this past Monday. Grade 5/6 had a session and grade 7/8/9 had a session.

- We are looking to implement the Lunchbox automatic ordering system for hot lunches (starting with Subway) where parents will be able to order directly through School Cash Online. Look for this in March! **Starting soon!**

7. Calendar:

- SV Boys Basketball Zones Hosting, February 28 and March 1
- Big Brothers, Big Sisters Lunch Meeting, March 3
- Grade 3/4 (Ortynski) Canteen Day; March 4
- Parent-Teacher Conference, March 4 from 5pm to 8pm
- Ash Wednesday Mass March 5th (Grade 2 - Price)
- Big Brothers, Big Sisters Lunch Meeting, March 6
- Parent-Teacher Conference, March 6 from 3:30pm to 6:30pm
- Spring "Growth as a Learner" document due, March 7
- Big Brothers, Big Sisters Lunch Meeting, March 10
- Grade 2 (Price) Canteen Day, March 11
- Ski Trip and Global Play Day, March 12
- Field Trip to Newsies at St. Francis, March 13 10:30 am
- Division Collaborative PD Day (no school) March 17
- Division Spiritual Development Day (no school) March 18
- Face2Face Retreat for K-6 March 20
- Family Dance - March 20
- Operational Day with No Bussing - March 21
- Cultural Appreciation Day - March 27