

CSAC Meeting # 1
St. Ambrose
September 21, 2022

Attendees: R. Liotta, S. Davis, Tonya Wallace, H. Trachsel, Rick and Heather Wurm, Dianne Odette, Yvonne. Johnson, Jamie Maloney, Hollis. Boles, Michael & Amanda Garland, Andriana Akins

Babysitters- Olivia L, Jordyn M, Mia W., Savana R & Uwera N. (2 children)

Agenda Items:

A. Welcome and Prayer-**Back to School Prayer**

“God of wisdom and might, we praise you for the wonder of our being, for mind, body, and spirit. Be with our children as they begin a new school year. Bless them and their teachers and staff. Give them the strength and grace as their bodies grow; wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding; and peace and zeal to their hearts. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

B. Review of Previous Minutes- print copy distributed-Approved by Sherri D., 2nd- Tonya W.

C. Elections-Nominations- Rick and Holly Trachsel as co-chairs, (motion to approve by Amanda 1st, Michael 2nd. Sherri Davis will remain as Teacher Rep Tonya Wallace as Non-teaching rep.

D. Principal’s Report-

Our Mission-We are a Catholic School Board. We serve our students, working with the home, parish and school community to:

- Nurture a Christ-centred environment
- Provide student-focused learning opportunities
- Support the growth of the whole person

School Improvement Planning-Always focus on reading math and faith

-Right to Read Document is changing the way we teach children to read. Early stages of learning how to implement this, primary teachers receive training.

-EQAO results will be shared in the fall.

-the school board has invested in a math program- **MathUp** and a support tool

Knowledgehook

-HPCDSB has a **3-year Strategic Plan** which incorporates our spiritual plan (Encounter, Accompany, Transform)

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zNnCroYQc2gHoDg6xTnHrdFKRByEmOrH/view>

Staffing-Welcome to our 2022-2023 Team

Name	Responsibility
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Rebecca Liotta	Principal
Karen Teahen	Office Assistant
Margaret Davies	Special Education Resource Teacher (SERT)
Nikki Gibson	Special Education Resource Teacher (SERT) & Value Added Planning (VAP=drama, dance, health teacher
Kelsi Schliewinsky	Kindergarten Teacher
Megan Ritsma (LTO)	Early Childhood Educator
Angela Schuster	Gr. 1 Teacher
Christine Meadows (M-Th)/Christina Deluca (F)	Gr. 2 Teachers
Angela VanGeel	Gr. 3/ 4 Teacher
Stevie Dolson	Gr. 4/ 5Teacher
Amanda Fair	Gr. 5/ 6 Teacher
Sherri Davis	Gr. 7/ 8 Teacher
Kelly Aarts	Gr. 7/ 8 Teacher
Susan Curnutte-Ball	Music and VAP Teacher
Scott Sebben	Instrumental Music Teacher
Niall Weber	French teacher
Andrea Zucca	Library Technician
Shelly Swinkles-Herlick	Educational Assistant
Christine Rogers	Educational Assistant
Marianne Lupton	Educational Assistant
Katie Hamilton	Educational Assistant
Lisa Merkel	Educational Assistant
Kristin Stam	Educational Assistant

Reece Tucker	Educational Assistant
Jaimie McCann	Educational Assistant
Tonya Wallace	Educational Assistant
Hollis Boles	Educational Assistant
Aysha Nanasi	Educational Assistant
Cheryl Scheib	Day time Custodian
Rhi Gross	Evening Custodian
Karli Blackwell	Noon-hour monitor
Marsha Meyer	Noon-hour monitor
Chris O' Brian	Noon-hour monitor

Further supports include ABA leads, Speech and Language Therapist (Tuesday's), OT, Skills Facilitator (Peer Pals, Diversity Training), Social Worker (Thursdays)

Our Catholic Identity:

- retreats this year for each grade and sacramental prep will happen in person
- School celebrations, 2/month, focus on Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations, announcements daily @ 11:45 but prayers and O'Canada in classrooms
- Parent Affirmations (letter rep from parent of a 2021 graduate)
- communication (FB posts, Messenger/email, Bus app, WAAG's)- attendees like pictures posted of happenings
- Feast of St. Ambrose- Dec. 7- Meal in gym for students- spaghetti dinner (red sauce and white) buns- follow up with Odette's for possible support with this

Safe and Healthy School Committee:

- yard divided by p/J/I
- going ahead with soccer and cross country, need volunteers at Pat Cook race Oct. 4
- milk (\$1)& hot lunches (Prices are going up, to commence 1st week in October- WAAG message will repeat donation requests as needed once per month so all families can participate
- Saputo- cheese donations for possible grilled cheese day (Sherri to look into this), not a lot of interest in hotdog day
- food drive begins week of Oct. 4- St. Vincent DePaul and again in Spring
- nutrition program -OSNP snacks are available to students, we are receiving fresh fruit and vegetables weekly

-CUPE - strike potential is very strong. Stay tuned for how we will navigate this, know that the school board has thought through worst case scenarios but there will likely be disruptions of some kind.

Financial Accountability

1. Budget- \$2,140.13. Remains from last year,(propose \$1100- for each FT teacher to spend on classroom incentives Michael 1st , Amanda 2nd), tree purchase (\$200), Open House Hotdogs/ buns (Tonya to reach out to Zehrs for a donation)...Michael to assist bbq. If there is money remaining- outdoor kitchen kindergarten
2. **Possible fundraising** suggestion-Fall- Noah Martin Meats, (Jamie pu- will ask Woodcock), Spring or Catholic Education Week-Themed Basket Raffle/Dance (Heather and Hollis), HPCDSB Baseball tournament booth, yes to bringing back popcorn days (7/8?)
3. Building upgrades-Brick work is a 2-3 phase project and next time will happen in summer so as not to b so disruptive

E. **Next Meeting-** Nov. 16, 2021 @ 6:30