

St. Ambrose Catholic School Advisory Meeting-April 15

Present: Rebecca L. (Principal), Holly T. (Gr. $\frac{7}{8}$), Angela S. (Teacher Rep), Sara C. (Kindergarten), Kristin C. (K), Rachel B. (K), Olivia T. (Co-chair and Gr. $\frac{1}{2}$), Jamie V. ($\frac{1}{2}$), Diane G (Gr. $\frac{7}{8}$)

Regrets- Bronwyn M. (Gr. 6/7), Heather E ($\frac{5}{8}$), Tonya W. (Non-Teaching Rep.), Michelle M. (Gr. $\frac{7}{8}$), Alicia W (Gr. 6/7)

Babysitters- Olivia, Bridgette

Minutes- Dianne 1st, Rachel 2nd, approved by all



Spiritual Reflection

"Finding God in the Ordinary: Just as Jesus appeared to disciples in everyday moments (walking, eating), may we look for God's presence in small, daily blessings and in nature. Amen."



School Improvement & Policy

- **EQAO plan:** Grades 3 & 6 will write 1 session a day (8 total). Parents will be asked to make a great effort to get their children to school from May 20 to June 5.
- **Equity & Inclusion:** Possibility of Leroy Hibbert, Sept. 17, 2025. The focus of his presentation will be on Black History for students in grades 5-8 and will help set the tone for our stance on anti-racism. A discussion about inviting Geeza Waldorfa to change things up
- **PRO Grant- \$500-** The Anxious Generation- distribution ideas and think ahead to next year how to spend this money



Our Catholic Identity & Community

- **Lenten Food Drive (Alms Giving):** Our annual food drive brought in over 500 items, a huge success! We believe this is the result of better communication with families, teachers promoting it in class, daily incentives to students, and a focus item of the day to bring in.
 - **Community Partnerships:** Kindergarten Peace Garden Grant applications- "Blaze the Trail" was approved with a revised application.
 - **Graduation:** we will need volunteers to assist with the preparation and distribution of the punch and cake, discuss graduation gowns, time of event (6-7:30)
 - **Campus Enhancements:** We explored Board funding to create inclusive outdoor spaces (such as a connected pathway and swings) to encourage student relationships and school spirit, but this was not approved.
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Fundraising & Future Projects

Primary Goal: Installation of a new school swing set.

- **Mint Smoothie Sales:** Our major Easter fundraiser! Raised \$1700 (approx).
 - **Upcoming Events:**
 - **Community Movie Night:** Featuring *Inside Out 2* (Date TBA). Heather to discuss (Olivia to speak to Shakespeare's parents who do this, revisit this idea for Friday, October 2nd open house
 - Diane to look into Stratford home and school for fundraising
 - **Water Fun Day-** St. Ambrose Takes Over- Friday June 19- Rebecca to look into possible door prizes, provide popsicles, make sure there is no liability issues, do we need to book it? Since the meeting, this has been revised to be on an on-site event with Ken's Fry truck.
 - **Spring Activities:** Halo Car Wash (Jamie V). add QR code to FB-
 - **Donations & Grants:** We are currently seeking corporate donations and exploring ECO grants to reach our playground goals. (Rick Hansen application completed)
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Save the Date

- **Next Advisory Meeting:** Sept. 16, 2026
- **Two-Pitch Tournament:** June 15 & 23, 2026- Hollie, Rachel until noon
- **Graduation Liturgy:** June 17, 2026- possible no gowns, maybe just hats, (Olivia, Kristin to assist with punch/cake)