

CSAC Meeting # 1
St. Ambrose
Sept. 13, 2023

Attendees: R. Liotta, S. Davis, H. Trachsel, T. Wallace , R. and K. Wurm, D. Gillespie, Y. Johnson, S. Brockman, L. Myers, R. Prysiazniuk, H. Boles

Regrets- M.Garland

Babysitters- P. Myers, M. Willemsen, S. Rooney, L. Odette, D. Diehl

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 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- Approved by Y. Johnson, 2nd- H. Trachsel

C. Elections-Nominations- R. Wurm and H. Trachsel as co-chairs, (motion to approve by S. Davis 1st, T. Wallace 2nd. All in favour. S. Davis will remain as the Teacher Rep and T. Wallace as the 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 from 2022-2023- Our school improvement team has not met yet so this is a review of last years goals but are expected to remain similar

Goals- Faith

1. Increase awareness of and adherence to the Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations/Learning skills (weekly focus)
2. Develop leadership in staff and students as it relates to social justice (ex. Cultivating Catholics)
3. Bridge the Gap Between the community and the Church (alter servers training, retreats))

Literacy (NOTE NEW CURRICULUM and Reporting)

1. Students will continually make improvements in their reading fluency skills.
2. Students will continually make improvements in their Writing skills

Math

1. To increase student confidence and growth mindset
2. Improve Math fact fluency
3. Improve ability to problem-solve

EIAR (Equity, Inclusion, Anti-Racism)

1. Increased recognition and celebration of signs, symbols and traditions of diverse groups
2. Increased acceptance of diversity- Leroy Hibbert 2 school sessions, one more with staff and 1 more with parents)

Staffing- 2023-2024 Team:

Principal- R. Liotta

Office Assistant- K. Teahen

Educators: JK / Kindergarten- K.Pletsch, S. Doyle

Grade SK/1- A. Schuster

Grade 2/ 3- C. Meadows/ S. Curnutte-Ball

Grade 3/ 4- A. Van Geel

Grade 4/ 5- A. Janmaat

6/7- C. Mogk

7/ 8- S.Davis

-Value Added Planning (VAP)- N. Weber, S. Curnutte-Ball

-Special Education Resource Teacher (SERT)- M.Davies & C. Deluca

-Music Teacher- S.Sebben

-French Teacher-N. Weber

Educational Assistants- C.Rogers, M. Lupton, S. Swinkels-Herlick,

L . Merkel(.5), J. McCann, T.Wallace, R. Tucker, D. McKone, R. Maracle

K. Hergel, **D. VanBakel (Transition only until Oct. 13th),**

Early Childhood Educator- S. Doyle

Library Technician- A. Zucca

Custodians- C. Scheib (days), R. Gross (evenings)

Further supports- include ABA leads Charmaine Chadwick, and Reanna Desroches, Speech and Language Therapist (Kristina Howett-Gerber), Huron-Perth Centre- Ashlyn Clarke, Rural Response- pilot project

Our Catholic Identity: all grades will participate in a retreat at the parish hall

-Peer Pals-started already, we will raise money throughout the year for the following organizations: SAB Trust Fund, Food Drives, Terry Fox, local school community needs, Development and Peace, United Way

-Financial

Accountabilityhttps://drive.google.com/file/d/1UEosZ5HhaAqw0-XJDbbt732L5HW-9qjX/view?usp=drive_link

1. **September Open House-** WEDNESDAY (fair conflict) Meet and Greet- **September 20th- CSAC to provide Hotdog's /Juice box with money raised. K. Wurm to speak to Zehrs for a discount, R. Wurm to BBQ, Servers- S. Brockman, Y. Johnson, D. Odette, H. Trachsel**
2. **Hot lunches-** price increase approved ex. \$5 for a sub/ chicken will be \$5.50, for pizza same, milk will have to go up to \$1.15. This is due to School cash online fees and increased prices by vendors. K. Teahen to inquire about ability to 'donate' a meal.
3. **Fundraising** -Why Fundraise? Graduation, offset costs of field trips, OSPN (\$1,144.80), enhance equipment ex. Stand up desks, Kindergarten play materials etc.)
 - Hiedelburg Meats (reserved for 7/8 field trip)
 - Spring Fling- Spring or Catholic Education Week- basket raffle- H. Boles and K. Wurm to start organizing committee
 - HPCDSB 2-pitch Baseball tournament booth-\$\$ again this year
 - Christmas dinner/feast of St. Ambrose- Dec. 7- D. Odette to ask K. Odette to plan for this again
 - suggestions were made to purchase- outdoor kitchen for primary fenced area, painted games on hardtop (4 Square, hopscotch, snakes and ladders), tetherball, plasma cars all things outdoor for those who are not sporty too,

Discussion- can we form a facebook group or use WhatsApp, email to communicate as a CSAC? Rebecca to look into this, who would manage?

E. **Next Meeting-** Nov. 8th @6:30

Parent Engagement Evenings

Mark your calendars and become involved at St. Ambrose! Parental involvement in a child's education has been widely recognized as an important factor in their academic success. Numerous research studies have explored the positive impact of parental involvement on children's educational outcomes. This year, we are lining up guest speakers who will help all of us navigate the school year and will focus on parenting with a lens on equity, inclusion and anti-racism

Date	Event	Description
September 20	Open house BBQ	
October 18	Leroy Hibbert	
November 29	Circle of Security-Part 1- then survey if they want to do the 8 week program	https://drive.google.com/file/d/16edi07AdiKPC7oPO3jB_bTIG-yKmXc15/view

November (TBD)	Interview Night	Discuss your child's progress
December 18 or 19	Primary/Junior Christmas Concert	K-4/5
January (TBD)	Mindful Mike	
February (TBD)	Circle of Security -Part 2	
March 7	Spring Fling-Dance and Basket raffle	Committee- H. Boles and K. Wurm..other? Ideas- sell glo ticks, sell candy bags
April	TBD-Ideas discussed...Parent Fair (Display your business) Math Games night, Resource night (ex. HPC/camps/Jump Start/Kind Hearted)	NEED a parent volunteer to help organize this
May 6	TBD- Faith invited to Mass in Dublin	
June 10 or 11	St. Ambrose Instrumental Performance? Graduation	