



CSAC Meeting # 2
St. Ambrose Catholic School
Nov. 8, 2023



ST. AMBROSE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Attendees: R. Liotta, S. Davis, H. Trachsel, K. Wurm, D. Gillespie, Y. Johnson, S. Brockman, H. Boles, J. Fisher

Regrets- M.Garland, T. Wallace, R. Prysiazniuk, L. Myers, R.Wurm

Babysitters- M. Willemsen, Jordan M.

Agenda Items:

- A. **Welcome and Prayer-** A Prayer for Peace- Lord Jesus Christ, you are the true King of peace. In You alone is found freedom. Please free our world from conflict. Bring unity to troubled nations. Let Your glorious peace reign in every heart. Dispel all darkness and evil. Protect the dignity of every human life. Replace hatred with Your love. Give wisdom to world leaders. Free them from selfish ambition. Eliminate all violence and war. Glorious Virgin Mary, Saint Michael the Archangel, every angel and saint: Please pray for peace. Pray for unity amongst all people. Pray for the most vulnerable. Pray for those suffering. Pray for the fearful. Pray for those most in need. Pray for us all. Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on us. Amen.
- B. **Review of Previous Minutes-** Approved by Katie 2nd- Diane
- C. **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-

Literacy- Cathay Buchanan- implementation of UFLI (M/T/Th)

Math- Hailey Cook- 1 day per week

Faith- Nov. 17th PD day (NEW- Social studies curriculum in Gr 1-3 & 6)

EIAR (Equity, Inclusion, Anti-Racism)- Leroy

Staffing- 2023-2024 Changes:

-Educational Assistants- D. VanBakel (Transition only until Oct. 13th), Emma Roth

Early Childhood Educator- S. Doyle (LOA)

Further Supports- Rural Response- Kristi Michel, HPPH- Let's Get Cookin!

Our Catholic Identity: all grades will participate in a retreat at the parish hall- cost requires us to fundraise plus we will raise money throughout the year for the following organizations: SAB



Trust Fund, Food Drives, Terry Fox, local school community needs (**Gifts of the Heart**- Rebecca to put in WAAG to seek families in need), Development and Peace, United Way
-Facebook presence- Rebecca to put forth a more concerted effort to post upcoming events and document events, including weekly OCGE Award winners
-**Feast of St. Ambrose**- Dec. 7- Ken Odette- it will cost approx. \$275 to feed everyone. That is focaccia bread, Penne with marinara, Penne with butter, Some gluten-free penne and bread, Parmesan cheese, 2 chocolate chip cookies each.

-Financial Accountability

1. **September Open House**- well attended. Lots of leftover hotdogs, so the Grade 7/8 class served the entire school a hotdog on Tuesday after Thanksgiving
2. **Fundraising** -Why Fundraise? Graduation, offset costs of field trips, OSPN (\$1,144.80), enhance equipment ex. Stand-up desks, Kindergarten play materials etc.)
-Playground structure-damaged slide. We are working on getting a quote to replace just that part. Jamie Fisher discussed enhancing our yard with a new structure that is better suited to meet the needs of students with sensory issues. Discussion around the need for more to do on the yard (ex. Tires shaped like a caterpillar, swings, maybe a saucer swing, coloured hard top games, -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, build a shed (Rebecca to ask St. Mike's). We will have more information gathered at our next meeting to determine the size of fundraising needs.
- Heidelberg Meats (reserved for 7/8 field trip)
-Mint Smoothie Sales for EASTER- Karen T. to set up on School cash online and reach out to Chocolate BARRS.
-Spring Fling Dance- to be a community-building event as its focus rather than a major fundraiser. We will start small this year with just raffle baskets and perhaps next year add in a silent auction. Date: April 19. 5:30-8. Parents required to attend. This is a PD day. CSAC and other parent volunteers will use this day to decorate for the dance and build the baskets/set up, have pizza available to order in advance School cash online) and extras for night of. (Katie and Hollis)
-HPCDSB 2-pitch Baseball tournament booth again this year- We raised \$ 1173
Discussion- form a Facebook group (Holly to do this) to communicate as a CSAC.

E. **Next Meeting**- January 10, 2024 @6:30

Rebecca Liotta OCT

Principal, St. Ambrose Catholic School, HPCDSB

"Rejoice in the Lord Always!" (Phillippians 4:4-9)

