

CSAC Meeting # 3
St. Ambrose
January 10, 2024

Attendees: R. Liotta, S. Davis, H. Trachsel, D. Gillespie, S. Brockman, J. Fisher, J. Maloney

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

Babysitters- Jordyn, Tom, Liam, Ava A., Savana

Agenda Items:

Welcome and Prayer- Prayer for Blessing of home

Evangelize- Lord God of heaven and earth you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of the star...Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen

Review of Previous Minutes- Approved by H. Tracshel 2nd- S. Davis

Principal's Report- Cell phone (FYI)

policy<https://www.ontario.ca/page/cellphones-and-other-personal-mobile-devices-schools>

School Improvement Planning from 2022-2023-

Literacy- Cathy Buchanan- supporting the implementation of UFLI (M/T/Th)

Math- Hailey Cook- supporting 1-2 days per week (*Do the Math* small groups)

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

EIAR (Equity, Inclusion, Anti-Racism)- Leroy Hibbert (x3 visits)

Mental Health- Let's Get Cooking- parent night Jan. 25th(HPPH), Rural Response (Kristi Michel- Circle of Security course completed by Vangeel, Schuster, Mogk, Davies, Liotta...classroom work (6/7, SK/1, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$), SWELL project

Staffing- 2023-2024 Changes:

-Educational Assistants- Brent Kershaw replaces Rebekkah Maracle (LTO remainder of the year)
Christine Selbie replaces Jaimie McCann (LTO-May)

Early Childhood Educator- Christina Boscarato replaces S. Doyle (Permanent)

Our Catholic Identity: Gifts of the Heart- \$1500. Distributed \$800 to families and purchased gift cards with the remainder to provide support at other times throughout the year

-Feast of St. Ambrose- Dec.8- **another great success- great that the kids sat and ate at tables**

4. Easter Food Drive (during Lent)- suggest that canned goods for the older grades to donate! Lighten the load for the smaller students

5. Fundraising -Playground structure-damaged slide. **Replacing the slide- quoted at \$2767.79** plus HST plus installation. This is being paid for out of the board budget, not the school
-Rebecca to meet with J. Fisher re: ideas for a **major project of making our playground equipment accessible**

-Hard top resurfacing- will be required as our hard top and parking lot are being repaved this summer. Here is a quote from St. Aloysius who had this done in 2023: Paint by Creative playgrounds- \$2500.00 EX. of what this quote includes: 3 Basketball Keys \$ 60.00 \$ 180.00

2 Hockey Courts \$ 150.00 \$ 300.00

4 Four Square \$ 95.00 \$ 380.00

1 Basketball Court \$ 275.00 \$ 275.00

1 3 lane sprint track w. ladders \$ 300.00 \$ 300.00

1 100 Chart \$ 275.00 \$ 275.00

1 Number Line 0 to 10 \$ 60.00 \$ 60.00

2 Ten Frames \$ 50.00 \$ 100.00

2 abc-z AND 1,2,3 - 30 Ladders \$ 175.00 \$ 350.00

1 Pencil Hopscotch \$ 125.00 \$ 125.00

1 Mirror Me

-build a **shed** (Rebecca to ask St. Mike's). This is being completed by Mark Flannagan

- **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. **YES**. Sales week of March 4-18th, send home Holy Thursday in time for Easter... Entice these people! Include pictures from creative playgrounds so they know why they are raising money

-Spring Fling- Both event leads, Hollis and Katie were absent so no further discussion took place...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 are 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.

-DJ? Glow in dark wands? Jelly bean guess jar? Candy grams? Drinks?

-Themed baskets ideas- movie theme, pet, beach, sports, family games night, relaxation, car detailing, gardening kit, family fun meal, gift cards

Parent Engagement Evenings

Is there anything planned for the spring to help the school community continue to navigate through focusing on equity, inclusion and anti-racism? No but Circle of Security in February

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