

CSAC Meeting # 3  
St. Ambrose  
April 19, 2023

**Attendees:** R. Liotta, S. Davis, H. Trachsel, T. Wallace , R. and H. Wurm, D. Gillespie, Y. Johnson

**Regrets-** J. Maloney, H. Boles, M.Garland

**Babysitters-** None- Rebecca to provide \$15 gift Certificates to each of these girls for their support this year- (Savana, Mia, Uwera, Olivia, Jordyn)

**Agenda Items:**



A. Welcome and Prayer-**Prayer to Love God above all Things**, God, my Father, may I love You in all things and above all things.  
May I reach the joy which You have prepared for me in Heaven.  
Nothing is good that is against Your Will, and all that is good comes from Your Hand. Place in my heart a desire to please You and fill my mind with thoughts of Your Love, so that I may grow in Your Wisdom and enjoy Your Peace. Amen

- B. Review of Previous Minutes- Approved by Diane, 2nd- Heather
- 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-**

**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**

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- (PD day all staff, leadership focus of 4 sessions, PRO grant- Leroy Hibbert)

Are there members of council who would be interested in diving into the websites of other school boards and report back to me with ideas on how they are approaching this subject area? Ex. Waterloo Catholic has an excellent home page- Yvonne and Diane will take this on and report back to me with ideas in June

- EQAO format discussion

### Staffing-changes to our 2022-2023 Team

Name	Position/Title
Scott Doyle Lof A/ Megan Ritsma	Early Childhood Educator
Angela Schuster- Aleigha Ehgoetz (LTO)	Gr. 1 Teacher
Alicia Chisholm (Jan. 12)/ Adriana Boersen -(March 6)/5	Alicia Chisholm (Th/F)
Chad McKee (Dec. 2nd-LTO)- for maternity leave of Amanda Fair	Gr. 5/ 6 Teacher
Hollie Day	Educational Assistant-p.m.
Jamie Fisher	Noon-hour monitor

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

**Our Catholic Identity:** -Graduation-June 20th- (Heather to we will ask Jen Masson- 5:30-7) This year for our end of the school year celebrations, we will still have a separate Grade 8 graduation Liturgy for each school, but it will be a Liturgy of the Word, not a full Mass. Retreats- every grade (except 7's) getting a half day at parish hall

-Peer Pals-started again in February

- review with staff and CSAC what the SAB Trust Fund is all about: - What can we donate? Heather to shop and has permission to spend up to \$200 (ideas, SPA, indoor golf, Cozys, Terra Nova Spa)

<https://huronperthcatholic.ca/catholic-education/st-andre-bessette-trust-fund/>

### -Financial Accountability

1. **September Open House**- meet and Greet- September 21st- International Day of Peace and incorporate this into our EIAR goals, invite church representatives, invite health unit, other?
2. **Fundraising** -Hiedelburg Meats raised \$1470.27, (thank you to Jamie for picking it up and Karen for ordering and Sherri and her class for sorting it once it arrived)
  - this \$ is earmarked for outdoor education materials...suggestions? Any big thinkers in the crowd?
  - Spring or Catholic Education Week-Themed Basket Raffle/Dance (Hawaiian), (Heather and Hollis to form a separate committee to organize this- not needed but as a community builder- money to something else? Put this idea on hold until next fall)
  - HPCDSB Baseball tournament booth-June 13 & 14, raindate of 15
  - Stream of Dreams- volunteers- Matt, Dianne, Heather

E. **Next Meeting**- September 13, 2023 @ 6:30