

CSAC Meeting # 4  
St. Ambrose  
April 22, 2025  
6:00 p.m.-7:00

**Attendees:** R. Liotta, A. Saville, M. McNichol, Y. Johnson, H. Trachsel, S. Brockman, K Wurm

**Regrets-** J. Fisher, S. Davis, D. Gillespie-Odette, O. Teno, H. Boles, J. Verhoeven, T. Wallace, S. Akele, R. Wurm

**Babysitters-** B. Johnson

**Agenda Items:**

**Welcome and Prayer:** On Fire with the Spirit

On Fire with the Spirit - Awaken~ Illuminate ~ Rejoice

Holy Spirit, awaken us to Your presence. Stir our hearts to recognize Your works in our lives and the world. Grant us the courage to embrace new challenges with open hearts and willing spirits, serving others with compassion, kindness, mercy and unity. Spirit of Truth, illuminate our path. Shine Your light to dispel doubt and fear, filling our minds with wisdom to discern and follow Your will. Help us guide others into the radiant light of Christ. Spirit of Joy, rejoice with us. Fill our hearts with joy in Your presence, so that even in trials, we may be a beacon of hope and love. May we share the light of Christ with the world, spreading peace and joy wherever we go. Holy Spirit, let us be ever mindful of Your presence, ready to be led by You. Set our hearts on fire with Your love, awakening, illuminating, and rejoicing with our entire community. Amen.

**Review of Previous Minutes-** From January - Motion to approve A. Saville, Y. Johnson, all in favour-Yes  
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**Principal's Report-**

1. **School Improvement Planning-** EQAO dates have been finalized. Gr. 3 and Gr. 6 students will write May 27- June 5

Please promote this: We're excited to share that the Ministry of Education has outlined key priorities for student success, focusing on core academic skills, future preparedness, and student well-being. At Huron-Perth Catholic DSB, we're dedicated to weaving these provincial goals into our plans. To help with this, the Ministry has provided a Student Achievement Plan with clear indicators for each priority. What's wonderful is that we have the opportunity to bring our unique Catholic perspective and local insights into these plans. We truly value your input and want to have a meaningful discussion about how we can integrate our faith and values into our approach. Please take some time to look over the Board's Student Achievement Plan, which you can find <[HERE](#)>, and share your thoughts <[HERE](#)> on how we can work together to make things even better. We're looking forward to collaborating with you and enhancing our students' educational journey, rooted in our shared Catholic faith.

2. **Staffing-** No Changes to staffing for the remainder of this school year.  
 -Margaret Davies and I will meet with System team members on May 14th to discuss our Educational Assistant allotment for next year.  
 - Enrollment for September is similar to this year, and we expect to remain at 7 classrooms.
  
3. **Our Catholic Identity:** Feast of St. Ambrose was Re-scheduled to Feb. 21- Thank you to Ken for doing this and to volunteers, Diane, Connie, and Holly  
 -Mike Masse- Feb. 5- attended by approximately 20 people (PRO grant money used) and attended by all Catholic schools in Stratford  
 -Look ahead to Fall Open House- Date- Wednesday, September 24th/BBQ HOTDOGS  
 -Grant \$5000 from HPCDSB to each elementary school to be spent by the end of April to enhance our Catholic visuals: -Buddy Bench-(\$3388- installed) plus Prayer table refresh and OCGE posters (still to come).
  
4. **Spring Fling** (new date May 9), Mint Smoothie Sales Profit (\$1738.16), Heidelberg meats(\$1339.29 ), 2 pitch Food Booth(Spring TBD )-  
 - Idea for next year- Sowing Seeds (S. Brockman.)

#### **Accessible Playground Equipment Discussion**

- 3 years to build- Goal of 2026-2027

##### Sub- committees:

1. Grants- A. Saville and J. Fisher- Grants can be applied for once we are within 2 years of our goal
2. Donations- J.V.-Alicia...(ex. Rotary Club, Cooper Standard, Hunter Steel, Knights of Columbus, Investment companies- ask for donations or to match donations, Domino's incentives)-
3. Playground Design- J.Fisher./ D. Odette -Rebecca to use questions below to engage the plant manager in this process
4. Spring Fling- Holly, Hollis- license not required for silent auction items, planning committee to meet -Baskets are being assembled by CSAC on May 6th at 5 p.m.

**Questions for plant manager--**Does HPCSD have a vendor list of playground structure designers that they prefer to use? No

- Is there any regulations on the size that can be designed? No

-Does it have to be within the same footprint of the existing structure? No

-What surface material is required? Fall rated

- What funds will be needed to be set aside for annual maintenance of the surface or structure itself?

-Does the total funds raised have to include the demolishing cost of the old and installation of the new?  
Yes

**Kindergarten Front play area quote-** \$16, 102.50 from Texo Terra (same company that did Cygnets ground cover)

Rebecca to contact Hamlet, consider swings, Rebecca to look into OFHSA- Community (ex. Dianne-Tavistock)

-Karen to put all info on schoolcash online tomorrow.

-Rebecca to post to FB the countdown posters

Grade 8 graduation Wednesday 18th- Sherri to inform parents

**Next Meeting-** 3rd Wednesday of every month? September 17?