

CSAC Meeting # 1
St. Ambrose
Sept. 17, 2025

Attendees:

Present: Michelle M., Stephanie W., Holly T., Angela S., Olivia T., Diane G., Samantha R., Kate and Rick W., Alicia W. Rebecca L.

Regrets- Tonya W.

Babysitters- Tom and Liam O.

Opening Prayer:

Let us begin our prayer with the sign of our faith: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Lord Jesus, we ask for Your help as we begin this new school year. Allow us to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before us. Open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Open our hearts and minds to to be present to all that we encounter. Give us a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with our learning and courage to accept new opportunities. Jesus, inspire us to do our best this year!

Amen

Previous Minutes- From April 2025- Motion to accept Stephanie, 2nd by Holly, all in favour.

Nominations-

- Principal-(R. Liotta)
- Teacher-(A. Schuster)
- Non-Teaching School Employee-(T.Wallace)
- Parish Community rep- vacant
- Chair or co-chairs- Motion to accept OliviaT., And Alicia W as co-chairs by Michelle M. and 2nd by Samantha R. All in favour

Principal Report:

Definition of our goal as CSAC: A Catholic School Advisory Committee (CSAC), or School Advisory Council, is a partnership between the school, parents, staff, and community that advises the principal and school board on various matters, including enhancing student achievement and well-being, promoting the school's Catholic ethos, providing input on the school vision and budget, and supporting school improvement plans and community engagement. The CSAC serves as a forum for the school community to voice concerns and offer recommendations while operating outside the day-to-day management of the school.

1. School Improvement Planning 2025-2026-

-SIP Team to meet for the first time in November, align goals with board goals, and will essentially keep them the same as last year

Literacy- increasing support to our Junior grades

Math- increased use of Number Talks, split grade Scope and Sequence

Faith- all of our student gr. 1-8 will attend a retreat

EIAR (Equity, Inclusion, Anti-Racism)-first Safe and Healthy Schools meeting took place Sept. 17, attended by 8 students, 3 parents, Library Technician, one Educational Assistant, 1 teacher, and Leroy Hibbert (LUSO)

Mental Health- 1 full day of support by Nicki VanBakel

2. Staffing-

7 classrooms, 1 SERT, .4 Music, 1 French Teacher, 10 Educational Assistants.- no change from last year. Welcome to Sara Dietrich (permanent teacher)

3. Our Catholic Identity-

Thanksgiving Food Drive will run Oct.6-14

-Terry Fox Goal of \$1000 (Oct. 2)

-Open House Sept. 24th (Members to bbq free hot dogs)

-Mom-to-Mom sale- book gym for November 29 (10-2 p.m., \$20 per table, and all money raised from table sales will be donated to SABTF. Stephanie B. to create flyers and be the point of contact for this event

4. Fundraising -Goal to install swing set or Kindergarten upgrade

-What is a small vs big fundraiser?=whole school benefits vs single class or group of students

-Spring Fling Discussion -the committee will consider a new theme...a good profit of approx. \$3,000

-Yes to Mint Smoothie sales (Chocolate Barrs at Easter)

-Discussed card sales-possible Big Box [Fundraising.com](https://www.fundraising.com), skip Heidelberg, Krispy

Creme? Decide on 2nd fundraiser next meeting

-expenses-Bussing cost to Annie- \$400 grant from Festival, and the remainder \$131 will be taken from fundraising, to keep it to \$10 per student. No volunteers will attend.

-Papa John's prices -poppers cost \$4.99 = tax, 5.64 -our cost will be \$5.64 do we charge \$6 plus transaction fee... decided it is not worth it

5. Other

- -Request for whole school involvement in Christmas concert- Rebecca to check with Mr. Sebben, but sense is the older children do not attend as they are 'done' with it!
- Move the bike rack to the entry gate and possibly get a second rack
- Yard division- concerns- Rebecca to figure out divisions

Next Meetings- November 19, 2025, January 21, 2026, April 15, 2026, Graduation Liturgy-June 17, Two-Pitch - June 15th , 23rd