



# HOLY NAME OF MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL



## Holy Name of Mary CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Holy Name of Mary Catholic School

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Principal: Jennifer Keene

Tuesday, January 30th, 2024 5:30 PM

Holy Name of Mary School Library

1. Welcome: Jennifer Keene

Introduction and Prayer: Catholic School Advisory Council Prayer led by Chair Shawn Terpstra

**God, the source of every good gift,**

**Grant us Your Spirit to guide us in our responsibilities as a School Council.**

**May we work together in harmony for the common good;**

**May we listen to one another in a spirit of genuine respect;**

**May we encourage and reverence one another's unique talents;**

**May we use the gifts of the Spirit in creative Christian leadership;**

**May we approach our decision-making through discernment and prayer;**

**May we respond effectively to the needs of the children in our care.**

**God of Love, May Your blessings radiate from us to others as we strive to do Your will,**

**We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.**

**Amen.**

2. Call to Order & Recording of Attendance: Marie Macintosh, Ashley Agar, Jennifer Keene, Kaitlyn Spicer, Carly De Wit, Shawn Terpstra, Sarah Becker, Leah Verbaan, Drew Shaule

-Welcome new member Marie

3. Approval of Agenda: Drew and Kaitlyn

4. Approval of Minutes from last meeting: Shawn

5. Financial Report & Approval of Financial Report: Drew Shaule

Year end= \$12 125

Amount left after current planned spending - \$1817

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## 6. Principal's Report & Business Arising from Report: Jennifer Keene

1. Holy Name Hurrah: Since the return of school we have been focusing on catching students when they demonstrate acts of kindness. Staff fill in a Holy Name Hurrah ballot which is entered in daily draws for prizes. These students are mentioned daily during our morning announcements. At the end of the month of February we will put all ballots into a final draw for larger prizes. The students have been working hard to demonstrate acts of kindness in the school building and in the school yard.  
-CSAC brainstormed some ideas to keep the momentum in this program since it has been so positive – putting winning ballots on bulletin boards, prize for the whole school at the end (extra recess, cupcakes), putting total ballots on display in jug outside office, having goal number of ballots to reach, engage grade 8 class that they can give Hurrah to younger students.
2. Intramurals during lunch recess have begun with basketball for our Gr. 7 and 8 students and Bordanball for our Gr. 5 and 6 students.
3. A media club has also begun for our Gr. 8 students during morning recess and a games club will be starting soon.
4. Kindergarten to Gr. 8 students have been participating in skating
5. A new noon hour monitor has been hired- her name is Miranda Reason. She started last week and has been hired for 5 days/ week
6. Donating a slice for pizza days provided 30 students a slice of pizza on pizza days during the month of January. We have set this up for our new orders for the months of February and March.
7. For the months of February /March we had 123 slices donated- we have made arrangements for 107 slices of pizza to be donated to specific students- the remainder of the slices will help us for our last pizza order of the year).
8. **PRO Grant funds available**  
All CSACs and schools are once again invited to access Parents Reaching Out (PRO) funds. Each school CSAC has been allocated \$ 552.

The PRO grants program provides funding to school boards to lead projects with a focus on the identification and removal of barriers that prevent parents and families from participating and engaging fully in their children's learning. Funds must be spent by June 30, 2024. The spending of these funds is to be done in consultation with the CSAC. In addition to the PRO Grant each CSAC has been allocated \$500 to further support their initiatives.

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Projects to support the diversity of parent needs and parent communities at the local level through an equity and inclusion lens. Projects could include:

- Development of parent resources (i.e. mental health & well-being, anti-racism)
- Delivery of parent information sessions (how to support children & families at home)
- Delivery of parent engagement sessions (networking)
- Innovative activities that enable enhanced and diversified parent Engagement

CSAC felt these funds can be used for the WWFF (Warrior Will Fun Fair) used to encourage all families to participate and network with other families in school community

-future plans for another event earlier in the year to engage parents ideas welcome, bowling, trivia night

We felt there is room for more parent engagement throughout the year and what is the best way to reach out

- parent email list, must volunteer their names, ?collected at the open house  
?request sent from school if allowed
- some parents feel they are not aware of things they can help with or were help is needed
- teacher providing a list of things parents can participate in (making playdough, helping with skip counting, ways to engage in classroom if help is needed)

**\*\*\*Current volunteer needs:** WWFF (planning, reaching out to vendors and prize contributors), Shrove Tuesday, CSAC committee, Hot Lunch coordination (see below)

### 7. Policy Review: nothing to review

-We discussed some of the policy changes that were reviewed in September and how they affect class trips and the WWFF, and why other boards may not have these policies. This is something that comes from the board and would need to be brought up with the School board Trustee.

### Other Business:

- Bowling for the school \$5.00/student- not approved, teachers can use class funds
- School wide curling event (at the school)- approved (Shawn and Leah)
- We need to start looking for someone to take over our hot lunch program as Melody will be passing the torch over for next year. We are looking for a parent volunteer to work with Melody over the next months to learn the ins and outs of this role
- Hockey Nets to be replace: Facebook group asked for donations if non provided CSAC approved \$400 for net purchase, Goalie equipment will also be purchased as it was approved last year.

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- Shrove Tuesday Feb 13 – Need parent volunteers to help deliver food to classrooms
  - Waiting to hear about individual syrup
  - Marie will talk to Delmar for a price on sausages, Shawn will cook
  - Sunset is cooking pancakes
  - CSAC will pay for sausages, fruit and any pancakes needed

Next Meeting Date: **March 26 at 5:30**

10. Closing Prayer: Our Father (ALL members)

11. Meeting Adjourned:

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