

# St. Jude's Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Feb 5, 2025

Time: 6:30 to 8:00pm

Location: St. Jude CES, 175 Nahani Way, Mississauga, ON

## **Parent Council Members:**

- Mr. Colin Daniel (*Principal*)
- Gloria Ackerman (*Chair*)
- Joycey Romeo (*Co-Chair/Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education Representative*)
- Michelle Varela (*Community Representative*)
- Simon Chiu (*Treasurer*)
- Nancy Hung (*Secretary*)
- Ms. Santoro and Ms. Coulas (*Teacher Representative*)

## **A. Routine Matters:**

1. Call to Order and Attendance
2. Opening Prayer – Our Father
3. Land Acknowledgement
4. Approval of Agenda

## **B. Trustee Update:**

- Jubilee Year 2025 - Theme is “Pilgrims of Hope”
  - St. Jude is not doing anything formally for this
  - Grade 8 grad sweatshirts have the words “Pilgrims of Hope” on the back



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## **C. Approval of Catholic School Council Minutes**

- Reviewed the meeting minutes from November's meeting:
  - We now have teacher representatives – Ms. Santoro and Ms. Coulas

- Created a Facebook group for parents to get information or contact parent council
  - QR Code:
- There is a Whatsapp group for volunteers
  - ***If any parents want to join, please contact parent council***
- Review meeting dates (see section O below)
- Fundraisers:
  - Christmas Krispy Kreme fundraiser (*Completed - see section D below*)
  - Board game fundraiser for bringing in something for kids to do during inclement weather days (*Completed - see section E below*)
  - Chocolate fundraiser (*Ongoing - see section G below*)
- Field trips:
  - Correction to the previous meeting minutes: Gr 1 to Gr 4 are going to the "Hot Hot Hot" Toronto Symphony
  - Gr 5 classes went to Parliament Hill
  - Mr. Daniel will discuss with other classes about curriculum related field trips for each class
  - Gr 7/8 trip: Overnight trip to Niagara Falls - planning is in progress
    - Brightspark company is organizing the trip
    - \$519 - 4 ppl in a room with 2 beds. \$60 extra if want a single bed
    - Cost includes: Coach bus, insurance, hotel, security, meals (dinner, breakfast, lunch), attractions (such as Maid of the mist)
    - About 42 students
    - Note: this trip will happen every alternating year as there are not enough students in the school

#### **D. Krispy Kreme Fundraiser:**

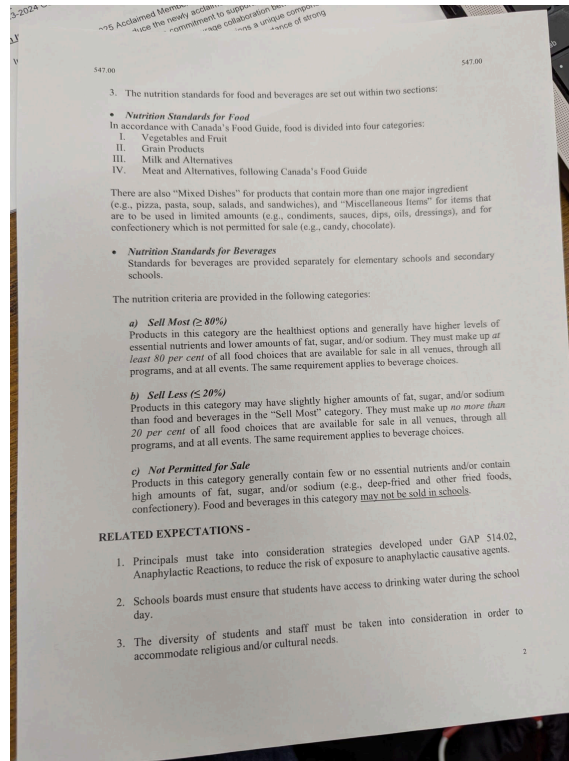
- Held during the Christmas concert and carousel event
- Sold 25 cases – 300 donuts
- Raised profit of \$384.11
- Great feedback from parents after the event (***Mr. Daniel to provide the Christmas concert/carousel survey responses***)
  - Some requested additional coffee, popcorn, hot chocolate for next event

### **E. Boardgame Donations:**

- Got a good number of donations, however, there were less games donated for older classes
- Noticed it is hard to reach parents as emails get missed, we also posted on Facebook and the Whatsapp volunteer group to let parents know
- During the inclement weather days in the past few weeks – the classes were all using the games - positive feedback from students and staffs
- The games should be staying in the classrooms so kids moving into the classroom in the new school year will be able to play with the games
- We should consider doing this every year after Christmas

### **F. Financials:**

- As of Jan 31<sup>st</sup>, parent council has **\$1550.86** – includes amount earned from the Krispy Kreme fundraiser (\$384.11) + partial amount earned from the Chocolate fundraiser (\$1166.75):
  - For the chocolate fundraiser, up to Jan 31st:
    - Total Revenue \$2450
    - There is a Cost Recovery Board Cash online fee of \$2 per box
    - No tax on the chocolate due to tax break
    - Profited \$1166.75
    - There are a few more boxes purchased in Feb.
- Starting mid/late Feb, there will no longer be a separate parent council bank account - it will be merged into the board account
  - Going forward, need to work with Ms. Finelli to determine the amount parent council has and can use
  - Work with Mr. Daniel to see how to use the fund
- Mr. Daniel to provide profit for Sub and Pizza days (profit earned from these days are not part of parent council funds)
- The school is following the board's initiative for cashless schools - this is to reduce the need for administration to handle money and go to the bank to deposit the cash
- There can be up to 3 fundraisers per school year and it depends on the size of the fundraiser. For example, they can't all be large fundraisers like the chocolate drive
  - There are dietary guidelines and eco initiatives that should be considered when planning fundraisers
  - Dietary guideline provided by Mr. Daniel:



## G. Chocolate Fundraiser:

- 38 boxes of chocolate sold
  - The number of sales might be lower because we have to charge for each box ahead of time. However, with this approach, we don't have to worry about collecting money afterwards and what to do if we can't collect the money
- This is the last week to order
- Method of Raffle - Assembly or virtual?
  - For each case sold, the student gets 10 raffle tickets
  - Pick winners the week after family day - Friday Feb 21<sup>st</sup>
    - Suggestions:
      - Write names on raffle tickets and pick
      - Spintthewheel.app/risk-ai - have this on a projector and you can put in the parameters to spin
  - Suggestions:
    - Name the winners on the announcement
    - Gather the students who bought chocolate in the foyer
    - Assembly - give a raffle ticket to every student (no matter if they bought chocolate or not) so that they all have a chance to win at the assembly

## H. Easter Lent Donation Drive:

- Toothbrush/toothpaste/floss Drive for Dr. Simone

- The Wellness team will help with this fundraisers (creating collaterals - flyers, posters, etc)
  - *Note: This team consists of intermediate students looking to take leadership role in school. They created the posters for the Christmas carousel, all decorations in the school, anti bullying collaterals, Wellness wall, etc.*

#### **I. Shrove Tuesday:**

- Pancake breakfast for all students on Tuesday, March 4, 2025
  - 2 pancakes for each student
  - School will not charge the students
  - This is only a snack, parents should still pack lunch for their child(ren)
- ***St Jude is looking for 8 parent volunteers to cook pancakes for the students***
  - Start after morning announcements - 9am to 11:30am
  - ***Please reach out to parent council if you are interested***

#### **J. Ash Wednesday:**

- On March 5, 2025
- Will attend mass (likely at the church next door)
  - Parents are welcome to attend

#### **K. Lenten Pretzel:**

- Pretzel sale for April 17, 2025
  - Sales won't beginning on cash online until beginning of March
- This is a Sharelife fundraiser so all profits will be donated to Sharelife

#### **L. Proposed Fundraiser:**

- COBS Bread Fundraiser:
  - *How does it work?*
    - There will be a selection of 5-6 type of bread from COBS bread for sale
    - Parents can pre-order the loaves of bread through cash online
    - Orders can be picked up by parents after school on a certain day between 3-6pm
    - Can also consider giving it to the students to bring home
  - *How much do we earn?*
    - 50% profit
  - *When?*

- Tentatively the coming October for Thanksgiving
  - Can include Hot cross buns and can check with COBS to see what they recommend for Thanksgiving
- Finalize the plan in the parent council meeting in May

#### **M. Proposed Sale Dates:**

- Feb 26 2025 – Popcorn and Juice \$4 (for anti bullying day)
- March 17 2025 – Lucky Charms and Milk \$3
- Apr 3 2025 – Hot dog juice and chips \$6
- May 29 2025 – Lemonade and Chips \$4
- June 12, 2025 - Jumbo Freezie \$2
  - Mr. Daniel raised Dietary concerns (80% of food we sell have to meet canadian guideline/less than 20 can be high in sugar, etc) and Monetary concerns
    - See dietary guidelines above
  - Instead of the above, Mr. Daniel suggested to sell hot dog each week (cooked at the school)
  - For an healthier alternative for popcorn - consider buying from Costco - they have French Cancan popcorn which are made with coconut oil
  - Mr. Daniel confirmed that the amount of lead time to plan for an event should be about a month in advance
  - For next year, parent council to provide a long term plan for the whole school year at the beginning of the school year

#### **N. End of the Year Event Hosted by Parent Council:**

- Parent council would like to hold an interactive educational assembly/end of year event with the money we raised this year
  - Need to work with Mr. Daniel as there are DPCDSB approved options to who we can bring in
  - *Mr. Daniel to look into Guelph Grotto (rock climbing at the school - this was done in 2019 as well), Reptila, Scientists at the school, STEM workshop to see if they are approved to come*
- Other activities to look into for end of the year:
  - Mr. Daniel was looking into Lion King show
    - \$80 per ticket and 150 spots
    - However due to some concerns, did not continue with this, he could revisit this for end of May
  - Suggestion to look into Meadowvale theater, Casa Loma for next year?
  - Graduation:
    - Graduation is on June 18th
    - Would like to see if only Grade 8 grads can have a day trip before June 18th

- Many gr 8s have expressed that they would like to do something only for the graduating class
- *Joycey to reach out to Rec room, GameTime to see what packages there are*
- Last year, there was a grad concert and lunch, hosted together with 3 other schools. Mr. Daniel will consider doing it this year as well.

#### **O. Information:**

- Date for Next Parent Council Meeting - *March 26, 2025* - Discussions should include end of year event hosted by parent council
- Last Parent Council Meeting for 2024-2025 school year - *May 21, 2025* - Discussions should include the plans for 2025-2026 school year