

St. Joachim Elementary School - 2023-2024 School Council

Meeting Minutes, January 17, 2024, 6:30-8:09pm

AGENDA ITEM & NOTES	ACTION ITEMS/PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE/APPROVALS
<p>Teachers Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Equity Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Student-led equity committee (Grades 7/8) supporting equity diversity and inclusion-related priorities at St. Joachim – engages students in conversations & actions promoting understanding, respect, and equity • Black History Month <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Students will be engaged in exploration & inquiry learning projects ○ School community engagement event Feb 29th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Will feature class displays and exhibits as well as a student showcase of Black cultural talents • Arts club (Staicu) for Grades 4-8 @ recess – knitting, canvas painting and beading • Dance Tournament Feb 1st • St. Joachim hosting the BNE Basketball Tournament Feb 21-22 • YFA’s – Wear white and blue for Bell Let’s Talk Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will have Random Acts of Kindness Spirit week in Feb 	
<p>Principal/Vice Principal Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses from our Trustee regarding the issues discussed at our Nov meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New signage was placed in the Kiss & Ride in August – board will be monitoring unauthorized use of parking lot ○ Board has policy on flex-boundaries – parents notified that requests are not guaranteed at time of registration ○ Cannot pave school yard until portables are removed – school on waiting list to have them removed ○ Fencing – would need to allow access to pathway • Matthew Jones AKA Testament at school for 4 days in Dec – will be back every year • Jan 15th and every Thursday in Feb – Black Shirt Day (initiative by Student Council) • School has many activities to cover a range of student interests – i.e. Choir, basketball, YFA’s, art club, chess, Student Council • Feb 13th report cards go home – interviews Feb 15/16 • Kids kept in today at recess due to cold weather – pylons placed on icy spots on field • Question re: Grade 8 trip <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Not a lot of parent response to the survey – looking into extended day trip 	
<p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion re: Pretzels for Holy Thursday – won’t be doing this year • Pancakes for Pancake Tuesday (Feb 13th) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Local restaurants will not do order – too large ○ Lunch Lady can at a cost of \$2/pancake (have Gluten Free option) ○ VOTE: \$600 to cover half the cost of the pancakes for all students³ • Suggesting we have movie night in the spring (possibly on May 16th) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will decide at next meeting if/what food options we will offer • Hoping to have a Read-a-thon (non-fundraiser) in April/May • Received a large donation from Toys R Us – prizes for Read-a-thon or fundraising • Need to decide on final fundraiser for the year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussed Terracotta Cookies (\$15/box, 40 cookies – 40% commission) and MacMillan’s (various food options) ○ Idea of a Spring Dance-a-thon suggested <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Council members will assist in collecting prize donations from local businesses/parent community⁴ ○ VOTE: to hold Spring Dance-a-thon⁵ 	<p>³Trisha, Agnes, Allen, Wendy, Amanda, Diane, Christine, Phillip, Natasha, Angela</p> <p>⁴Amanda to prepare paperwork for board approval. Will send to council members once ready.</p> <p>⁵Agnes, Trisha, Angela, Allen, Wendy, Phillip</p>
<p>MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:09PM</p>	<p>Diane - Approved, Christine - 2nd</p>
<p>Next Meeting is on March 21, 2024 at 6:30pm</p>	

St. Joachim Catholic Elementary School
Monthly School council Treasurer's Report

Date: **October 1, 2023**

Opening Balance	as of October 31 2023		\$ 5,578.84
			\$ -
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Less Expenses

Oct. 10. 2023	Check #468 - St. Joseph's Workshop Confirmation cross with string Inv# 2023-0918	\$ 254.25
Nov. 28. 2023	Check # 469 - Tonino's Pasta Nov-Dec Invoices	\$ 2,073.00
Dec. 14. 2023	Check # 470 - Amanda Baez Holiday Gift Card for Families in Need	\$ 500.00
Dec. 22. 2023	Check #472 - Amanda Baez Christmas Family Night Coffee for Parents	\$ 248.60
		\$ 3,075.85

\$ (3,075.85)

Deposits

Nov. 1. 2023	Direct Deposit for Pasta Lunch	\$ 483.51	
Nov. 2. 2023	Direct Deposit for Pasta Lunch	\$ 120.02	
Nov. 3. 2023	Direct Deposit for Pasta Lunch	\$ 161.17	
Nov. 3. 2023	Direct Deposit for Pasta Lunch	\$ 82.30	
Nov. 3. 2023	Direct Deposit for Pasta Lunch	\$ 157.74	
Nov. 6. 2023	Direct Deposit for Pasta Lunch	\$ 308.62	
Nov. 7. 2023	Direct Deposit for Pasta Lunch	\$ 202.32	
2023-06-28	Deposit - Parent Donation - Category 73	\$ 25.00	
		\$ 1,540.68	\$ 1,540.68

Less Expenses - Money Promissed

19-Dec-23	Check \$471 - Tonino's Pasta Inv# 20847, 20848, 20849	\$ 1,554.75
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St. Joachim School Initiatives

		\$ -
Classroom Resources		

Bank Balance Remaining (as at December 31 - including cheques issued but not yet clear) \$ 2,488.92

Commitments for 2023/2024

		\$ -

FUNDS after commitments \$ 2,488.92

Quick Glance

	\$ -

OAPCE Meetings 2022/23 - Representative Report

St. Joachim/Cardinal Leger SS - Diane Pagulayan

OAPCE - Ontario Association of Parents for Catholic Education

Dec 11th, 2023 OAPCE Meeting - VIRTUAL

Highlights from our first virtual meeting of the school year:

We enjoyed a special presentation from Teresa Hartnett, The Roman Catholic Diocese of Hamilton, Director, Family Ministry Office:

The Gift of Christmas: The Holy Family – Advent is a season of joy because it leads to Christmas, but often, in all the preparation for Christmas entertaining and gifts, we forget to prepare for the real reason for the season, Christ’s birth. We enjoyed re-learning about the three gifts of Christmas, given to all by Jesus’s birth, gifts we are called to share with our family, friends, and colleagues and celebrate the Holy Family.

OAPCE Regional and Provincial Update:

In 2024 OAPCE will be celebrating its 85th Anniversary! Our theme this year is “Celebrate OAPCE 85 - A yearlong Celebration of Change, Commitment and Catholic Education”. As we celebrate this milestone anniversary we recognize the importance of parent leadership in shaping the entire education landscape in Ontario. As a part of this celebration, OAPCE is excited to share its new logo in the coming weeks, symbolizing our unwavering dedication to families in Catholic education. More information on our 85th anniversary celebration will be provided.

OAPCE will also be revamping all its digital platforms (website/blog) in the coming weeks and months. OAPCE has held regional meetings and commissioning ceremonies across the province, where new representatives are sworn in and provided with overviews of their roles.

WE ENCOURAGE ALL PARENTS TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.OAPCE.ORG to view a wealth of resources, essential information and advocacy tools for all parents.

Our AGM and 85th anniversary conference is on April 12/2024 in the GTA region(likely Etobicoke) and we encourage all representatives and parents to mark this in your calendar to attend. His Grace Archbishop Francis Leo will be conducting Mass at the conference and speaking to parents. The Minister of Education, Stephen Lecce, will also be a guest speaker.

A new OAPCE Ambassador program is in the works and more details will be shared at the next meeting.

I hope everyone enjoyed the December edition of the Parent4Parent press that was sent out just before the Christmas break!

Our next OAPCE meeting is: Thurs February 15th, 2020 (virtual)