

# St. Joachim Elementary School - 2023-2024 School Council

## Meeting Minutes, October 4, 2023, 6:30-8:35pm

**Attendees:** J. Lise, S. Salameh, G. Russo, A. Baez, D. Pagulayan, A. Valente, L. Dower, C. Penner, P. Brade, A. Picanco, A. Szekely, N. Gluhushkin, W. Mac, T. Johnson-White, S. Luckie

**Absent:** None

AGENDA ITEM & NOTES	ACTION ITEMS/PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE/APPROVALS
<b>Opening Prayer &amp; Land Acknowledgement</b>	Amanda
<b>Overview of CSC Roles and By-laws &amp; Introductions</b>	Mr. Lise/All
<b>Election of 2023/24 CSC</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amanda Baez – Chair</li> <li>Agnes Szekely – Treasurer (by vote)</li> <li>Wendy Mac – Secretary</li> <li>Allen Picanco – Parish Rep</li> <li>Diane Pagulayan – OAPCE Rep</li> <li>Trisha Johnson-White – Community Rep</li> <li>Ms. Russo – Teacher Rep</li> <li>Members at Large:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Angela Valente, Christine Penner, Shenna Luckie, Phillip Brade, Natasha Gluhushkin</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Council includes 12 voting members; 6 executive members, 1 teacher and 5 members at large. Quorum = 6</li> </ul>	
<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	<i>Agnes – Approved</i> <i>Diane – 2<sup>nd</sup></i>
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	<i>Amanda – Approved</i> <i>Trisha – 2<sup>nd</sup></i>
<b>Principal Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction of Mr. Lise           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Coming from a school in Orangeville where he was for 6 years</li> <li>○ Big on student voice – has started a Student Council at St. Joachim, students doing announcements</li> <li>○ Passionate about equity, diversity &amp; inclusion               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Saidat presentations next week (Oct 11)</li> <li>▪ Matthew Jones, AKA Testament, coming for 4 days in Nov to discuss diversity strategies in schools</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Major re-organization was required in September – included French Immersion           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Current enrollment at 554 (down 10 from last year)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Mr. Salameh has been helping at St. Jean de Brebeuf school</li> <li>• Pizza and sub days being offered           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 2<sup>nd</sup> pizza day maybe to start in Feb/Mar</li> <li>○ Looking at other lunch options</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Halloween Dance – may have students bring in a toonie (donation) or incorporate the dance into a Spirit Week</li> <li>• Friday Tuck Shop – \$2 items available for purchase</li> <li>• School running Cookie Dough Fundraiser in Nov to raise money for Grade 8 graduation and tech upgrades</li> <li>• Has been a lot of interest in sports this year (many students trying out)           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Softball tournament in September, placed 3<sup>rd</sup></li> <li>○ Upcoming tournaments: Jr Volleyball Oct 11, Intermediate Co-Ed Flag Football Oct 12, Cross Country Oct 18, Intermediate Volleyball Nov 22</li> <li>○ Purchased new school jerseys for teams</li> <li>○ School won't charge anything for athletics (school will cover all costs)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Purchasing hoodies for grade 8's and covering half the cost of the graduation ceremony (trying to fundraise for the rest)</li> <li>• Using Smore for monthly newsletters</li> </ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Questions:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Washroom log for students (sign out/in when using washroom)                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Dependent on teacher, but encouraged by the school</li> <li>▪ Helps give students a sense of time and can help identify students if any vandalism occurs</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Are parents invited to Saidat presentations? Yes.</li> <li>○ What about students who cannot afford Tuck Shop items?                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Students will not be turned away if short on funds</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p><b>Teacher's Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Youth Faith Ambassadors back for Grade 7 students – Thanksgiving Food Drive</li> <li>▪ Raised just over \$1100 for Terry Fox – Dance party tomorrow to celebrate</li> <li>▪ Ms. Beggs (CYW):               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Roots of Empathy program – Mrs. Burns class</li> <li>○ Second Steps – Ms. Malatesta</li> <li>○ Friendship Club together soon and doing a kindness group as well</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Intermural soccer ongoing for the year for Grades 3-5 (Mr. Mintz)</li> <li>▪ 75 students from grades 2-6 in this years Choir</li> <li>▪ Intermediates took part in live event for Truth &amp; Reconciliation week</li> <li>▪ AV team has begun</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Chair Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There will be a training session for new/returning executive council members<sup>1</sup></li> <li>• Please ensure all members of council have a valid police check on file in the office or have your Annual Offence Declaration signed</li> <li>• Letter has gone out to request donations from school community               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This was voted on by last years council</li> <li>○ Requesting \$25 per family</li> <li>○ Unsure what has come in so far</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Additional fundraising will be discussed in November<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• Passing of the Faith Crosses               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Were short during our ceremony last June</li> <li>○ Borrowed crosses from St. Anne's</li> <li>○ School ordered 150 new crosses in September, need to process payment</li> <li>○ <b>VOTE: \$254.25 for Crosses<sup>3</sup></b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Halloween Dance               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Students available to decorate (council members not needed)</li> <li>○ May invite parents to see their young children at the dance</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Still have about 75 boxes of our Big Box Cards to sell               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cards were purchased back in 2019</li> <li>○ Current price is 1 for \$25 or 2 for \$40</li> <li>○ Considering lowering the price, possibly \$15 a box<sup>4</sup></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><sup>1</sup>Information will be sent out once received</p> <p><sup>2</sup>Council members to think about different fundraising options and come with ideas/opinions to the next meeting</p> <p><sup>3</sup>Unanimous</p> <p><sup>4</sup>Must vote on at next meeting, Agnes to investigate whether this will count as a fundraiser for the current school year.</p>
<p><b>Treasurer Report</b> (see full report below)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 Big Box Card boxes sold during our Open House in September               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Funds have gone into the school account for now*</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p><b>Parish Rep Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Homemade pasta sauce on sale after masses, weekend of Oct 7/8</li> <li>• Will be parish mass attendance count weekends of Oct 14/15 &amp; Oct 21/22</li> <li>• St. Anne's Youth Ministry is running again – alternate Friday evenings               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tiny Treasures (JK-2), Jr. Edge (Grades 3-5), Edge (Grades 6-8)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Online training for Lay Pastoral Visitors</li> <li>• St. Anne's Moms Group meeting tomorrow evening – all moms invited to attend</li> </ul>	

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<b>Community Rep Report</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Report</li> </ul>	
<b>New Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting dates for CSC 2023/24 (all meetings hybrid, unless noted otherwise):           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Thursday, November 16, 2023</li> <li>○ Wednesday, January 17, 2024 (virtual)</li> <li>○ Thursday, March 21, 2024</li> <li>○ Wednesday, May 29, 2024</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Discussion re: possible fundraisers           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tonino's pasta/sandwich lunches               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Split profits with school: council orders, school delivers</li> <li>▪ Need ingredients list and to discuss pricing, see which date is available<sup>5</sup></li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Spring Dance-a-thon, Read-a-thon, 2<sup>nd</sup> pizza day, hot dog day, Krispy Kreme, Easter flowers are all possible options</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Discussion re: what are we fundraising for?           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ More new gym equipment, school yard improvements</li> <li>○ Any ideas to be brought forward at next meeting<sup>6</sup></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Discussion about school yard           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Community members have access and are allowed in/near school yard</li> <li>○ Students concerned over 3 men who have been seen sitting at the far end of the yard by the trees</li> <li>○ Mr. Lise is keeping an eye on the men and will engage only if necessary</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Concern brought up regarding morning supervision           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ That teachers are not out by 8:45</li> <li>○ For the winter, school may have "soft entry" – students enter as they arrive</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>.</p> <p><sup>5</sup> Agnes, Mr. Lise &amp; Amanda to discuss then bring vote to council</p> <p><sup>6</sup> All council members</p>
<b>MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:35 PM</b>	<i>Agnes - Approved, Natasha - 2<sup>nd</sup></i>
<b>Next Meeting is on November 16, 2023 at 6:30pm</b>	

### TREASURER'S REPORT OCTOBER 4, 2023

<b>Account balance June 7, 2023</b>	<b>\$ 1,716.39</b>
CSC Fundraiser 2022/23 (SchoolCash Online)	\$ 2004.10
Cheque #463 St. Anne's Church Youth Ministry Donation	\$ (500.00)
Cheque #464 Outdoor Kindergarten Toys	\$ (385.39)
Cheque #465 Reissue of cheque #450 Sacramental gifts reimbursement (stale date)	\$ (156.70)
Cheque #466 St. Joachim Grade 8 Grad Night contribution (bus/DJ)	\$ (600.00)
Cheque #467 St. Joachim Year End Fun Days Freezies	\$ (100.00)
Deposit SchoolCash Online *	\$ 24.50
Deposit Cash *	\$ 25.00
<b>Account balance October 4, 2023</b>	<b>\$ 2,027.90</b>
<b><u>Outstanding Expenses and Deposits</u></b>	
Open House Big Box Card Sales	\$ 75.00*
<b><u>Total Balance after Outstanding</u></b>	
Account Balance	\$ 2,027.90
Outstanding expenses and deposits	\$ 75.00
	Total <b>\$ 2,102.90</b>
<b>Total Monies Promised</b>	Total <b>\$ 0.00</b>