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St. Isaac Jogues Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: **Wednesday, November 13, 2024**

Time: 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Staff Attending:

Principal Matthew Di Fiore
 Non-Teacher Rep Amanda Sousa
 Non-Teacher Rep Nina Garcia

Attendees:

Co-Chairs: Jessica Glorioso & Suzy Alves
 Treasurer: Lilly Alves
 Secretary: Giselle Salinas
 OAPCE: Barbara Adjei
 Parish Rep: Shalini Boothe
 Parent Rep: Raita Yousif
 Parent Rep: Kierra Green
 Parent Rep: Maria Laura Silva Oyaneder
 Visitors: N/A
 Regrets: Wayne Campbell (Vice-Principal), Olimpia Falvo (Teacher Rep), Catholic School
 Trustee Darryl Brian D’Souza, Catholic School Trustee Shawn Xaviour

Items:

1. Opening Prayer & Land Acknowledgement	Shalini Boothe and Matt Di Fiore read the Opening Prayer and Land Acknowledgement.
2. Welcome	Catholic School Trustees – Darryl Brian D’Souza & Shawn Xaviour send their regrets.
3. Approval of Agenda	Approved by Suzy Alves and seconded by Raita Yousif.
4. Approval of Last Catholic School Council Minutes	Approved by Shalini Boothe and seconded by Nina Garcia.

<p>5. Chair Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Candy Cane Grams <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jessica started the conversation by proposing that the Christmas candy grams be done the way the “Boo-pops” were handed out. ○ They would be purchased on School Cash Online. ○ They would be organized by and distributed by parent council volunteer. ○ It would have options to be in “class sets” - up to options of 18. ○ They would be available for purchase from November 23-December 8. ○ Report to be done December 9th by Nina Garcia. ○ Grams would be distributed between December 16th-20th (Exact Date TBD). ○ Jessica to do Flyer for candy grams.
<p>6. Parish Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parish Flyer shared by Matthew Di Fiore. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nothing new to report from the Parish, as per Shalini. ○ No changes to the dates of the sacraments. ○ Matthew will speak with Maura Hernandez, Church Administration, to put the Christmas Market Flyer posted in the Parish Flyer. ● Sacrament Dates shared: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Celebration of Reconciliation: Saturday, February 15, 2025 @ 11:00 am Celebration of First Holy Communion: Saturday, May 3, 2025 @ 3:00 pm Celebration of Confirmation: Wednesday, June 4, 2025 @ 7:00 pm
<p>7. Treasurer’s Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Review of Current Year School Generated Funds and School Council Accounts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Council Balance: \$6,107.60 School Generated Funds Balance: \$19,413.22 ○ Lily did not have anything new to report. ○ Co-Chairs advised that the Halloween Dance did not generate as much money that is usually raised in the Spring Dance, given the expenses during this season for parents. ○ Halloween Dance and “Boo-Pops” still generated \$600 + ○ The spring dance raises more revenue because of the prizes that are given as incentive to raise money. ○ \$ 500 grant will be provided by Gov. The use of the funds will be determined.
<p>8. OAPCE Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● OAPCE First Meeting Date and Agenda shared. ● OAPCE Dufferin-Peel Website: https://oapce.org/ shared. ● OAPCE Instagram and X Handle/Hashtag shared. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Barbara advised that the last meeting was Nov 6th at the board office (nothing new to report). ○ The next meeting will be on November 28th location TBD.
<p>9. Administration / School Updates</p>	<p>Mr. Di Fiore & Ms. Sousa informed of the following:</p>
<p>a) Catholicity, Social Justice, Stewardship</p>	<p>All updates done by Amanda Sousa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Virtue of the Month (November – Conscience, December – Hope, January – Self-

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- Amanda stated that they did an assembly and it was presented by staff. The students really enjoyed.
- **Candy Drive for Dr. Simone (Over 20 pounds / Over 1,400 Pieces of Candy, Chocolate, & Chips)**
 - Still donations are being accepted but many parents provided donations. It has been delivered.
- **Nutrition Program**
 - Nina advised the program needs more money. The funding that was provided is almost all used up. They were granted \$1500 and \$1300 have already been allocated.
 - If the parent council members are able to make a small donation.
 - Donations can still be made via school cash online.
 - They have applied for the breakfast program for years as many students need it and they have finally received some support.
 - It usually takes approximately \$350+ a week to provide enough snack for the amount of student.
 - If members of the community and parent council can reach out to local grocery store for donations. Giselle will try to reach out to Fortino's.
 - The student's have really been enjoying the program and have had positive feedback.
- **Remembrance Day Liturgy: Monday, November 11, 2024**
 - Was done and successful. Students were engaged and enjoyed.
- **Treaties Recognition Week: Sunday, November 3rd – Saturday, November 9th**
 - Was done and successful. Students were engaged and enjoyed.
- **Virtue of Conscience Virtual Assembly: Thursday, November 7, 2024**
 - Was done and successful. Students were engaged and enjoyed.
- **Bullying Awareness & Prevention Week: November 18th and 21st**
 - Grade 7 & 8 students will be participating in this event. All age-appropriate content.
- **International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women: Monday, November 25, 2024**
 - All age-appropriate content as Shalini addressed what would be discussed during these events. Information will be send home regarding content.
- **First Sunday of Advent: Sunday, December 1, 2024**
 - Nativity Scene
- **International Day of Persons with Disabilities: Tuesday, December 3, 2024**
- **Advent Confession: Tuesday, December 3, 2024 @ 9:30 am (Grades 3 and 8)**
- **Advent Mass with Father Roger: Tuesday, December 10, 2024 @ 9:30 am (Parents/Guardians Welcome)**
- **Virtue of Hope Virtual Assembly: Friday, December 13, 2024**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This assembly will be available online
<p>b) Learning Environment: School Operations</p>	<p>All Updates done by Matthew Di Fiore</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Progress Reports Sent Home: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Matthew Di Fiore discussed that the progress reports will help identify areas of improvement and for parents not to focus on the letters associated with skill level, but on areas that can be improved and how to help child to grow in these areas. ● Parent-Teacher Interview Evening: Thursday, November 14, 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For teachers/parents who request an Interview ● Acadience Reading Screening Day: Friday, November 15, 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It will be an instant reading assessment for students in JK-Grade 2. ○ It will be an assessment to identify what reading level the child is in and if they are at the appropriate grade level. ○ The results will also be reflected on the report card. ○ This tool/assessment will help identify reading challenges earlier and provide the necessary support for those students. ● School Bus Safety Presentation: Wednesday, November 20, 2024 ● PA Day: Friday, November 22, 2024 ● Level Up! Skilled Trades Career Fair: Tuesday, November 26, 2024 ● Parent Engagement Event: Brave’s Social Emotional Workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parent council members received a pamphlet from Matthew Di Fiore for the Brave’s Social Emotional workshop. ○ Matthew Di Fiore advised that at his previous school they had a very successful night and turn out for parents. ○ The engaged parents by providing a movie night for the children of the parents/guardians could attend the presentation, while the children were supervised. ○ Parent Council agrees this would be a good idea and agreed with the Brave’s Social Emotional Workshop.

<p>c) School/Community Engagement: School Events, Athletics & Extra-Curricular Activities</p>	<p>All Updates done by Amanda Sousa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Athletics – Intermediate Volleyball (November 25th), Intramural Junior Basketball, Junior Boys Indoor Soccer ● Extra-Curricular Activities – Choir, Youth Faith Ambassadors, Rosary Club, ECO Club, Youth Faith Ambassadors, BACSA, Chess Club ● Halloween Dance-A-Thon: \$518.05 Raised <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Boo-Pop’s sold over \$600 + more than was anticipated ● Tim Hortons Camp (Grades 7/8): November 27th, 28th, & 29th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Free trip for the students. ● Baker’s Jerk Chicken: Monday, December 2nd, 9th, 16th, 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nina advised that so far we have a good amount of orders. ○ The only implication is that the restaurant may not be separating the meals. They may send a tray of rice, a tray of chicken etc. Which means that the staff may require the meals to be prepared from the large trays. ○ Parent Council all agreed to ask for help if needed. ● Chess Tournament: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 ● Christmas Market: Wednesday, December 11, 2024 @ 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm <p>Parent council members will be designated to stations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Front Door/Entrance (Ms. Sousa + Staff). ○ Hot Chocolate Station (Shalini + Co-op students). ○ Raffles (Jess and Suzy). ○ The Mayor of Brampton has been invited and confirmed. ○ Councilor/Trustees have been sent invite but not confirmed. ○ Santa Photo Station will be Lilly Alves and her husband (He is the photographer). The photos will be available for purchase on School Cash Online and printed on the spot. ○ Cash Online Station (Kiera and Giselle) were the community can pay on the spot. ○ Floaters (Maria Laura and Raita) they will provide breaks/relief for vendors, council on duty. ○ That day will be for all hands-on deck. Multiple vendors have been confirmed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Raptors 905 Basketball Game: Wednesday, January 22, 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Limited amount of tickets but the students really enjoy it and they always have a great turn out. SIJ has a large basketball community. ○ Available for grade 4-8 (only have 135 tickets available).
<p>d) Physical Environment: Health & Safety / Plant</p>	<p>All Updates done by Matthew Di Fiore</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Junior Hallway Water Station <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The water station needs a filter and Matthew Di Fiore is getting a quote ● FDK Door Swipe Card Access Reader

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Matthew Di Fiore stated that since the FDK is such a high traffic area a door wedge is not appropriate and not up to the fire code. ○ A quote has been sent out to install one to the doors (they can vary in price up to \$5000 +). Cost sharing for money may be allocated with the Board. ● Basketball Net Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Has received some quotes-no decision made yet. ○ Scoreboard, Projector, and Screen for Gymnasium. <p>The screens in the gym are unsafe and Matthew Di Fiore would like them to be replaced.</p>
10. AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● February 2025 Interview night possibility of having a bake sale. Allowing parents and teachers to enjoy some treats in between interviews. All the proceeds would go back to the school ● Parent Council stated that they would agree to a bake sale for Parent-Teacher Interview Night
11. Next Meeting	Wednesday, January 8, 2025
12. Closing Prayer	Shalini Boothe read the Closing Prayer.
13. Adjournment	Motion Carried – Approved by Jessica Glorioso and seconded by Suzy Alves.