



# St. Francis Xavier Elementary School

*"Together We Grow in Mind and Spirit."*

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## Catholic School Council (CSC) Minutes for Nov 29, 2023

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Meeting called to order by Alex Giovinazzo at 6:01pm | Meeting adjourned at 6:38pm

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### In Attendance:

Alex Giovinazzo, Principal  
Natalie Laporte, Vice Principal  
Maureen Baldino, Non-Teaching Rep.  
Ellen Masterangelo, Teaching Rep.  
Geraldine Cabral, Chair  
Rachel Anderson, Secretary  
Charissa Arghittu Parish Rep  
Amy Donolley, Treasurer  
Lauren Marciello, OAPCE Rep  
Ashley Goncalves  
Stephanie Filipuzzi  
Samantha MacNeill  
Paula Anderson  
Carley Cuthburt  
Krystal Disch  
Nadia Risio  
Sarah Evans  
Melissa Gomes

### Regrets:

### Opening Prayer and Land Acknowledgement

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Alex led the opening prayer and Land Acknowledgement

### Revisions & Approval of November Minutes

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Minutes were approved as presented Geraldine Cabral, Second by Amy Donnelly

### Parish Rep Update

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- Friday, December 7, Mass to light the Nativity Scene, followed by hot chocolate served by the Knights of Columbus.
- Coats for Kids was a success. 82 coats were collected for families within the family of schools.
- Family Christas project is underway. St. Mary's is collecting Walmart gift cards for families in need. Gift cards can be dropped off at the church office.
- 2024 envelopes are now available for pick up. Pick up any box at any church exit.

### Financial Update

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Maureen provided an update on the CSC financials as follows:

- Current balance \$13, 214.79
- Got \$500 parent reaching out grant.

## OAPCE Update

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- OAPCE launched a new website: [oapce.org](http://oapce.org). This will be the digital hub of resources, essential information and advocacy tool for parents and guardians.
- OAPCE parents for parents' newsletter can be accessed at [oapce.org/parents-4-parents](http://oapce.org/parents-4-parents)
- October highlights
  - Message from Bishop reflecting on the profound role of parents as primary educators.
  - Article "the Power of Parent Leadership" focuses on parents reclaiming their voice in post pandemic educational landscape.
  - Book Nook selection "Anxious for Nothing for Young Readers" by Max Lucado empowers tweens/teens to navigate their emotions by focusing on God's love despite challenges/pressures from social media, crammed schedules, and grater awareness of world problems.
  - Math resources featuring Math Storytime app (ages 5-7) and TVO Learn Mathify free 1:1 online help with Ontario certified teachers (grades 4-12)
- OAPCE Blog: [oapce.org/blog](http://oapce.org/blog). Latest "Upholding Parental Rights and Values in Canadian Education" regarding the issue of gender identity in schools
- OPACE 85<sup>th</sup> conference is April 12-15, 2024. More details to come.

## Principal's Report

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- Advent liturgy Dec 5 at school – all classes
- Sing along Dec 14 - it is outside – dress warm – hot chocolate and cookies served.
- Also, there will be a primary concert (FDK-Grade 3) that will happen during day – Dec 21 – due to fire code parents will be given a time slot to come. Flyer will be coming out.
- Spirit week before holidays will confirm what each day has in store.
- Equity presentation grade 3-8 on Dec 8<sup>th</sup> with drumming. Looking into primary grades getting something as well.
- Intermediate volleyball – won at mini and placed 6 at family.
- Girls intermediate won mini and lost in finals for family of schools.
- CSC – voting process was clarified on who can vote.
- Cannot have open link to our meetings due to security issues.
- Nov 30 – training for school council.
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## Upcoming Events – Christmas Sing along

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- Kiss and ride will be blocked off.
- Portable sound system and screen will be set up.
- Hoping that choir will be able to attend.
- Hot chocolate and cookies to be provided by CSC – approved by council.
- Geraldine will pick up the hot chocolate and returning. Charissa to put in order. Geraldine to grab some water as well.

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- Parents to man station – 6-7:30 – Geraldine, Rachel, Amy, Charissa, Samantha, Melissa, Lauren
- No snow date at current moment

## Future Events/Fundraising- Ideas

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- Must submit for approval our fundraisers – will submit dance to board first and then pizza after
- April 19 – approved by parent council.
- Update the letter to start outreach.
- Pizza approved by council for smaller fundraiser.

## Sound System Update:

- Alex is still waiting on quote as per board approved vendors. The current contract with vendor has expired so waiting on board to provide update and will then go ahead with ordering. Will then be able to revisit what can be done with leftover funds.

## Additional Questions:

## Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024