



# St. Francis Xavier Elementary School

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

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## Catholic School Council (CSC) October 21, 2024

Meeting called to order by Alex Giovinazzo at 6:02 pm | Meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm

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### In Attendance:

Alex Giovinazzo, Principal  
Devon Straw, Vice Principal  
Maureen Baldino, Non-Teaching Rep.  
Daniel Auger, Teaching Rep.  
Maggie Pallotta, Teaching Rep.  
Geraldine Cabral, Chair  
Charissa Arghittu, Secretary  
Lauren Marciello, OAPCE Rep  
Nadia Risio  
Denise Roswell  
Julia L  
Samantha MacNeil  
Paula Anderson  
Carly Cuthbert  
Sarah Fernandes  
Melissa Gomes

### Opening Prayer and Land Acknowledgement

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Alex led the opening prayer and Land Acknowledgement

### Parish Rep Update

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- First Communion classes are starting.

### Financial Update

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Maureen provided an update on the CSC financials as follows:

- Current balance is \$2543.86; however, the monies are allocated for use based on votes from last school year.
- Money from FlipGive has accumulated as well - \$413.87, to be exact. Geraldine will request a cheque from FlipGive to be made out to the school.

## OAPCE Update

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- Nothing to report at this time.

## Principal's Report

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- Opening liturgy with Fr. Peter has happened.
- Re-org happened, with significant changes.
- Week dedicated to Truth and Reconciliation
- Terry Fox run - still waiting on total raised.
- Food drive was a great success.
- Jr. boys and jr. girls volley ball is done - both teams did well!
- Cross country last week - 29 students will attend the boards.
- Wednesday will be picture day.
- There will be a Halloween dance on October 31 - no weapons or mock weapons, no face masks and no food treats to be shared.
- June 16 is the tentative date for the Grade 8 graduation. Venue change this year.

## Fundraising ideas:

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- McGregor's Meats - maybe in the spring in time for BBQ season. (it was successful last time we did it; we raised approx \$2700)
- Flipgive - promote it more as a low key fundraiser. We could continue to promote it via school communications, including X and school bulletins.
- Silent auction
- Produce basket - a parent knows of a school that held this fundraiser last year, with success. A positive point is that the price point was a bit better compared to the expense of McGregor's.
- Big Box of cards - history is that the school tried it once and complaint that parents can buy them at the dollar store cheaper. Return to the school is about \$10 per box.
- Terra Cotta Cookies - purchase tubs of cookie dough for about \$10 to \$15.
- Poinsettia sale at a previous school was a success; however, SFX has tried it previously and there was not much interest.
- We need to run 1 major and 2 minor fundraisers over the year - this will be verified.
- Pizza night was run in the past with Dominoes and raised about \$350.
- Feedback was mixed with respect to Laura Secord chocolates - i.e., the brand was welcomed change but the price point was more.

## Round Table Discussion:

Question from parent - is there a way to communicate upcoming extracurriculars to parents so there is awareness? This communication is important for all kids, in particular kids who are unable to communicate the information to their parents. It is an inclusive approach to extracurriculars.

Response from admin - An issue may be that often the information is in real time - i.e., the tryouts are announced over morning announcements without much notice to admin. That said, maybe X

(formerly Twitter) can be used to communicate ad hoc. Google classroom is a tool that could also be used by teachers. School bulletin can include a general idea of what is going on from month to month. Also post it to the bulletin board near the gymnasium so that kids can also read about it.

Parents are now allowed to attend sporting events.

New jerseys were worn at the cross country meet and parents noted that they are awesome!

Question: Update on the sound system?

Response: It was all completed last year.

Question: Any plans for the holidays?

Response: Working on ideas. More of an update next meeting.

Next meeting dates:

Mondays are good so we will keep Mondays.

Monday, November 18, 2024

Monday, January 13, 2025

Monday, February 10, 2025

Monday, April 7, 2025

Monday, May 12, 2025

Monday, June 2, 2025

**Current Voting Members:**

Geraldine Cabral

Charissa Arghittu

Lauren Marciello

Nadia Risio-Rowan

Melissa Gomes

Paula Anderson

**Next Meeting**

November 18, 2024