



# St. Francis Xavier Elementary School

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

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## Catholic School Council (CSC) January 13, 2025

Meeting called to order by Alex Giovinazzo at 6:04 pm | Meeting adjourned at 6:37 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.  
Stephanie Fillipuzzi, Teaching Rep  
Geraldine Cabral, Chair  
Charissa Arghittu, Secretary  
Lauren Marciello, OAPCE Rep  
Nadia Risio  
Deniece Roswell  
Samantha MacNeil  
Paula Anderson  
Melissa Gomes  
Joseph El Dbaissy

### Opening Prayer and Land Acknowledgement

Alex led the opening prayer and Land Acknowledgement

### Agenda and Minutes Approval

The agenda was shared with the group; motion to approve by Sam, seconded by Geraldine.

Meeting minutes from last meeting were shared with the group; motion to approve by Geraldine, seconded by Nadia.

### Parish Rep Update

- Envelopes are still available for those who need them
- SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
  - Prep is underway
  - CWL is doing a knit and crochet club

## Financial Update

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Maureen and Geraldine provided an update on the CSC financials as follows:

- Current balance is \$1529.01, including grant for parent involvement grant. \$1000 is held in reserve for grade 8 grad.; remaining funds are available to Parent Council.
- FlipGive - Since last meeting we have now just over \$1600. Payout for part of the money has been requested and the rest is held and can be requested at a later date.

## OAPCE Update

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- New link is available
  - <https://oapce.org/wp-content/uploads/October-Newsletter.pdf>

## Principal's Report

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- Advent liturgy was held in December.
- Dec. 5 - there was a bus safety presentation for students.
- Scholastic book fair was a success - thanks to Ms. Pavela.
- Christmas spirit week was celebrated the week leading into the holiday break.
- Christmas open house was a success, with many families participating.
- Volley ball successes from two of our teams.
- Today, national rubber ducky day was celebrated with literacy and numeracy activities.
- St. FX is celebrating 60th anniversary this year. According to board policy, every 10 years and every 25 years, a school will observe their anniversary. The school will be looking for help from parent council to organize the event.

## Round Table Discussion:

Flip give update - approximately \$400 was received this week from FlipGive. We had been waiting on that money for some time as a result of the postal strike. Additionally, \$1600 was raised over the Christmas shopping season and another payout has been requested. Overall, FlipGive is successful and the account can be kept active all year.

Discussion of options for Spring fundraising - McGregor's, Big Box of Cards, Mother's Pantry, sponsor/donations for value of specific items (i.e., \$10 for a board game, \$25 for a sport ball, etc), Jamie's Cracked Corn.

Input from parents ahead of the meeting - parents want the option to donate money to the school without the burden of having to sell items to family members. It also addresses the concerns from families who are obligated to fundraise for multiple sports teams.

Parent input that some families may look forward to fundraising and wish to have the option to sell items to family and friends, so an option to do both the sale of popcorn and/or direct sponsorship of recess bin items was tabled.

Motion to fundraise with Jamie's Cracked Corn Popcorn in tandem with direct donation - Paula

seconded by Lauren.

Question table: Why no Christmas concert? Admin determined it would be nice to change things up this year, plus there were quite a few ppl were on leave, so the decision was made to host the open house with ginger bread house decorating to make things fair for the staff.

Use of sound system - reverberation has been an issue but adjustments were made and the system should be good for future use.

How can parents get involved and support the school - what are the needs and how can they help? 60th anniversary will need help. Likely will be during Catholic Education Week. Contact the school and speak with admin. Reading buddies from within the community. Tuck shop that was run by parent council, where items were sold for cheap and monies went back into council

Soccer nets - are they in need of repair? Mr. G will inspect them.

6:37 motion to adjourn meeting by Geraldine seconded by Charissa.

Next meeting:

Monday, February 10, 2025

**Current Voting Members:**

Geraldine Cabral

Charissa Arghittu

Lauren Marciello

Nadia Risio-Rowan

Melissa Gomes

Paula Anderson