



# St. Francis Xavier Elementary School

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

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## November 8<sup>th</sup> 2018 School Council Minutes

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11.08.2018 at 6:33 PM | Meeting called to order by Council Chair: Chris French

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### In Attendance

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Chris French, Council Chair	Krystal Disch	Crystal Onilla
Samantha MacNeil, OAPCE Rep	Amy Donnelly	Melissa French
Stefanie Cachia, Parish Rep	Deirdre Chong Shra	Cheri Gidvani
Matthew Fortier, Treasurer	Sarah Evans	Elizabeth Bowen
Catherine Ambrose, Secretary	Judy Tavares	
Renee Crone, Community Rep	Charissa Argnittu	
Rob Thomas, Staff Rep	Fatima Santos	
Maureen Baldino, Non Staff Rep	Celine Singh	
Arlene Aguilar, Principal		

Regrets: Ana DaSilva; Amanda Hapek

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### Welcome and Opening Prayer | 6:30 - 6:35 PM

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Acknowledgment of Land  
Introductions

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### Approval of Minutes from October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Meeting | 6:39 PM

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The minutes were read from the October meeting and approved. Approved by Stephanie; second by Chris

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### Parish Rep's Report | 6:45 - 6:50 PM

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Adoration chapel is now open after construction; new gymnasium was open a few months ago  
CWL Christmas bazaar 9:30-2:30 this Saturday November 10<sup>th</sup>  
Nov 17, memorial mass @ 10:30 AM  
Children's Liturgy is now running at 11AM, and also added to 9:30 AM mass; additional volunteers; won't be every Saturday.

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### OAPCE Report | 6:43 PM

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Symposium occurred this past weekend for new roles  
"What is OAPSE?" brochures distributed, as well as tips for councils  
Meetings are monthly, anyone can attend

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### Principal's Report | 6:46 - 7:05 PM

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Items picked up from newsletter:  
Welcoming a new teacher for Grade 7; four student teachers from Queen's University; as well as ECE Students from Humber in Kindergarten classes

Renewed math strategy; received class manipulatives (hands-on materials); forming school goals for math during upcoming PA days

Technology: 11 carts of 10 chrome books distributed for grades 3-4 and 7-8 students

Well-being: E-portfolio's for children; gives a sense of who they are and what their interests are; PALS program has begun – students trained on playground to assist other students who may not necessarily be engaged

Powerpoint presentation on Cannabis: being sent out

Go Girl: Takes place every Friday for Grades 7 and 8 girls; mentorship around self-image, positivity, through lunch hour

Student Activities:

- Track & Field: 40 students went on to board finals; 7<sup>th</sup> overall and 15<sup>th</sup> overall finish
- Volleyball: Jr boys silver medal; 6 undefeated games – but lost during bronze game
- Flag Football: Intermediate team; tournament been around for 5 years, was first time participation for St. FX

Updating and expanding the athletic uniform to be discussed at a future date

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Boogie-a-thon:

- Staff Minions costumes bit hit with students; pumpkin decorating contest – pumpkins donated by Real Canadian Superstore

Virtue Assemblies: Attached to Remembrance Day liturgy

Social Justice:

- Boogie-a-thon raised money for ShareLife
- Collecting halloween candy for Dr. Simone
- Shoe Boxes for families in need
- Nominate families in need supported by St. Mary's Church + Century 21

Environmental Stewardship: waste free lunches-to get gold status is very difficult; refillable water bottle station

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### Treasurer's Report | 7:00 – 7:10 PM

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Pro-grant put on hold; can't promise we will receive that money

- Grant from the ministry is \$1000; required to explain what the need is.
- Wrote to program last year based on mental health; this year the focus is on math

\$2920 remaining in the account from last year

- Receipts to be collected and reported; treasurer's report to be shared at next meeting.
- Last year, did not spend money until end of year – but doesn't mean we need to wait this year.

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### Other Business | 7:15 PM

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By-Laws

- Available online if people have questions

Math Night

- Wait until new year, to see if we receive the grant.
- Math night content will be around assisting parents with math homework, the new curriculum.
- Judy Tavares and Samantha MacNeil to lead sub-committee.
- Upcoming PD Day will be around math curriculum
- Potential for family of schools to come together.
  
- Next meeting, discuss potential dates for new year.
- Sub-committee to reach out to potential speakers to socialize dates.

Gingerbread House Fundraiser

- 72 donated; labelled nut-free, but to be confirmed that they are 100% tree-nut free
- Last year they were sold, families decorated them, came back on the family night and were presented in the gym

- Event netted \$800; \$565 from gingerbread sales (\$348.50 cost); \$400 from raffle
- For this year, more guidelines needed around take home, decorate, bring back – only allowed to use the items in the box
- \$10/box; limited quantities; can only use items within box
- Refreshments: hot chocolate and cookies
- Craft: Candy-Cane reindeer

#### Christmas Concert/Family Night Event (raffle and volunteers)

- Big box stores contacted: Fortino's, Longo's, Firehouse Subs, Canadian Tire
- Feedback from previous years was that parents wanted an event more attracted to older students
- There will be an evening event; primary Christmas concert for grades 1-3 during the day on Thursday December 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am for parents; during the evening the Kindergarten class will have a one hour event 6-7pm (song and craft); addendum to the evening such as raffle or other items to extend beyond kindergarten group.

#### Raffle:

- Take turns manning it
- All donated items; bigger bulk items; begin reaching out to sponsors
- Events sub-committee to be created

#### Other

- More STEM programming for older children
  - MLSE has program for students around STEM with kids in mind
  - VEX Robotics programming could be possibility, will require some funding
- Wish list needed from teachers

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#### Next Meeting

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December 5 | 6:30 – 7:30 PM, School Library

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:50 PM and was passed unanimously.