

STELLA MARIS CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING AGENDA

DATE: Monday, Feb. 5, 2024

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Staff Room

Heavenly Father,

We gather here to begin an important meeting,
for the goodness of our children, the children
You have granted to us
to love, to care for, and to educate.

Please be present here among us. Brighten our minds,
and open our hearts, so that we can find Your will
in everything we face together.

May we speak to and listen to one another
with kindness and respect, so that every word
we say will glorify Your name.
Help us to learn, share, and understand
one another for the sake of our beloved school and children.

Amen

Attendees:

Marisa Wismer (Principal), Cailin Bosnyak (VP), Frank Ditomasso (Trustee), Samantha Fox, Mr. Serran, Mrs. Ouellette.

Regrets:

Cassie Ballaint, Jenna McVitty, Lisa Mullins,

1. Approval of Minutes
 - Posted on the website. Passed
2. Trustee Report – Frank Ditomasso
 - We are in the queue for school painting
 - Advocating for gym expansion
3. Principal/Vice-Principal Report—Marisa Wismer/Cailin Bosnyak

Principal's Report

- Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas break.
- Term 2 is officially underway. Report cards go home on Feb. 12th and PT interviews are on Feb. 15th. from 3:30 to 6:30
- Upcoming PD day on Feb. 16th. Our school team continues to learn and grow together, with a focus on high-impact teaching strategies in language and mathematics, as well as equity, diversity, and inclusion.
- Grade 8 transition to high school meetings and activities took place throughout December and January. Many grade 8 students also made their Confirmation. An exciting time for our grade 8 students and families!
- The kindergarten registration period is Feb. 20th to March 1st with an open house on Wednesday, February 21st from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. CSAC and St. John the Baptist are invited. Let us know if you would like a table set up. Help us spread the word and showcase our amazing school!
- The Lenten season is soon upon us. We will celebrate Ash Wednesday with a liturgy of the word in the gym on Feb. 14th at 11:00 a.m.
- CSAC Pizzeremo Pizza fundraiser launches on Mar. 25th and will run until Apr. 5th; we will need volunteers to assist with this

Vice Principal

- Mission Mental Fitness/Mental Wellness initiatives
 - monthly themes
 - Wellness Week and Wellness Fair
 - Scholastic Book Fair in May: need someone to take this on
 - Parents asked for details and dates. Ms. Bosnyak advised that messaging is forthcoming.
4. Chair Report – NA
 5. Treasurer Report— Jenna McVitty - Presented by Ms. Wismer
 - Balance -- \$2,786.00
 - Council funds have gone towards phys. ed. equipment, gym projector, whiteboards, portable seating and other learning tools and resources.
 6. Secretary Report – Cassie Balint
 7. Fundraising Report— Pizzaremo proceeds will be added to the CSAC balance. Set to run from March 25 - April 5th

- Food days continue to make \$500-\$1000 per month with minimal effort from staff or parents.
8. Staff Representative Report -- NA
 9. Parish Report - Lisa Mullins - unable to attend
 - Family Free skate on Sunday February 18th at 7:30-8:30 pm at Libro Centre. All are welcome

 - Parish Ash Wednesday mass: 9:00am St. John the Baptist
7:00pm St. Anthony of Padua

 - First communion prep will begin on February 28th . If you were not part of the reconciliation prep in the fall and wish for your child to receive first communion please contact Lisa Mullins in the parish office.
lmullins@dol.ca
 10. Miscellaneous
 - Mr. Serran questioned what the “Human Rights” portion of the February PD will entail. Ms. Wismer advised that, as done in the past, the details of the PD will be sent to parents to support transparency of programming.
 - Mr. Serran questioned the process of the decision regarding early dismissal on the day of the solar eclipse. Mr. Ditomasso explained that the Ministry mandated the decision and required each school board in Ontario to develop a plan to prioritize student safety.
 - Mrs. Ouellette offered the idea of using Sign Up Genius for volunteers for Book Fair
 - Mrs. Ouellette offered the idea of contacting local restaurants to host spirit nights during which the school would collect some of the proceeds.
 11. Next Scheduled Meeting: May 2024
 12. Motion to Adjourn