



*Holy Spirit Catholic School Advisory Council  
Minutes – Monday January 22, 2024*

AGENDA	PRESENTER	MINUTES/ACTION ITEMS
<b>ATTENDEES:</b>		<p><b>Present :</b>            Franco Petrella            Trish Gerth            Daniella Ciotti            Laura Ferrante            Alysha Davy            Jennifer Williams            Joey Stephens            Liz Kotsamanes            Tanja Pecnik            Rose Bettio (Community Rep)            Sarah Kwiecinski (Parish Rep)            Laura Livingston (Teacher Rep)</p> <p><b>Not Present:</b>            Nancy Cherri (regrets)            Charlene Santos (regrets)            Geraline Laparan (regrets)            Sierra Gregorio            Omotola (Tola) Agbana            Erma Luis</p>
<b>WELCOME</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land Acknowledgement</li> <li>• Opening Prayer</li> </ul>	Franco	
<b>APPROVAL OF AGENDA &amp; MINUTES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agenda -January 22, 2024</li> <li>• Minutes November 28 2023</li> </ul>	Trish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting began at 6:02pm</li> <li>• Tanja motioned for approval of Agenda &amp; Minutes , Daniella - 2nd the motion , All in favour</li> </ul>
<b>PRESENTATION</b>	Shane Durham (Internal Audit Officer)	School Council 101 Training Presentation shared with council
<b>PRINCIPAL REPORT</b>	Franco	<p><b>Progrant- Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grant has been approved.</li> <li>• As agreed during Nov 13, 2023 meeting this will be a STEM night.</li> <li>• Erma working on getting the speakers out for the evening.</li> <li>• Dates will be communicated</li> </ul> <p><b>Adopt a Family Update:</b></p>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Very successful and actually allowed for additional families to be adopted</li><li>• 12 families adopted (4 school families, 1 KinBridge family and 7 families through community Single Parent organization)</li><li>• Very generous gift card donations were received from anonymous school family donor as well as many gifts.</li><li>• Adopted families very grateful</li></ul> <p><b>Indigenous Canoe</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Canoe that was built by WCDSB staff and students is on display this week in the library</li><li>• Presentation for students will be on January 23<sup>rd</sup></li></ul> <p><b>Sports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sports have resumed (Boys basketball and Girls Volleyball)</li><li>• Students are not able to stay after school to watch games unattended</li></ul> <p><b>Update on Joy Week</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Turkey lunch was very well organized and received positive feedback. Ran extremely smoothly</li><li>• Concert was very well attended and received</li><li>• Grade 7/8 dance was well attended and students really enjoyed it</li></ul> <p><b>Student equity inclusion group Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Students raised use of inappropriate use of racial slur</li><li>• Going to work on awareness as part of Black History month</li></ul> <p><b>Upcoming Events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• February will be very busy month of activities<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Day 100</li><li>○ Shrove Tuesday (Being held Monday Feb 12)</li><li>○ Valentine’s Day (Being held Tues Feb 13)</li><li>○ Ash Wednesday (Feb 14)</li></ul></li></ul>
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<b>PARISH REPORT</b>	Sarah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Bake Sale and raffle at Parish was very successful</li> <li>● Reconciliation visits before Christmas went very well. 16 classes signed up and feedback from Father Gary was very positive</li> <li>● Classroom visits are ongoing at invitation from teachers</li> <li>● Meetings at church for First Communion and Confirmation prep over next couple weeks</li> </ul>
<b>COMMUNITY REPORT</b>	Rose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● New Programs have begun</li> <li>● Every Friday night a free community dinner is provided at Forward Church. Community closet is also available during that time families.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Has been well attended with 60-70 families in attendance</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Clothing Donations for the community closet are accepted at Kinbridge if people are looking to donate items</li> </ul>
<b>TREASURER REPORT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Update on transactions</li> <li>● Account balance</li> </ul>	Franco	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The following items were covered by SGF funds:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Caribou Math Contest</li> <li>○ Joy Week Supplies</li> <li>○ Turkey Lunch balance</li> <li>○ Agenda balance</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Seeing need from community that families need subsidy for some of the items (Turkey Lunch, agendas, etc)</li> </ul>
<b>OTHER BUSINESS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pancake Monday (Tuesday)</li> <li>● Fundraising Goal</li> </ul>	Daniella	<b>Pancake Monday (Tuesday):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Being held Monday February 12, 2024 to accommodate Valentine’s day and Ash Wednesday</li> <li>● Pancakes will be served in classroom, not in the gym based on positive feedback last year</li> <li>● 8 stations to prepare pancakes will be spread out through the school</li> <li>● Request for request for volunteers has been sent out to Turkey Lunch volunteers.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 13 have signed up</li> <li>○ Additional request for volunteers to broader group will be sent out.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Need minimum of 22 volunteers but 30 volunteers is ideal number.</li> <li>○ Gluten Free and Dairy Free considerations are being made</li> <li>○ Connected with several local stores for donations. So far, we have \$150 in gift cards but continuing to solicit donations to see if full cost can be covered.</li> <li>○ Need griddles so if anyone has any that could be borrowed connect with Daniella</li> </ul> <p><b>Fundraising Goal:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Have been hearing from a lot of families about needing support with costs on items such as class trips, busing, agendas, etc</li> <li>● Recommendation brought forth that due to increased cost of living and feedback from school community that the original goal for the Spring Fundraising which was to focus on greening and shade be placed on hold.</li> <li>● Spring Fundraising focus would be to support equitable allotment per child for Classroom trips/celebrations, busing and agendas for 2024-25. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ All voting members in attendance were supportive of this change.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
ADJOURNMENT		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Meeting adjourned at 8:51pm</li> <li>● Next meeting scheduled for February 26, 2024 at 6pm</li> </ul>