

Catholic School Advisory Committee Inaugural Meeting
October 2nd, 2023 6:00 pm

Purpose of the meeting: to review the Holy Spirit Catholic School Advisory Council Constitution and elect a new council for 2023-2024.

Attendees: Franco Petrella, Erma Luis, Trish Gerth, Nancy Cherri, Laura Ferrante, Nancy Fernandes, Daniella Ciotti, Alysha Davy, Jennifer Williams, Joey Stephens, Charlene Santos

Regrets: Rose Bettio, Liz Katsomenes, Tanja Pecnik

Principal Report:

- Opening Introductions
- Parish report – Franco to see if Sarah (youth minister) wants to join.
- Invite Rose from Kinbridge next time.
- Franco met with Father Gary to establish dates for the school year.
- School will be going to the Church the week of Pentecost.
- Mission Fund Day – donated to 3 charities, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Kidsability and Nutrition for learning.
- School calendar set for the school year and sent home.
- Date will be set for bible celebration.
- Gained a junior class, kept friend groups together.
- School numbers around 540
- Open house was a success – went with Remember me catering and the Funnel cloud food truck. People mentioned food was cold and high price point 7.25
- Assembly the following Thursday Board put out monthly themes – students get a certificate which draws from monthly theme. We sing the school song and present certificates. Also, what's new in our class (new this year)
- Guest speaker Sam Demma – “What’s in your backpack” - Mental health, love, kindness advocate.
- Was proposed if we could send a link to parents for the assembly’s, so that they could see what presentations will be shown (noted that due to Media Consent – Student Image, Video or Voice Recording including Media Use Consent APC023-02F we cannot post images of students online)
- Halloween celebrations – no dance a thon fundraiser but activities as we are doing the Dieleman Fundraiser (Christmas Wrap etc). Once the staff decides what we wish to do for Halloween, it will be communicated.
- Fundraiser for council in the spring. We will be discussing fundraiser ideas in the next couple of meetings. Couple years re-visit the Big box of cards as a fundraiser as it was successful.
- Franco went through HSPI Catholic School Advisory Council constitution.
- Franco addressed money per pupil and SGF.
- Advised of donation of school supplies that was donated by Zehr’s South Cambridge
- Council is a board – went through roles example of chair.
- Turkey lunch - December 18th

- Treasurer report
- Apply for pro grant in November
- Monsignor Doyle family of schools meeting November 28th 6:00
- Move to election: Trish brought up adding a volunteer coordinator position. All in general agreement

Nominations:

- Nancy C. nominated Trish for Chair Alysha 2nd – Trish accepted.
- Nancy C. nominated Daniella for co-chair, Alysha 2nd – Daniella accepted.
- Laura Ferrante nominated Jenn Williams for secretary, Alysha 2nd – Jenn accepted.
- Nancy C nominated Alysha for Fundraiser – Alysha accepted.
- Daniella nominated Nancy C and Nancy F for Volunteer coordinator both accepted.
- Treasurer Reports – Franco

Meeting dates established: Time 6:00 pm

November 13th , 2023, November 28th 2023; January 22nd , 2024

February 26th , 2024; April 8th , 2024; May 13th , 2024