



**Minutes
Thursday, January 22, 2026
6:00 p.m.**

In attendance: Finley Mullally, Mandy Schroder, Connie DiPrimio, Jenn Brownrigg, Michael Bastedo, Lyanne Fuller, Beverley Kimotho, Iva Vasileski, Marta Miklas, Lindsey Orr, Stephanie McGrath, Courtney Bomhower

Regrets: Michael Hammond

Welcome, Opening Prayer and Land Acknowledgement

Adoption of the Agenda and Minutes from October meeting - Approved by Lindsey and Stephanie

Student Rep Report:

[Student Rep Report January](#)

- Looking to raise money. Bingo event coming up for grades 7 and 8.
- Free hot chocolate event just held to help boost morale during exams. To be hosted again the 4th of February.
- Candy-grams to be handed out Friday, Feb 13th.

Principal's Report - Finley:

- Passing of Cynthia Graham. Back from St. Pat's. She worked with kids in the inclusion program. Memorial service held in Chapel. Her family came.
- Season when planning really starts for next year. First thing that's handled is staffing. Catholic schools are growing 5% per year, with STP growing 10-12%. Current population is just below 1100. The school is built for 1180. Projection for the fall is about the same population (1100).
- Staffing is prorated based on population. Gr 8/9 will be about 200 students each. About 175 students will be in each of the other grades.
- It has been challenging to find French teachers and qualified Educational Assistants. Encouraging the unqualified to get their qualifications.
- Some staff will be returning from leave in Feb.
- Program night Feb 10th. ESTA- added automotive. Rebuilding Wheels, Rebuilding Lives. Surgenor donated a good used car. Students fixed it up, detailed it etc. Went to United Way and gifted a car. Single Mom was the recipient.

- Grade 9 EQAO. Early results look good. Math is a big focus for the board. St. Paul always finishes top 3rd (awesome for a small school!).
- Gr 10 - OSSLT written. Required to pass to graduate. Results on Parent Portal Jan 28th.
- Gr 9-11 selecting courses 18, 19, 20 Feb
- Allen Andre (young artist) hired. He does Art Battles. Did two murals at Sacred Heart. Some student reps met with him to let him know the feel and vibe of the school. Centering the Black Student Experience. Will be doing a mural in the cafeteria.
- Physical plant updates. DE room is complete. The hospitality room is almost done. Hair and Esthetics all done. A few things to be sorted. Carpentry students working on things for Silver Springs. Will be built in the compound outside- fencing is around it in the back of the school.

Teacher's Report -

- Busy time of year for teachers
- Many new staff this year and many volunteers for coaching sports and running clubs.

Treasurer's Report - Michael B:

-Current balance, as of December 31, 2025 is \$5,232.88

-Projected expenses for the remainder of the year

1) School council awards - \$1,500 (3 x \$500) (June)

Forecast year end balance: \$3,732.88.

[Financial Report as of December 31, 2025](#)

Want to sponsor two students for Leadership Camp for fall 2026.

- Finley recommended- if we are looking for a project- school is low on wall art. Perhaps an annual thing and/or partnership with the school

CSPA Report - Lindsey

- **First meeting in Oct-** Career planning. OYAB. Youth apprenticeship program. Explains all the pathways. Starts in grade 11. So many college programs dropping certain programs, can get level 1 in high school.
 - SHSM (Specialized high skills major). Specialized training in areas like health care, music, automotive, etc... Students come out more employable.
 - My Blueprint platform. Self assessment tools available.
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- Board moving to Google Classroom 2027

- **Nov. Meeting** - Focus was Mental health and attendance. Discussed how the 3 tiered support for mental health is rolled out in schools. Linking to attendance. OCSB is using 10% absenteeism as the cutoff for raising concerns. St. Paul has better attendance than the board, and province.

Chair Report - Mandy:

- The Christmas Market went well. We donated \$300 to the school's mental health initiatives.
- The wreath fundraiser went over well again this year.
- Gas cost for volunteers to get wreaths in Kars should be factored in for next year.
- Connie, Lyanne and Courtney have offered to volunteer to help at Graduation reception. Mandy to connect them with Mrs. Boutell.

General Discussion / Round Table:

- CEFO - charitable organization within the OCSB that is teacher run/funded. They helped support Christmas blessings. Two of the four poorest neighbourhoods are in this catchment. Consider next year to donate some towards the Christmas blessings. Numbers of families being supported went up.

Next meeting date:

Tuesday, April 28th at 6:00 p.m.