

School Council Meeting

Meeting Date – February 12, 2025 - 6:30pm

Role	Names	Attendance
Principal	Julie Hanna	Present
Vice Principal	Kara Dean	N/A
Vice Principal	Michele Campbell	Absent
Teacher	Katherine Laushway	Absent
Chair	Shannon Reidel	Present
Treasurer	Terry Tam	Present
CPSA Rep	Jennifer DeSa	Present
Fundraising & Events	Kaitlyn Carmanico	Present
Parish Rep	Lisa Poland	Present
Parent Rep	Julia Slanina	Absent
Parent Rep	Stephanie Judge	Absent
Communications Coordinator	Arnold Baptista	Present
Food Program Coordinator	Kelly Hill	Present
Secretary	Andrew Arcello	Present
Member at large	Marine Shahbazyan	Absent
Member at large	Shaun Gour	Present
Member at large	Deepika Ravikumas	Present
Member at large	Mina Asghar	Absent
Member at large	Brandy Roy	Absent
Member at large	Lindsay Mattesz	Present
Member at large	Allen Hakimiar	Absent
	Jen Ure	Absent

	Chris Gorski go_chris1@hotmail.com	Absent
	Alex Amodeo alexandragraceamodeo@gmail.com	Present

Meeting Notes

- Land Acknowledgement
- Prayer
- January minutes approved by Lisa and Kaitlyn

Chair's Report

- Shannon has nothing to report

Principal report

- **February 2025**
- **-Report Cards** live on Parent Portal 5:00pm tomorrow (Thursday, Feb. 13)
- **-French Pathway** forms due by end of Feb
- **-Clubs** - Chess / Journaling / Coding / Crochet / Lego / Choir and soon Intramural sports. Busy place and we appreciate our staff who make this happen
- **-School Expansion** - 6 classroom extension added / slated for September 2027 opening
- -Our OA Joanne Waisglass transferred to St. James
- -In the process of hiring our **new OA**.
- **-Kindergarten registration** is ongoing. Please continue to promote our school and encourage early registration for staffing purposes.
- -Staff have had their inservice with Jess Amato - **Culture of Play** / promoting skills building through play both in class and at recess. Next step - class by class meets with Jess (Play therapist)
- **-Family Day** this Monday
- Thursday, Feb 27—GUA will be used as an election site. A security guard will be posted at the school for the day.
- March 27 will be a Kindergarten Open House-open to the public. The School Council is invited to have a table to recruit families who are registering at GUA.

Teacher's Report

- Presented as part of the Principal's report by Mrs. Hanna

Treasurer Report

- Terry shared the report with a few updates. He will meet with the new OA to organise accounts moving forward.
- Available for viewing upon request
- There are many outstanding bills still to be paid but the accounts are in good shape

CSPA Report

- We were approved for \$2400 in grant money to host a family paint night.
- We are currently looking at an event around Easter Time. Jen de Sa will bring back information with the company and dates at the next meeting. She will provide information to the paint companies and find out their availability.
- Paint night will be a community event-not a fundraiser

Fundraising report

- McDonald's Family Fundraiser Night-Feb 18 - 4:00pm-8:00pm
- Carnival-Jojo's and ice cream trucks are booked.
- Circus Delight and Sparticat (the Sens mascot) are booked to come
- Jojo's night will be scheduled in May
- Feedback has been good on the the Gator Wear

Food Program Report

- Kelly Hill presented
- Second payment went through for the food program in February. Next year will be all one payment.
- Popcorn for February will be on Feb 28
- Kelly is still looking for someone willing to be trained in order to take over the food program.

Communications Report

- Arnold shared that communications on the Facebook page is ongoing
- No new information top share - information is continually shared on social media

Parish Report

- Youth Group and Sacramental classes ongoing
- Valentine's Dinner/Walks coming up
- Blessed palms from last year are asked to be returned for Ash Wednesday

Parent Rep Report

- No formal report given

NEW BUSINESS

- Parking on Brightside Ave has been terrible-Glen Gower has been informed and a parking blitz from Bylaw will happen
- Suggestion for the Council to write a letter together advocating for more bylaw enforcement

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS 2024/2025

The following members have been nominated and voted in for the new school year of 2024/2025:

Chair – Shannon Reidel

Vice Chair – Kelly Hill

Secretary – Andrew Arcello

Treasurer – Terry Tam

CSPA – Jennifer deSa

Fundraiser and Event Coordinator – Kaitlyn Carmanico

Food Program – vacant (Kelly Hill continues to run the program)

Communications – Arnold Baptista

Parish – Lisa Poland

Parent – Julia Slanina and Stephanie Judge

Meeting Adjourned

Minutes taken by AA

The March meeting would be over March break - there will be a separate Carnival meeting that takes place during the month of March.

Next Scheduled Meeting: April, 9th @ 6:30pm