CONVENT GLEN CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

September 30, 2025 | 6:00pm |

ATTENDANCE

Staff: Traci Nehme, Tina Prosser

Council: Deidre Lean, Jamie Gorley, Cynthia Wilson, Alyssa Blier-Kitchen, Huma Fazil, Roksanna Cylupa, Corrie O'Connor, Julia Blier-Wakefield, Aislinn Dionne, Lindsay Smirle, Marcela Gutierrez, Linda Carriere, Anna Whyte, Victoria Savoy, Lisa Joyce, Katie Hicks, Rebecca Eng

Parent Community:

Regrets: Erica Caird, Melissa Da Silva, Ann Lashley, Catherine Luxton, Candace Barattia,

COMMITTEE REPORTS

## **Principal Report:**

- Convent Glen School Council 2025/2026
- Strategic Commitments and Plans (board-wide); "Be Community, Be Well, Be Innovative"
  - o Traci has discussed this with students and presented it at the first school assembly this year
  - Be Community: Reminder to students: be safe, be respectful, be responsible, use your WITS, always treat each other with kindness
  - Be Well: Mental health worker beginning Oct 6 with grade 2s, will also speak to grade 4s, CYC student from Algonquin College to work with small groups/classes three days/week, student volunteer from University of Ottawa to support staff and classes three days/week
  - o Parish connection sacramental schedule shared (in slide deck)
  - Be Innovative: OCSB math and literacy resources shared (in slide deck)
  - o Mr. Edson translated posters to French, so this information is posted in the school in English and French

## **Budget Report:**

Reviewed 2024-2025 budget; expenditures and revenues, brought balance down from over \$5000 (Sept 2024) to
 \*\$2300 by September 30, 2025 (should not carry over >\$3000 per school year)

New Business

- 1. Introductions of all council members
- 2. Council nominations and vote: Voting for 2025-2026 school council, members elected:
  - Chair: Jamie Gorley
  - Vice-chair: Anna Whyte

- Treasurer: Catherine Luxton
- Secretary: Victoria Savoy & Corrie O'Connor
- Parents without portfolio: Deidre Lean, Lindsay Smirle, Cynthia Wilson, Alyssa Blier-Kitchen, Julia Blier-Wakefield, Linda Carriere, Katie Hicks, Marcela Guiterrez, Huma Fazil, Rebecca Eng, Aislin Dionne, Lisa Joyce
- CSPA representative: Roksanna Cylupa
- Community representative: Victoria Savoy
- No current parish representative, but this position can be offered if anyone is interested

## 3. SEAC presentation

Deferred to next meeting

## 4. Review of suggestion box items, etc.:

- Question re: available hot lunch vendors through LunchBox; do they have a list for our area? Traci's
  previous school offered Harvey's, which was well received. Deidre to reach out to LunchBox to enquire
  about availability of vendors
- Roxanna advised that Divine Infant is hosting a Friday night youth group for grades 5 to 12 students
- Requests for "newer books"; teachers could make wishlists for books/other items (teachers currently spend their own money to supply classroom books)
- Discussed possibility of classroom liaisons (parent who can communicate with teacher to find out what their classroom needs and relay this information to other parents/council)
- How to add sports clubs for grades 3-4? Corrie offered basketball coaching. Alyssa said that at Lester B. Pearson school a teacher supervises while an actual coach does the training (possibility to have this?), could offer to grades 3-6
- Lunchtime activities would be appreciated (i.e., art club, etc.) if we had a volunteer for this we could do it as long as we have a teacher there to supervise once/week (could rotate through teachers each month so responsibility is shared between teachers), EAs/ECEs are on a different schedule so not likely able to supervise
- "Kid council" could offer to older grades to organize/lead events; Alyssa could supervise once/month as she is at CGCS once/month to discuss with Traci
- Halloween event: dance in the evening; is there time to do this?
  - o Could make a playlist (the school has a speaker), keep it simple, sell treats
  - Victoria offered to organize this; to create a plan by Friday
  - We need to submit a permit for this and submit to the board for approval; Traci to send contact information to Deidre to apply for permit
  - We have to double check the school use schedule (Traci)
  - Need to check the capacity for the gym

- o Ensure all kids are supervised by parents/guardians
- Deidre to send out email containing all suggestion box items for information

Additional information: Number of students enrolled this year: 256 students

**Adjournment** - 7:15pm