

St. Isabel School Council

Meeting December 12, 2024 - Minutes

Present (in person):

Name	Present	Absent
Michelle Hughes	X	
Kerry Pinnock	X	
Kate Irwin	X	
Nancy Scully		X
Mary Peterson	X	
Jennifer Elgar	X	
Sarah Hamilton		X
Kelly Alder	X	
Natalka MacKay		X
Caroline Klicius	X	
Amy Koji	X	
Rosie Lamprogiannis	X	
Mariya Chigrinova		X
Susan Skrypnyk		X
Jennifer Smith	X	
Other	Chiedza Denhere - cdenhere@gmail.com	

Agenda:

1. Opening Prayer & Land acknowledgment
2. Approval of October 15, 2024 minutes
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Review of Action Items from last meeting
 - a. Centre forest
 - b. Jennifer to look into whether or not there's someone from the Board who can assess / guide the process
 - c. Val to look into mulch cost etc
5. Principal's report
6. Staff report
7. Treasurer's report
8. Parish report
9. Community Report
10. CSPA report
11. Centre Forest
12. Winter Ball
13. McDonald's night

- 14. PIC / PRO Grants
- 15. Spirit Wear
- 16. Yearbook
- 17. Other

1. Opening Prayer & Land acknowledgment

- a. Done by Jennifer S

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- a. Approved

3. Approval of Agenda

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4. Review of Action Items from last meeting

- a. Centre forest
 - i. Jennifer to look into whether or not there's someone from the Board who can assess / guide the process
 - ii. Val to look into mulch cost etc
 - iii. Update:
 - 1. Jennifer - called Algonquin
 - a. Pretty excited about prospect - its on their radar, will reconnect in Spring
 - 2. Board - planning ppl - came and had a look
 - a. Board will come and have a look
 - 3. Do we need to worry about mulch costs - maybe - add to April agenda

5. Principal's report

PROGRESS REPORTS / PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

- THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVOLVEMENT AND ON-GOING SUPPORT

ADVENT LITURGIES

- 1ST WEEK: HOPE: Gr. 6's
- 2ND WEEK: PEACE: Gr. Kinders
- 3RD WEEK: JOY: Resource

EVENTS

- Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week
- Youth Officer Visits
- Boys & Girls Volleyball
- Cheer for CHEO
- Christmas Hampers
- Choir Visit to Senior Home
- Yoga, Reading, Sign Language Clubs
- Luv 2 Groove

WINTER WONDERLAND SING-A-LONG

- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH @ 5:30 PM
- OUTDOORS
- HOT CHOCOLATE & CANDY CANES
- BRING YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR VOICES!

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT WEEK

- [WEEK OF DECEMBER 16TH-20TH](#)

6. Staff report

- a. nothing – Susan not present

7. Treasurer's report (via email from Nancy)

- As of Dec 14/24, we have a strong financial position with just over \$24,000 in available funds.
- I've been in contact with Jennifer to explore how council could help fund the outdoor shade structure the Board is looking to provide (potential extra costs due to hitting rock, unclear what the Board is willing to pay for), or help fund another large or capital purchase for the yard. Topic would come to council to discuss and vote on before any funds are spent.

Additionally, highlighting that we never voted on an amount to approve for the end of year field trips. We deferred to September but then never covered the topic in Sept or Oct. Last year we spent just over \$3,000, which was less than what was budgeted of \$3500-\$4000 (I can't remember exactly). I think it was \$500 per class as the budget last year. Not sure if that is still a reasonable budget but perhaps Jennifer could weigh in. And also we did agree to fund an extra bus for something...swimming maybe?? I can't recall. But that should be factored into the amount too. Sorry, I know this is a lot for the Dec meeting lol! It could technically wait until Jan, but just wanted to highlight we never approved an amount for this, just the general idea of it.

- The additional bus was for the choir to go to the seniors
- Bus vote
 - \$8000 for end of year trips - \$500 / class (including 1x spec kids and 1x choir)

8. Parish report

- a. Sarah not present
- b. See FB for updates

9. Community Report

From [Savvy Mom](#)

Stanley's Christmas Village

[Stanley's Christmas Village](#) is awaiting you and your family for a special winter wonderland experience. With sleigh rides, hot chocolate and a visit with Santa the kids will be all smiles and you can also grab a freshly cut [Christmas tree](#) or special goodies from the shop on the farm. Reservations are required.

Vintage Village of Lights

[Cumberland Heritage Village Museum](#) is lit up with over 30,000 holiday lights where you can drive through and travel back in time with a festive soundtrack. Upon leaving this fun filled adventure you will receive a special take away cookie decorating kit, hands on crafts and a special telegram from Santa. Operating Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 4pm to 9pm until Sunday December 22. Alight at Night

[Upper Canada Village](#) is one special holiday spot that many families visit year after year. With over a million lights this special village brings holiday magic to a whole new level. Don't forget to grab a Beavertail while enjoying the scenery filled with holiday music. We suggest going on a weekday evening if you would like to beat the crowds, this is a popular spot!

Trees of Hope for CHEO

Head to the Fairmont Chateau Laurier to view the beautiful holiday trees and vote for your favourite in support of [CHEO!](#) Many companies and organizations have raised funds and decorated holiday trees for you to enjoy all in support of CHEO. Why not make it a day and enjoy some of the other fun places [downtown Ottawa](#) has to offer?

Magic of Lights

One of the other fun family activities in Ottawa in December is the [Magic of Lights](#). This drive through experience at Wesley Clover Park has become a popular destination over the last several years. Running through December to Saturday January 4th, you have many opportunities to experience the magic.

Butterflies in Flight

Head over to the Canadian Museum of Nature for their special exhibition of "[Butterflies in Flight](#)" that runs until Saturday January 4th for a some fun family activities in Ottawa. Take a break from the winter weather with a world of brilliant, live butterflies—back by popular demand! Experience the beauty of nature up close as these delicate creatures soar freely in the Solarium. A warm tropical paradise welcomes dozens of new pupae from Costa Rica and the Philippines every week.

Hit the Ice

With many [outdoor rink options](#) throughout the Ottawa area some of our favourites are the [Rink of Dreams](#) located at City Hall, Lansdowne behind the Aberdeen Pavillion and [The Little Penguin Trail](#) in Gatineau which is a beautiful 5.5km+ skating trail through the golf course.

Other

[Hockey Canadahttps://www.hockeycanada.ca › men2025 IIHF World Junior Hockey Championship | 2024-25 National ...](https://www.hockeycanada.ca › men2025 IIHF World Junior Hockey Championship | 2024-25 National ...)
<https://www.ottawachristmasmarket.com>
<https://ottawatourism.ca/en/ottawa-insider/holiday-season-events-ottawa>

Christmas light map

https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1M0bIKkb1u_p6qgMq1bRrWmxM1k604bUY&ll=45.29567138430265%2C-75.8961464&z=12

10. CSPA report

- October meeting
 - enrolment is going up in the Board
 - Looking at 3 new schools (not here, elsewhere)
 - Board can provide backpacks w 'Read-alouds' - outdoor learning
 - List for PRO possibilities
- Parent council constitution - even it hasn't been reviewed in 3-5 years - should be
 - Action items:
 - Kate to send out copy of constitution (January)
 - Add to February agenda - will anyone want to bring any motions - if so can follow procedures as per voting, notice, etc

11. Centre Forest

- a. See above

12. Winter Ball

- a. Kerry - its on track
- b. Pizza booked
- c. Need lights - looking for clear
- d. Kelly will do balloon arch
- e. Date = January 17 w back up date

13. McDonald's night

- a. Natalka not here
- b. Can we do one in the Spring too - put to February agenda
- c. Rosie to look into possible event at "Law and Order"
- d. Action Items:
 - i. "Law and Order" night - put to January agenda
 - ii. McDonald's night – put to February agenda

14. PIC / PRO Grants

- a. Nothing this year

15. Spirit Wear

- a. Store is open
- b. Open year around
- c. Toques still to come bc need to get embroidery stencil
- d. Get 15% kickback

16. Yearbook

- a. Tiered pricing - yes

- b. First wave \$30 - put out in Feb - deadline April 1
- c. Second tier \$40 - April 1- May 24 weekend
- d. Last minute purchase = \$45

Additional Folders for KI to make

- e. Choir
- f. Volleyball
- g. Luv 2 Groove
- h. Clubs - get list from Principal's report
- i. Eco club

17. Other

OTHER

- Elephant sale
 - Action item: add to October agenda next year
- Subway - need someone to print labels for first week of January and then drop them off to Subway
 - First day back for Subway is January 9
 - Kate will print labels and someone will get them to Subway (by Burger King)
 - get file from Kellie-Anne

End of meeting 8:41 pm