

St. Philip School Council – February 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes (APPROVED)

Agenda Item	Discussion/Action Taken	Person(s) Responsible
Welcome	• Call to order at 6:31pm	Kelly Cochrane
Opening Prayer & Land Acknowledgement	Land Acknowledgement Prayer	Kelly Cochrane
Approval of Minutes and Agenda	• Minutes approved	Kelly Cochrane Heather Gordon
Principal Report	• Report cards out Thursday, February 13 in the parent portal. French pathways letter to all grade 3 and 6 will come out soon to choose core French or immersion for grades 4-6. All details will be outlined. Educators available to discuss. • February Black History Month has started. February 26 is the School Council event. Some classes have signed up to research notable Black Canadians. Whole school BHM bingo. Equity advisor coming to next staff meeting to speak about addressing racism - specifically use of N word. Presentation from last year about N word will be offered again this year. • February 26 also is the Twin Flames field trip for grade 4-6. Info will be posted on the Facebook page. Permission slips coming out soon. \$6.50 per person. • Luv2groove will be April 28 - May 2. • Scientists in the school push out to teachers to get signed up. • Indigenous education. Classes creating land acknowledgements. Teachers lunch and learn session to practice, process, some already	Julie Fortier & Yolanda Gaiarsa

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	working. Also getting Indigenous education space in the corner of the learning commons. • Want to use parish hall for June 20th for grade 6 leaving ceremony. Ms Fortier will reach out to Father Bob and Deacon Louis know. • Met with Father Bob and Deacon Louis about using church property during the school transition during construction. Could start as early as summer. Earlier than originally planned.	
Teacher Report	• Report cards come out this week. • afternoon announcements - a lot of focus on recycling. Blue bins. • kinder - booking scientists in the school. last year only virtual. some in person this year. • 100th day of school on Wednesday; grade 1s celebrated today. • Reminder to teachers to let us know if they have requests. Now is a good time - after report cards, 100 days of school. • Teachers are considering running a Tennis session. Seeking some funding from Council. • \$2,000 still left in budget for clubs.	Kristin Harcoff & Brittanie Goodfellow
Financial Report	• Some outstanding cheques. CSPA has been cashed. Will be working on HST rebate submission. • Requesting additional funding for BHM event as items that are generally donated for other events are not easily accessible for this event (i.e. cultural food). Council usually allocates \$1000 for new events, however the committee is looking for \$500-800 additional funds to cover the costs of the event. Funding could be leveraged from unused teacher funds and other categories of funding (i.e. some of the art music initiatives would still fall within the theme). Open to all to participate. Parents are donating some things. **Vote	Oreoluwa Okunlola

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	approved to reallocate \$700 from remaining educator support initiative funds to the BHM event.	
CSPA	- Meeting took place January 29. Focused on math literacy and EQAO preparation. EQAO: - Visit eqao.com for info, practice, and sample test, and tips for parents - EQAO math night for parents & guardians Feb 20 2025. Webinar. Register here: https://eqao.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_5puRqI8uQJyplaHgBYoBMw#/registration EQAO's online practice test aligns with literacy skills found in The Ontario Curriculum across many subject areas. The practice test helps students prepare for the OSSLT by simulating the live testing experience. Encourage your child to try out the practice test! https://www.eqao.com/the-assessments/osslt/#practice Below is the "new" Math at Home website for families: https://mathathome.ocsb.ca/home Learn about Ontario's elementary math curriculum for Grades 1 to 8. https://www.ontario.ca/page/math-curriculum-grades-1-8 Parents are asked to fill out a quick one question survey: https://ocsb.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5vqIG6Xn7ODu8se	Kelly Cochrane
Parish Rep Report	First Reconciliation for Grade 2s happened last weekend.	Heather Gordon

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	- Bingo night on February 15th hosted by the Ladies' Auxiliary.. - Parish breakfast on February 23rd with Knights of Columbus raffle. By donation only. - Still no date for Confirmation. Usually around Pentecost. Likely targeting end of May or beginning of June. Always a Friday night and Saturday night at 7pm.	
Community Rep Report	- Check the link in the newsletter. - Spring baseball registration coming up. - Jock river race registration open. - Richmond Library hours updated - open later.	Sarah Prince
Committee Leads	Black History Month event: - February 26: food, stories, DJ, catered food, families can dance with friends. Thinking of a prize. (committee voted yes for allocating \$700 leftover from teacher allocations to help cover costs for food and supplies). Will be better promoted in the school to the students. Creating more buzz. - Council would like to know how many classes are interested in bringing art pieces into the gym for the event. Student participation is key to getting families to come out. - Council is requesting help to set up that afternoon. Science Fair: - Catholic education week is the week of May 5. Science fair will be Wednesday May 7. May need more tables. Sarah will send a link. Fun Fair: - Need leads for funfair. Volunteers are also welcome also, but really need a lead. Little Caesars fundraiser:	Oge Nwachukwu Sarah Prince

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	• Pizza fundraiser. Mr Da Silva's class is leading. This coming Monday is the last day to order. Church pick up. Spring flower fundraiser • Flower fundraiser will run through April. Pick up May 9.	Michelle McIver Julie Demers
New Business	N/A	
Adjournment	• Next meeting March 17, 2025 • Meeting Adjourned 8:01pm	Michelle McIver