

Holy Cross School Parent Council Meeting

Date	Monday, January 12th, 2026
Attendees	Tracy Murray, Principal Michelle Costisella, Teacher Representative Jennifer Nasrallah, Valerie May, Joanne Domingo, Graeme Bruce, Kaitlin Stuart, Madeleine Thurston, Jenn Czerneda, Natalia Amiel, Karen Clark
Regrets	Jason Lang, Maria Popovic, Gen Lebreton
Minutes	Valerie May

Topic	<u>Discussion/Action</u>
Land Acknowledgement and Prayer	
Principal's Report - Tracy Murray	Retirement announcement: After a wonderful career and many years of dedicated service at the OCSB, Claudia Davidson has announced her retirement as of January 31st, 2026. Angel tree: Thank you to the School Council and our generous school community. Holy Cross was able to provide extra support to 17 families in our OCSB community. White Elephant sale: Success! The students had a wonderful time and the volunteers did a great job. OCSB Student Census information: - Students in grades 4-12 may participate in the survey themselves, while parents of students in grades K to 3 are invited to complete the survey on their child's behalf. - Parents of students K to 3 will receive a link to the census in their email on February 24th - For students in grades 4 to 12, a link will be sent during a designated time period in class between February 24th and March 13th - Participation is entirely voluntary and all questions on the survey are optional. - For students in grades 4-12, parents may complete an opt-out form that will be available from February 2-13. - It is private, no talking during the survey and it is confidential, not anonymous. Name and pupil number are associated with their student information, which links it to academic measure. Data is encrypted and stored in a cloud based environment, accessible to

	items that are not picked up by the beginning of February, we will be donating to St. Vincent de Paul.
CSPA Update	Upcoming CSPA presentations: 1. January's general meeting - Wednesday Jan 28th - virtual - to learn about the new system principal roles and the OCSB student census. There will be an interactive portion: how parents can support math fluency. 2. A repeat virtual parent session with the author of "The Family Smartphone Guide: Navigating Physical, Mental, and Legal Challenges in a Digital World" - Thursday Jan 29 Links to register are in the newsletter
New Business a. Budget	New food fundraising sessions to be posted in School Cash 1. Subway 2. Booster Juice 3. Kernels popcorn
b. School Events i. Movie Night	Goal: Community & fun! • Thursday January 29th • Set-up at 5:30, Doors open at 6:00, 6:30 movie starts • 3 movies for the kids to vote from: The Emoji movie, Sing 2 or Despicable Me 3 • Madeleine will provide the projector and computer • Agree to rent a speaker from Long & Mcquade - \$55/day • Need volunteers - Jenn will coordinate - Caneteen: need 5 teens to set-up and run it. Need volunteers to tear down.
ii. Spring Fling	Planned for Thursday June 4th. Rain day TBD • Jenn will book the BBQ & Bouncy Castles • Rent cotton candy machine • Face painters from St.Pats? • Henna artists • Discuss again next meeting
iii. Multicultural Night	Thursday, March 12th • Discussed adding a Google form in the message on the newsletter for parents to sign up to say what they are bringing. If folks don't want to bring food we can advertise a donation. • Bite size tastings for 30-40 samples • Need to create posters to advertise • Need volunteers for serving food • Joanne will reach out to the same groups as last year ○ They had a cost of ~ \$500
iv. Ottawa 67s Game	Saturday March 7th 3PM Minimum amount of tickets is negotiable: buy a package of tickets for \$20 each, and sell for \$25 Jennifer Czerneda is going to help with the ticket form Flyers to be sent home - note in the newsletter

