



St. Gianna

Catholic School

St. Gianna Catholic School Parent Council Meeting

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Date: January 21, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: St. Gianna Catholic School – Library (Virtual Option Available)

Attendance

- Jonathan
- Nora
- Jaime
- Sophia
- Sid
- Lulu
- Luis (new member)
- Lu Wang
- Jaime

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

- **Principal Hogg & Vice-Principal Nora Gallagher**
 - Call to Order
 - Land Acknowledgement and Opening Prayer
 - Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

2. Principal's Updates

Parking Concerns:

- Parents raised concerns regarding drop-off and pick-up.
- Information shared in the newsletter; Council asked to share on the Facebook page.

- Principal cannot enforce parking rules; reminders will continue.
- Exploring bus drop-off location at the front of the school.
- Parents encouraged to park on one side of the street to ensure child safety.

Snow Day Food Orders:

- First snow day resulted in cancelled pizza orders.
- Future cancellations will include reminders to parents.
- Lunchbox vendors should be contacted directly; accounts will be credited.
- Pizza days will be rescheduled.

Reading Assessment – January 28:

- Staff conduct reading assessments three times per year.
- SK and Grade 1 students evaluated using Accandiaen Reading Screening.
- Results will appear on the June report card.

Report Cards – February 11:

- Grade 3 and 6 parents decide on immersion pathways for their children.
- Report cards will be posted in the parent portal.

Sports Updates:

- Boys Badminton Tournament: January 21
- Girls Badminton Tournament: January 28 (Ms. Ray and Mr. Lesperance)

Other Key Dates:

- PD Day (teacher evaluation and planning): January 30
- Family Event: February 16
- Ski Trips: February 25 & March 5

3. Council Updates & Discussion Items

- **New Parent Member:**
 - Candidate introduced
 - Motion and vote conducted

4. Finance Report

- Overview of current budget, available funds, and recent expenses.
- Upcoming financial considerations discussed.
- Detailed information previously shared via email.
- Closing balance noted.

5. Planning & Discussion

Paint Night (Jaime):

- Proposed date: March 25 (or close to)
- Budget and next steps discussed

Movie Night:

- Timing, location, equipment, licensing, and volunteer needs reviewed
- Likely will not proceed this year

Dance-a-thon – February 20:

- Lu Wang to help with setup
- Jaime to send volunteer request via St. Gianna unofficial WhatsApp group
- Luis to be added to WhatsApp group

Bake Sale – March 8 (tentative):

- Fundraising goals and volunteer coordination discussed

End-of-Year BBQ – May 28 (Jaime):

- Initial planning, budget, logistics, and volunteer roles discussed
- Vendors/items: Ice Cream Merry Dairy, Beaver Tail, Pizza Atlantica, St. FX volunteers, Mini Donuts
- Lu to contact friend for additional support
- Option to coordinate with Manotick Public School

School Yearbook (Sophia):

- Status update
- Support needed from parents

6. New Business & Closing

- Open discussion and parent suggestions welcomed
- Luis to be added to WhatsApp group
- Next meeting confirmed: February 18
- Closing remarks and thank you