

Holy Redeemer School

parent council

15 DECEMBER 2025 / 6:30 -8:30 pm / Staff room

Participants

Principal Gautreau, Vice-principal McFarlane, Megan Mills, Virginia Le Bihan, Emily Senft, Erin Stead, Deirdre Waud, Stephanie Park, Andrea Osomi, Dwayne Naipaul, Marie , teacher rep Tammy Kirk, Andrew

Order of business

***Land acknowledgement and prayer**

***Updates & Reports**

a. Principal

- Hosted two floorball tournaments
- crafts day
- student from Holy Trinity came to dance with grade 1 and 2 students for a couple of days
- 3 advent liturgies
- xmas movie afternoon; Arthur's Christmas
- snow : mixed blessing
- Zach from the hazeldean starbucks for treats for teachers.

EQAO : results

very good junior students results

tests done in May-June

paper based in Grade 3 might be helpful, to put more thought into it

mathematics is quite low provincially, but holy redeemer is doing great things here . for instance: U fly from K to Gr 2. , jump, timetable rockstars.

Language program: Story champs : storytelling skills.

Literacy: the writing revolution, explicit writing instructions (recipe on how to write a paragraph)

> technology use : on Dec 5th PD day, the sentiment shared at the parent council (AKA too much tech) was shared to the teachers. Re-emphasizing no tech during free time, highlighting the benefit of pen and paper over screen, more supervision when tech use.

Something to revisit in the new year: use digital tool purposefully, monitor cumulative time on screens, regulate

Junior grades and AI: mindful of developing your own skills, and not relying too much on it.

Mister Caron has set up a chat bot for kids' questions.

Generating images

accuracy is a concern

NYT articles : AI becomes friendly and gives bad advice

Samaritan on the digital road, media literacy

Technology has been a priority of the board for a long time.

tightening down humanely so the kids don't work around the safety measures.

Xmas concert coming up on Dec 17th with two showtimes: K-6 @9 am , Gr1-6 @12:30 am

Xmas shopping day will not take place this year as Patty Moss who ran it is still absent, but will be replaced by a Xmas Crafts Day on Dec 12th.

> Cars blocking the sidewalk in front of the school (on McCurdy drive) , lack of shoveling on the sidewalks this year (on the city side), shoveling done by the school is outstanding.

NO PARKING ON MCCURDY!!! PLEASE MIND THE PEDESTRIANS !!! LITTLE ONES ARE HARD TO SEE !

b. Treasurer

OCT 1378,75

CURRENT BANK BALANCE \$ 6, 978, 97

c. Parish Rep

Advent season - Holy redeemer Catholic church

Dec 17th Advent penance service @ 7 pm

Dec 21st Neighbourhood christmas caroling 2-4pm

Dec 24th christmas eve mass, multiple services: 4 pm, 7 pm, 9 pm, midnight (with incense)

Dec 25th Christmas day mass: 9 and 11 am

Mary mother of God Dec 31 @ 5pm or Jan 1st 9 am and 11 am

Rock youth group for Grade 6 Kathy Cost 6:30 on Friday at the church

d. CSPA

> striking student mental health and well being data (intermediate and high school students)

16 % report feeling worried all the time (3% rise)

37 % having a hard time falling asleep (4% rise)

49% feeling very stressed about doing well in school (4% rise)

11% report feeling sad all the time (steady)

> Collaboration within a tiered system of support

Tier 1 (80-90%) universal support for all students

Tier 2 (5-10%) targeted support for some students who are at risk

Tier 3 (1-5%) individualized support for the few students with intensive and persistent challenges.

> Concern with absenteeism - individual factors

> refusal behavior tool

> If parents are looking for support outside of school, they or their child/youth can visit www.1call1click.ca. It's an initiative of Kids Come First (of whom the host organization is CHEO), the school boards also being collaborative partners. *You can call or click and be connected with an intake worker who will guide and refer you to the services that will best meet your needs. It provides a bit of a one-stop shop for mental health, addictions, substance use, neurodevelopment support, which avoids families having to search out the right services on their own.*

> one stop talk hotline available provincially (for parents or caregivers) to get strategies to be helpful to

> integrating social and emotional intelligence to mathematics skill

> reinforce communication between school and parents to make the absentees feel included.

> identifying when to make the call (helpful process put in place by the board)

e. Teacher

nothing new.

all hands on xmas deck.

4. New Business/Debriefs

Constitution -

to be finalized and read over by all members in order to officialize it at the next meeting
pushed to january.

BBQ Planning updates -

inflatables to be paid for in January

2 food trucks confirmed: mexican and fries

zoo crew all booked

Amazon Wishlists -

would get very complicated to make through the school amazon account

teachers would feel awkward expressing their needs to the parents.

amazon, dollarama, chapter gift cards ?

what sort of things : most needed items?

class gift + teacher gift

elfster ? secret santa kinda style

>class resources vs consumables

Round table:

> bullying, what policies does the school have in place ?

ways to deal with it depends on age of the child,

repeated bullying, the response will evolve and change.

bring the parent in,

if things are escalating

talk it out, strategies: inform the duty teacher, did you walk away (bubble, personal space),

lunchbunch for ongoing issues

“known offenders” worried about reporting bullies, easier to just take it.

3 supervisors only at recess for 300 students and lot happening at recess. + $\frac{3}{4}$ educational assistants.

concern from parents about what happens in the schoolyard.

it shouldn't always be on the kids to find a getaway strategy.