



St. Dominic Catholic School Council Minutes

January 8, 2025



Voting Council Members (2024-2025)					
Name	Attend	Regrets	Name	Attend	Regrets
Natasha Kovar, Co-Chair	X		Marlene Black, Parent Member	X	
Michelle Pellicori, Co-Chair	X		Tamara Parkes, Parent Member	Online	
Brittany Janco, Treasurer	X		Vicki Lefkaditis-Said, Parent Member	X	
Gia D'souza, Secretary	X		Jennifer Downard, Parent Member	X	
Cam Hyginus, OAPCE Rep	Online		Danielle Crnkovic, Parent Member		X
Anastasia Lata, Parish Rep		X	Stephanie Pinto-Martins, Parent Member	X	
Jessica Penim, Community Rep		X	Kasia Stoklosa, Parent Member		X
			Hasdhy Maciel, Parent Member	X	
			Shadia Bascom, Parent Member	Online	
Principal, Teacher Reps, Non-Teacher Reps and Trustee					
Name	Attend	Regrets	Name	Attend	Regrets
L. Mundy, Principal	X		Mario Pascucci, Trustee	Online	
D. Frigo, Teacher Rep		X	J. Kalynowsky, Non-teacher Rep	Online	
D. Paterson, Teacher Rep		X			
A. Hewitt, Teacher Rep		X			
Non-Voting Members and Guests					
Name (In-Person)			Name (Online)		
Chantelle Tersigni Sonia Priano Maria Garofalo			Michelle Dalisay Heather Amendoeira Lauren Muszynski Diana Frigo Gerry Villapando		
Agenda Items				Action Item	
1. Call to Order and Attendance – Natasha Kovar				None	
2. Opening Prayer – Natasha Kovar				None	
3. Land Acknowledgement – Michelle Pellicori				None	
4. Approval of Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion to approve January 8 Agenda by Gia D. Second by Marlene B. Agenda approved 				None	
5. Approval of Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion to approve November 6 Minutes by Stephanie P. Second by Marlene B. Minutes approved 				None	
6. Trustee's Report - Mario Pascucci <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Pascucci responded to the questions posed at the previous Parents Council Meeting (see minutes from November 6, 2024). If any parents have follow-up questions they can connect with the principal, L. Mundy, directly. 				None	

<p>7. Parish Report – Anastasia Lata (submitted notes read by Natasha K.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A retreat will be held for First Communion candidates on Jan 25 @ 10am or 12pm • First Reconciliation will be celebrated on Feb 1, between 10-12pm by appointment only • Confirmation information and registration session will take place Sat Jan 25 @ 2pm • The St. Dom Catholic's Mom's Group will hold their next meetings on Jan 21 and Feb 28 @ 7pm in the parish hall. Mothers of all ages are welcome. • The parish's second Family Dinner Dance will be held on Feb 1 after the 5pm mass. The evening will include a full course meal, raffle and DJ. Tickets are \$50 for adults, \$25 for kids. Proceeds will go towards the parking lot repairs. 	None
<p>8. Treasurer's Report – Brittany Janco</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school made approximately \$733 from the Cobb's Bread fundraiser (78 cards were sold) • During the Christmas Movie night Council sold snacks, as a mini fundraiser. We sold out of all items available. Proceeds will be reflected on the December financial report. • Council has \$2,897 available after committed funds 	None
<p>9. Principal's Report – Laurie Mundy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A fire drill took place on Nov 8. There are 3 more scheduled for the spring. • A lockdown practice is planned for February • Progress reports will be issued November 12. Interviews will be held on November 14. • Grade 7/8 classes attended the St. Paul high school Open House on November 13 • Students in SK to grade 2 classes were screened for reading competency on November 15 • Bullying prevention week started November 18 • Earth Rangers presentations took place in the school thanks to the Eco team • Dental screening will take place on November 19 for grades: JK/SK 2,4,7 • A Parent Engagement Event took place on November 19. Many thanks to the school council for organizing. • Intermediate Boys Volleyball team advanced to the second round. Congratulations to the team and thanks to our teacher coaches. • Virtue assembly was held in November. Congratulations to our winners. • Safety audit walk was conducted. Volunteers made safety improvement suggestions to the organizer from Peel Region. • Santa visited the school. Thank you to Mr. Claus as well as our parent volunteers. • Photo retakes took place on December 2. Following up on parent concerns expressed at the last meeting, it was clarified that only 1 child was wearing a coat during their photos. PARENT COMMENT: The new vendor supplied a free printed class photo to families which was very appreciated. • The superintendent came to visit our school on December 4 • Pioneer Village class trip took place for grades 2/3. Thank you to teachers who organized. • Week of December 9 was Christmas Spirit Week • Advent mass was held on December 10 • Rosary apostolate took place on December 12. Thank you to Mrs. Hyginus and Mrs. Lata • Grades 6,7,8 classes were invited to Christmas play at St. Paul's • All classes participated in our Christmas concert which took place the week before Christmas Break • Virtue assembly was held on December 19 • Welcome back to Mrs. Somers – part time • PD day scheduled for January 20 • Term 2 begins Jan 31 • Hearing and Seeing Clinic (opt in) changed to Feb 10 and 11; \$20 fee • Book fair will begin February 10 • Reports will be issued February 11 and interviews will be scheduled Feb 13 + 14 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs. Mundy confirmed that we already have two of the books on the OAPCE book list. We can consider buying some of the other books on the list (source from Amazon US, St. Josephs); Catholic Education week books are another option <p>PARENT QUESTION: Is the board encouraging the school to use data from the literacy screener?</p> <p>ANSWER: Staff have been trained on the data. The school is in the process of helping the teachers learn how to use the data.</p> <p>PARENT QUESTION: Is there a plan in place to help the students that were flagged by the screener?</p> <p>ANSWER: Yes. The school has access to Empower and Lexia which can be used by select students that need to strengthen their reading skills. The programs can be geared to the level of the child. Mid-term assessment will be given to students that didn't meet expected standards.</p> <p>PARENT QUESTION: What reading programs are being used by our teachers?</p> <p>ANSWER: Accadience and UFLY are being used. It is the expectation that these programs are being used in the classroom for Kindergarten to grade 2.</p> <p>PARENT QUESTION: For the Lexia program – how are parents made aware that this is an option to them? Does the password change with the administrator?</p> <p>ANSWER: The teacher chooses which children would benefit most from using Lexia. A letter is sent home with login information for those children.</p> <p>PARENT QUESTION: Is there any way to improve the letters that were sent home for children that were flagged by the Acadia reading screenings?</p> <p>ANSWER: The letters that were sent home are standardized by the Board. Any feedback on the letter should be directed to the Board.</p> <p>PARENT QUESTION: When can parents expect that all staff will be fully using the UFLI reading program? Not all students are getting the benefit of it, and there is only a small window when the kids are most receptive to it.</p> <p>ANSWER: UFLI is occurring in all classrooms K-2.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs. Mundy indicated that she is looking at purchasing decodables within the school. She also said she was happy to continue the discussion regarding literacy at next meeting. 	<p>Mrs. Mundy to send names of book titles to Council Chairs</p>
<p>10. Community Report – Jessica Penim</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report 	
<p>11. Chair Report – Natasha Kovar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent engagement event had a great turn-out (110 parents/kids). Feedback from the event: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 19 survey respondents; vast majority said presentation was very valuable Values to focus on for future events: trust, believe and thrive Suggested other speakers: Chris Bray, Karl Subban, MTCLife Training for council – meetings were held for all positions. Recordings of meeting are posted on board website. Movie night was held on December 9. We raised a small amount of money. The event featured the movie The Star. Feedback from the event: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 survey respondents; Both parents and kids found the event valuable Suggestions for future events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spring/summer outdoor fun fair (BBQ, games, bouncy castle etc.) Bingo Night Outdoor summer movie night 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Anything that would allow parents to be inside interacting with students and educators ▪ Family event focused around our Catholic faith ○ Parent Comment: future events that help families build relationships with teachers would be valuable, though we have to ensure this doesn't devolve into parents grilling teachers with questions • Cobbs Bread fundraiser: 78 cards sold. It would be beneficial for us to do this again next year. • FlipGive – The campaign is still open. Gia will update the flyer to encourage families to participate. Close to \$500 raised so far. Thanks Cam who has raised a significant amount! • Swag wear <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The online store will open Jan 20 – Feb 21. Delivery will be approx. 2-3 weeks after store closes. ○ \$1 from every order will go back to the school ○ All payment will be made directly through the vendor's website ○ We had samples on display at our events – lots of interest and excitement • Big Box Fundraising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$35 per box; \$11 profit per box sold goes to school ○ Launching in early February – payments via school cash online • Pancake Tuesday event will be held on March 4. Cam H. was able to secure our pancake mix at a great price. This year we also have option for kids with allergies/intolerances. Volunteers needed – please notify chairs if you are able to help. 	<p>Gia to update the Flipgive flyer and send to Chairs.</p>
<p>12. Central Committee for Catholic School Councils (CCCSC) Report – Natasha Kovar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Meeting is scheduled for February 3 • A feasibility study was done to install AC across all schools. The cost would be \$35-\$45M and it would be completed over 15-20 years. • Twice a year the Board is required to report student population to Ministry. For our Board, as of Oct 2024 we had a slight decrease in elementary and slight increase in secondary students. • A list of approved presenters for parent engagement events has been circulated. The Committee will be voting at next meeting for next events. • Special Education – newly appointed rep. They are working to roll out support for Special Olympics. • Entry planning evening event for students with differing abilities - in person (Jan 16 at St. Marcellinus) or virtual Jan 20 7-8pm; for students new to the board as of Sept 2025 	
<p>13. OAPCE Update – Cam Hyginus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newsletter shared in December included resources for advent and Christmas; reminder of the importance of sharing with those in need. • This year is a jubilee year – opening of the jubilee year by Pope Frances on Dec 24; Every 25 years church has a special milestone – Pope declared it a year of hope; Parents encouraged to build on this within your families • Recording of Bishop's advent event on OAPCE website • Parent volunteer recognition event held • First regional meeting of OAPCE in Niagara • Reminder to designate property taxes towards separate school board 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nurturing faith in our families – from toddlers to teenagers; OAPCE encourages families to keep faith alive within the home • Books – 2 titles mentioned – Cam will forward titles to Mrs. Mundy • Family & Faith Zone – resources on the website for nurturing prayer life in the family <p>PARENT QUESTION: When is the next OAPCE conference?</p> <p>ANSWER: Cam will find out.</p>	
<p>14. Action Items Follow-up</p> <p>Discussion on Fundraising/Allocation of Funds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't have sufficient numbers of members for voting. This topic will be discussed at the March meeting. • Requests from staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Grade 8 hoodies ○ Pancake Tuesday event ○ Outdoor recess bags ○ Student/staff appreciation event – plan and discuss at meeting in March ○ Scientist in the Classroom - \$3200 JK – gr8 ○ Additional jerseys ○ Books ○ Items for library – larger soft seating (ie. couch) 	
<p>15. Future Meeting Dates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday, March 19, 2025 @ 6:30pm • Wednesday, May 7, 2025 @ 6:30pm • Wednesday, June 4, 2025 @ 6:30pm 	

Meeting Adjourned At: 8:40 pm

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Gia D.

Second: Vicki L.