



**FATHER C.W. SULLIVAN CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

"God, friends and learning"

**Father C.W. Sullivan Catholic  
School Council  
Meeting Minutes  
March 27, 2024  
6:30pm to 7:30pm**

**Attendees:** Aneta Bojarowicz, Renalee Bongolan, Anthony Fairclough, Diane Melo, Sandra Rea, Susy Santos, Rosa Smith, Amanda Stevanato, and Maeghan Turner

**1. Welcome & Introductions**

**2. Opening Prayer**

Dear Lord, Guide our hearts and our minds in the spirit of fairness, right thought and speech. Impart your supreme wisdom upon our activities so that our affairs may reach a successful conclusion. Thank you for being our source of guidance today. Amen

**3. Approval of Minutes** – January 31, 2024 motion to approve by Maeghan Turner and seconded by Amanda Stevanato

**4. Treasurer's Report** – Diane Melo

- CSC balance is \$ 7, 127.68 as of February 29<sup>th</sup> 2024
- School generated fund is \$9, 584.92

**5. Principal Report and Update** – Ms. Rea

**Highlights and Updates...**

- **Faith:**

- Lenten Mass – March 22 at 10:30 AM led by Father Joel – Special presentation by Arlene from Sharelife – Olene winner of Sharelife poster contest – Plaques given to Olene and School
- Our Virtue Program continues monthly in the school and students are acknowledged monthly. March 29 @ 1:00 pm Kindness organized by Gianforcaro and Putt.
- Sacramental Dates – All posted on school website and newsletter

- **School Activities:**

- March Newsletter** has been distributed via email, hard copy, and it is on the school website

**A. Catholic Education Week –**



The theme chosen for the upcoming 2024 Catholic Education Week is:

**Catholic Education: *We are called to love***

Catholic Education Week is held each year in May in our 29 Ontario Catholic school boards. It will run from May 5 – May 10, 2024.

The theme for Catholic Education Week 2024, *We are called to love*, was inspired by the following considerations:

- With joyful anticipation of the Jubilee Year of 2025, we are inspired by Pope Francis announcing the theme of *“Pilgrims of Hope.”* With open hearts of love, we can continue to *“fan the flame of hope”* for a bright future.
- On the fifth anniversary of Renewing the Promise, we celebrate that Catholic Education is centred on our Christian call to love. This love permeates how we live in the world and as we act with love, we build a better future. As Pope Francis stated in 2023, *“He wants us to be artisans of a new history, weavers of hope, builders of the future, peacemakers.”*
- The theme of the synod, *“Enlarge the Space of Your Tent,”* invites us to listen in love, to be a healing presence to one another and to strengthen relationships.
- In his visit to Canada last summer, Pope Francis gave us hope for our continued work for Truth and Reconciliation. Through prayer and a commitment to love, stronger bonds are forming, and a new way forward is emerging.
- Catholic Education Week comes at the same time as Mental Health Awareness Week. Through love and compassion, we continue to support each other’s wellbeing. God is love and we are always called to live out this love.
- In our continued work for Equity and Inclusion in Catholic schools, a focus on love reminds us that all God’s children are loved unconditionally.

The sub-themes for Catholic Education Week 2024 are as follows:

Monday: **As people of hope / Dans l’espérance**  
Tuesday: **As people of faith / Dans la foi**  
Wednesday: **As people of mercy / Avec compassion**  
Thursday: **As people of justice / Dans la justice**  
Friday: **As people of joy / Dans la joie**

**Overall Theme Prayer for Catholic Education Week 2024**

**Catholic Education Week Prayer**

God who is love,  
Love is our calling, and the goal for which you have made us.  
As we celebrate Catholic Education Week,  
may our love in action reveal to our world  
that we are people of justice and mercy.  
May our daily words and example show clearly  
that we are people of faith and hope.  
In the ways we reflect you daily,  
may everyone recognize us as people of joy.  
Help us to never forget how much you love us,  
and to cherish your life within us,  
which gives energy and direction to our loving.  
May we hear your call to love generously and inclusively,  
and may we call our world to be more loving also.  
All of this we ask in the name of Jesus, our Friend and our Lord.  
Amen.

**During this week our families are invited to visit classrooms to witness a variety of classroom activities.**

**May 5 – May 10, 2024...*We Are Called To Love*...**

During Catholic Education Week we will be running a variety of school and classroom activities. **Our scheduled activities include...**

**May 6 – May 10 – Scholastic Book Fair at Sullivan**

**May 7, 8, and 9 – X-movement at Sullivan**

**May 9 @ 6:00 pm – 7:15 pm – Journey into Learning evening event**

**Wednesday May 8 @ 12:45 pm**

**~Ms. Ianno Gr. 6/7 Class**

Students will engage in prayer, read the story "I'm a saint in the making" & design a piece of art that highlights their chosen saint. It could be their patron saint, the patron saint of their parish or their favourite saint. This will be followed by a reflection with guided questions.

**Wednesday May 8 @ 12:45 pm**

**~Mrs. Somma and Mr. McDonald's Gr. 7/8 Classes**

Using Shel Silverstein's book, *The Giving Tree* as a focal point, families are invited to participate in a student - led liturgy, read aloud, and art activity focusing on the themes of love and mercy.

**Thursday May 9 @ 8:30 am**

**~ Mrs. Gianforcaro and Mrs. Foulds FDK Classes**

Students will be leading the school in O' Canada during morning announcements, singing in English and French. Parents are invited to come to their child's FDK class to watch and participate. Our classes will watch and listen via our Google Saints Google Classroom.

**Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.**

**~Mrs. Da Cunha Gr. 3/4 Class & Mrs. Toste Lourence Gr. 4/5 Class**

Students will be engaged in a Recorder performance.

**Thursday May 9 @ 12:30 pm**

**~Mrs. Franco Gr. 5/6 Class**

Students will be making "All Saints Votive Candle Holders"

**Friday May 10 @ 9:30 am**

**~Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Punde, Mrs. Barretto, Mrs. Santos Classes**

Our Primary Division will be joining together in the gym and Snuggling up to Read! Students and families will listen to stories describing how our faith helps us to make loving choices through our actions and words.

**EQAO**

**Primary Division and Junior Division**

**Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics**

Education Quality and  
Accountability Office



**Test**

**Administration**

**Dates** May 8 – June 12, 2024, with Individual Student Results reported by the end of September 2024.

**EQAO Assessments Reminder:**

The grade 3 and 6 EQAO assessments measure how well students have met the expectations in the Ontario Curriculum. The assessments test what students know and how well they apply their knowledge and skills in reading, writing and mathematics. Students are required to read and respond to passages, to write and to solve mathematical problems. The results are reported in terms of achievement from levels 1– 4 with level 3 as the standard. The window for EQAO assessments of all grades 3 and 6 students has been established for **May 8 to June 12, 2024**. Please keep this important time frame in mind when you are planning family trips or appointments. It is important that all grade 3 and 6 students be in attendance for the assessments.

Grade 3 tentative dates...May 27 to May 30, 2024

Grade 6 tentative dates...June 3 to June 7, 2024

Make up dates...June 11 – 12, 2024

-Math update...

-Sarah Chisholme, our Math Facilitator, continues to support our grade 4/5 and 5/6 classes with our math goals

-Jeanette Kastoris, Math Academic Consultant, who supported our school last year, continues to support this year, with 2 days

-Brampton West Family of Schools involved in Math Professional Learning Communities. Math Days provides support for our grade 2 and 5 teachers.



Thank you to our generous Father C. W. Sullivan community for all your contributions to our ShareLife campaign this year. Your contributions will go a long way to serving those most in need. During our ShareLife Spirit Week (March 18 - 22), a total of \$505.20 was raised for ShareLife through Spirit Week Donations and Cookie Sales. Congratulations to everyone on a successful campaign!

A special thank you to Mrs. Gianforcaro for leading our Share Life school campaign this year.

-Grade 8 Graduation – June 24<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm in the school gym

-Grad Luncheon – June 25<sup>th</sup> @11:30 – 3pm in the school gym

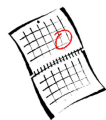
-Kindergarten celebration – June 21<sup>st</sup>

-Budget

-School Generated Funds as of Feb 29 - \$9584.52

-CSC as of Feb 29 - \$7127.68

**Future CSC Meeting Dates are** May 29, 2024 @ 6:30 pm



### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

April 1

Easter Monday

April 4

Graduation Photos

April 8

P.A. Day – no school for students

April 18

Terra Cotta Cookies delivered

May 5 – 10

Catholic Education Week – “We Are Called To Love”

May 7, 8, 9	X-movement back at Sullivan
May 9	Journey into Learning Night @ 6:00 pm
May 20	Victoria Day
May 22	Indigenous Speaker presentation
June 10	P.A. Day – no school for students
June 25	Report Cards sent home.
June 28	Last Day of School

## **6. New Business:**

- Journey into learning
  - To set up a parent council table to recruit and encourage more parents to join
  - To make flyers and sign up sheet
- Play Day
  - June 26th
  - Rain day is June 27<sup>th</sup>
- Another meal option for the children
  - Mackay's beef patties (to look into)
- Update on terra Cotta cookies:
  - Delivery on April 18 at 10am
  - Distribution to be changed to 3:30 – 4:30pm.

## **7. Closing Prayer:**

Thank you God, for the time we had to discuss issues and make decisions. May you bless each person who took the time to gather here today and let your hand of protection be on them throughout the rest of the week. Let the work be done here tonight come to fruition, and let it all be for your glory. Amen

## **Meeting Adjourned**

***Thank you for your time and dedication to school council and its initiatives.***

## **8. Adjournment**

Motion to Adjourn –Maeghan Turner