



FATHER C.W. SULLIVAN CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

"God, friends and learning"

**Father C.W. Sullivan Catholic
School Council
Meeting Minutes
January 31, 2024
6:30pm to 7:30pm**

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

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 – November 29, 2023, motion to approve by Amanda Stevanato and seconded by Aneta Bojarowicz

4. Treasurer's Report – Diane Melo

- CSC balance is \$ 8,262.56 as of December 31, 2023
- School generated fund is \$8,032.01

5. Principal Report and Update – Ms. Rea

Highlights and Updates...

• **Faith:**

- Father Suresh Xavier celebrated our Advent Mass with us on December 20...thank you to our community for joining us and for your support with our Social Justice Initiatives including, our Angel Tree and Food Drive
- December Virtual Assembly on Hope organized by Mrs. Franco and Mrs. Pritchard was beautiful...all names continue to be posted in our monthly newsletter.
- Virtual assembly on Hope was Jan 26 @ 9:30 am, organized by Mrs. Giacomini, another touching presentation.
- Our Christmas Concerts in December were amazing! As was our Christmas Door decorating contest. True examples of all the wonderful work and talent of our staff and students.

A big congratulations to Olene who won first place in the 16th Annual Sharelife Poster Contest. Thank you for inspiring us, all!

*ShareLife will be at our Lenten Mass on March 22 @ 10:30 am to present her with a plaque.
Superintendent Peel will also be here with us on that day.*



- **School Activities**

-Reminder – Scientists-in-the-school program has been completed at Sullivan. All classes have accessed their free sessions.

-Scholastic Book Fair in December was a success – thank you to Mrs. Pritchard...she is planning another one during Catholic Education Week

- Jan 16 @ 9:30 am – Whole school presentation in gym by Giselle Gaylie, Relationship with Self, and the Virtue of Love – Beautiful!

-Jan 17 - GreenLearning Canada Presentation – organized by our ECO TEAM (Franco, Pritchard, Giacomini)

-Dreams for Peace – Feb 14 - 2 presenters...

-2 presentations (K - 3 – 30 minutes, grade 4 – 8 – 60 minutes)

-Cost - \$1100.00

-CSC to cover cost

-Topics...Well-being, inclusion, equity, community celebrating diversity and bringing us together...kindness, love, etc...

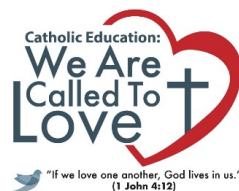
-Indigenous presenter...May 22, 2024

A Mohawk culture and Lacrosse presentation from one of our community contacts named Dallas from Six Nations. Dallas (Turtle Clan, Six Nations) has been visiting schools (about 35 so far) this year and last. Dallas runs Onkwehonwe Games. He runs sessions for grades 4-8. Each session is approximately 40-45 mins. Dallas speaks about Mohawk culture and then students play some Mohawk Games and finish off with Lacrosse. Teaching students the basics in terms of passing, catching, and loose ball skills. Dallas talks quite a bit about the land and hopes to care for it. Dallas is from Six Nations, a local community, and provides enriching education regarding local Indigenous peoples. He provides a great mix of culture and games.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Graduation Photo Day is April 4th, 2024.

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.
Class activities will be posted on the newsletter with date and time and teachers will invite families.**

Other CEW activities

- May 7, 8, 9 – X-movement @ Sullivan JK- grade 8
- May 9 – Journey into Learning Night @ 6:00-7:15 pm.
- Book Fair

Coming Up...

-Report Cards sent home February 13, Interview Evening February 15, Feb 16 – P.A. Day

Goals...

-paving of grounds this summer,
-after paving, new painted pavement with games
-Fundraiser – <https://www.freshfromfarm.ca/About.aspx>, recipes in a jar
-Mats for the Gym

Budget...

-school generated funds as of December 31, 2023 - \$8032.01
-CSC as of December 31, 2023 - \$8262.56

Other...

-Mrs. Putt has been on leave effective January 8th, 2024, a new LTO has been hired, Mrs. Foulds who has worked at Sullivan in past. Smooth transition.
-Please join me in congratulating Mrs. Giacomini, who will be moving to St. Lucy, in our Brampton West Family of Schools in a permanent position. Mrs. Giacomini's last day will be February 2, 2024. We wish Mrs. Giacomini all the best as she journeys on. Continued blessings to Mrs. Giacomini. As a result, we will be hiring a new Long Term Occasional Teacher over the next couple of days for the grade 6/7 class. Alanna...well-deserved!!! Your new school community is blessed to have you!!!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan 16	Relationship with Self and the Virtue of Love Presentation by Giselle Gaylie
Jan 17	GreenLearning Canada Presentation
Jan 22	P.A. Day – no school for students
Feb 1	Hearing & Vision Screening Clinic
Feb 13	Report Cards sent home.
Feb 14	@testamentpeace presentation
Feb 15	Interview evening
Feb 16	P.A. Day – no school for students
Feb 19	Family Day
March 11 – 15	Mid-Winter Break
March 21, 22, 25	Dental Screening (JK, SK, 2, 4, 6, 8)
March 29	Good Friday

April 1	Easter Monday
April 4	Graduation Photos
April 8	P.A. Day – no school for students
May 5 – 10	Catholic Education Week – “We Are Called To Love”
May 7, 8, 9	X-movement at Sullivan
May 9	Journey into Learning Night @ 6 PM
May 20	Victoria Day
June 10	P.A. Day – no school for students
June 25	Report Cards sent home.
June 28	Last Day of School

6. New Business:

- Possible lunch options for the kids:
 - Beef Patties – (Ms. Santos to look into it)
 - Subway – Thank you Mrs. Stevanato for looking into the pricing.
4 inch for \$3.75, 6 inch for \$4.50 and foot long for \$7.50
- Spring Fundraiser
 - Fresh from the farm, recipes in a jar
 - Terra Cotta Cookies – Mrs. Bojarowicz to look into when we can get started and get more information.
- Indigenous Art – if council would be interested in purchasing some art for the school.
 - School would already be getting one for free.
- New mats for the gym – all voted yes to purchase new ones.

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