



## FATHER C.W. SULLIVAN CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

"God, friends and learning"

**Father C.W. Sullivan Catholic  
School Council  
Meeting Minutes  
November 29<sup>th</sup> 2023  
6:30pm to 7:30pm**

**Attendees:** Aneta Bojarowicz, Renalee Bongolan, Anthony Fairclough, Diane Melo, Sandra Rea, Susy Santos, Rosa Smith, Amanda Stevanato & 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 – September 28, 2023, motion to approve by Diane Melo and seconded by Amanda Stevanato

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

- CSC balance is \$ 8,535.11 as of November 30, 2023
- Money raised for the chocolate fundraiser \$7,273.40
- \$385.62 – Profit from Harvey's

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

#### Highlights and Updates

- **Faith:**

- Our September, October, November Virtue Certificates have been handed out and student names were posted on our monthly newsletters and virtual school assemblies. Our Virtual Virtue Assemblies continue...
- School Wide Opening Mass was held on October 3 @ 10:30 am. It was led by Father Joel from St. Anne Parish
- Father Joel has taken a sabbatical for 6 months and will not be returning to St. Anne Parish. Our new Pastor is Fr. Suresh Xavier from a parish in Mississauga (Merciful Redeemer). (Dec 1<sup>st</sup> start)
- Our Remembrance Day Assembly...thank you to Mr. Fairclough for the touching tribute

#### School Masses...

Celebration	Date
Opening School Mass	October 3, 2023 @ 10:30 am
Advent School Mass	December 20, 2023 @ 10:30 am
Lenten Mass	March 22, 2024 @ 10:30 am
Year End Mass	June 14, 2024 @ 10:30 am

**Sacramental Meetings/Dates... (posted on newsletters and school website)**

**Parent's Meeting/Registration Day for First Holy Communion** – Sept 20 @ 7:00 pm at Parish

**Parent's Meeting/Registration Day for Confirmation** – Sept 21 @ 7:00 pm at Parish

**First Communion Classes** – Sept 25, Oct 16, Nov 13, Jan 22, March 18, April 15 @ 6:15 pm – 7:15 pm @ Parish

**Confirmation Classes** – Oct 3, Nov 7, Nov 28, Feb 6, April 9, April 30 @ 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm @ Parish

**Reception of the Cross Mass** – Dec 2 @ 5:00 pm @ Parish

**Advent School Confessions** – Dec 13 @ 9:30 am – 11:30 am @ Sullivan

**First Confession** – Feb 21 @ 7:00 pm @ Parish

**Communion Retreats** – Feb 22 @ 7:00 pm (Parents only) @ Parish / April 27 @ 10:30 am (Candidates only) @ Parish

**Confirmation Retreats** – Feb 29 @ 7:00 pm (Parents only) @ Parish / May 11 @ 10:30 am (Candidates only) @ Parish

**Sacrament of Holy Eucharist/Communion** - TBA

**Confirmation Rehearsal** - TBA

**Confirmation Day** – TBA

**School Goals ...**

**Catholic School Learning Team (CSLT) –**

Primary – Santos

Junior – Franco

Intermediate – Somma

Resource – Fairclough

FSL – Goodridge

Principal - Rea

Math Supports – Identified Priority School

- Math Facilitator – Sarah Chisholme (8:30 am – 3:00 pm)
- Grade 6 – focus
- 2-week cycle of support, all year
- Math manipulatives & Technology

Math Academic Consultant – Jeanette Kastoris here Nov 14 with grade 1 and grade 3 staff looking at Math Core Resources and Digital Math Tools and Technology...she will be back again in Term 2

Once again, we are a Ministry Targeted School this school year.

Literacy Lead Teacher – possibly coming - TBD.

**Some history on our school goals...**

**Two years ago (2021-2022) ...School Goals – focused on...**

-Mathematics, New Curriculum – Coding across the Grades

-Well-Being

**9 High Impact Strategies...monitor for impact...**

- **Learning Goals, Success Criteria, and Descriptive Feedback**
- **Direct Instruction**
- **Problem-Solving Tasks and Experiences**
- **Teaching about Problem Solving**
- **Tools and Representation**
- **Math Conversations**
- **Small-Group Instruction**
- **Deliberate Practice**
- **Flexible Groupings**

**Equity Continuum Tenets...**

- **Classroom Climate and Instruction**
- **School Climate**

- **Student Voice and Space**
- **Culture of Professional Development**

#### **Last year (2022 – 2023) ... School Goals, School Plan –**

Sullivan continues to be a Ministry Targeted school, hence the support we are receiving from Jeanette and the Literacy Lead teacher already mentioned.

Our focus will continue to be on **Small Group Instruction** across Literacy and Numeracy along with an explicit focus on **Descriptive Feedback**, which you are all doing already. As well as continuing to focus on **Classroom Climate and Instruction**, which came from the data on the Equity Continuum Survey from last year,

In addition, specifically in Mathematics, we will focus on... (from Focusing on the Fundamentals of Math)

**-Developing mental math skills:** doing calculations in the mind, with little or no use of paper and pencil or calculator

**-Developing proficiency with operations:** performing calculations with ease, precision, and consistency and with a general understanding of number and operations, number properties, and their appropriate application in problem solving

**-Problem Solving**

**School Goals for this school year (2023-2024) ... Rea attended Board Learning Symposium on November 3, 2023, and with Catholic School Learning Team and Staff input we developed our Catholic School Improvement Learning Cycle (CSILC). Math continues to be a major focus.... see attached...**

**EQAO Results...2022-2023 – See Attached...**

**Results from last year are in and individual student reports have been sent home to families of grade 3 and 6.**

#### **EQAO Principal Meeting...**

##### **Some EQAO Research on Math Skills...**

- While student achievement across skill categories is highly correlated, Application is the skill that is critical across all grades.
- This skill represents the largest proportion of skill items on the primary, junior, and Grade 9 EQAO math assessments

##### **Some EQAO Research on Math Strands...**

- Although learning across the mathematics strands is interconnected, specific strands were highly associated with achieving curriculum expectation, as measured by EQAO in each of the three assessment years:
- Number is the strand that is most critical in Grade 3 and is foundational across all grades
- Number and Algebra are both key to meeting curriculum expectations in Grade 6
- Algebra is most critical to success in Grade 9

##### **Also...**

- Application is the critical skill to achieve level 3 or 4
- All strands and skills are correlated to one another

#### **EQAO - Primary- and Junior-Division Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics**

Wednesday, May 8, 2024, to Wednesday, June 12, 2024, with Individual Student Results reported by the end of September 2024.

**-Grade 3 and 6 Teachers will be setting dates for their assessments during this window.**

#### **Upcoming Presentations ...**

- Brave Education –October 18 – Grade 1 – 8 – Healthy Boundaries
- X-movement booked for CEW – May 7, 8, 9 – day sessions with students.
- Babarinde – Drumming – Feb 2024

- Indigenous Speaker – Lisa Pritchard will be booking (Library).
- Region of Peel Water and Wastewater Workshops – grade 2 and 8 – Nov 14
- -Presentations with Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Centre for Holocaust Studies (Virtual and Free of Charge)  
Workshop Descriptions and below are the dates, titles of workshops selected, and grades.  
Friday, November 17: Lessons and Legacies x 3, (Grade 6, 7, 8)  
Monday, November 20: Heroes Among Us x 2(Grade 4 and 5)  
Tuesday, November 21: Digital Citizenship x 3 (Grade 3, 4, 5)  
Wednesday, November 29: Digital Citizenship x 1 (Grade 6)
- January 17, 2024 – Green Learning – 12:45 pm – 1:45 pm for all grades (free)
- Feb 14, 2024, booked - Testament @testamentpeace – People Everywhere Actually Co-Existing Equally (artist, speaker, performer, facilitator) dreamsforpeace.com

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

-Cost - \$900.00 plus HST for one presenter, \$1300.00 for 2 presenters

-Asking CSC to cover cost...which package.

#### Update:

- Spirit Wear
- Gyms Mats (Santos)
- Fundraiser ideas... <https://www.freshfromfarm.ca/About.aspx>
- Kinder area
- Tree planting along the field perimeter complete.
- School grounds paving (this summer)
- Technology – 1- Chromebooks ordered to supplement our complement as many have been decommissioned. (10 units @\$424.22 each plus \$15.00 annual maintenance fee) – School covered the cost.

#### Budget:

-School Generated Funds as of November 28, 2023 - approximately \$ 4621.71

-CSC Funds as of November 28, 2023 – approximately \$6500.00

#### Wish List...

-Presentations cover cost

-FDK t-shirts for Christmas concert for us to keep at school – about \$300.00



#### **ADVENT SEASON**

Our Advent Season will begin on the first Sunday of Advent, December 3, 2023, and ends on December 24, 2023. We will celebrate the Advent Season with a Mass on December 20, 2023 @ 10:30 am. We hope you can join us! This year we will continue our Charitable Drives, which include:

Angel Tree

Century 21



#### **CHRISTMAS Activities:**

**Annual Christmas Door Decorating Contest**

**Christmas Concert** during the day.... Dec 15 (FDK) @ 9 AM.

**Christmas Concert** during the day.... Dec 15 (grade 1 – 8) @ 1:00 PM.

**Other –**

- Dec 8 @ 6:30 pm – Movie Night at Sullivan ... planning
- Dec 4 – 8 - Scholastic Book Fair
- Scholastic Book Fair during CEW (May 5 – 10)

**Future CSC Meeting Dates are:** All are warmly welcome to attend.

January 31, 2024 @ 6:30 pm

March 27, 2024 @ 6:30 pm

May 29, 2024 @ 6:30 pm

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Dec 25 – Jan 5	Christmas Break
Jan 22	P.A. Day – no school for students
Feb 13	Report Cards sent home.
Feb 15	Interview evening
Feb 16	P.A. Day – no school for students
Feb 19	Family Day
March 11 – 15	Mid-Winter Break
March 29	Good Friday
April 1	Easter Monday
April 4	Graduation Photos
May 17	P.A. Day – no school for students
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:**

- Schedule for Harvey's Lunch
  - sign up sheet for availabilities to hand out Harvey's
- Christmas door contest
- Thoughts on school trip
  - Rose Theatre, to look into what's playing that the kids may be interested in
  - To look into what events are available locally
- Fresh to Table, additional lunch option for the children
  - Subway
  - Lunch mom

**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