

On Fire with the Spirit
Awaken - Illuminate - Rejoice



Catholic Education Week Prayer

Hope is our calling, O Lord, and the destination of our pilgrim journeys. As we mark this Jubilee Year of hope, keep our eyes focused on Jesus, and on the hope he reveals to us. All our hope is in you, O God, in the name of Jesus our Lord and companion. Amen.

March 19, 2025

Members Present: Lorie Sorger-Needham, Mary Earle, Lori-Lynn Stapleton, Jenna Becker, Stacie Mathonia, April Eilers, Melanie Levinson, Mary Haberer, Alysha Overholt, Chloe V., Nigel V., Josie Webster

Opening Prayer led by April Eilers

1. Business arising from minutes:

-Communication: (topic arose from the Faye Murray presentation, as information did not reach everyone). More communication and different formats (weekly memo, messenger, facebook page, direct emails and flyers sent home in backpacks)

-Ball diamond : do we want to go ahead and order gravel and organize parent volunteers to prep base and make it decent? (\$500)

- Scrape down was is already there
 - Level it out and repaint lines
 - Discussion is still to be had about bases?

-Bibles: no printed version of the catholic adventure bible. Jen-did you get a chance to discuss with Monique about the correct one from years past? April asked Monique, and she purchased past Bibles from Walmart in the States. She has sent April a similar one.

- Bibles approx. \$19 each

- Stem Resources:: suggestions from teachers what they could benefit from (gears, electronic components, lego, magnifying glasses, hammers /nails, screws /drivers, or other) Did staff give any input at the staff meeting of what they would like to see?

-Lego drive? - saw it in the weekly memo once, any response? should we advertise more for this?

- Mary E. advised only the Duplo Lego was brought in the last time it was posted in the weekly memo. Not a lot came in so it was given to Peer Pals to use
- LoriLynn addressed the Lego board at the March 19, 2025 staff meeting. Staff agreed to use the \$1000 to be used for the Lego wall (thinking one central wall - library?)
- Melanie L. to make up poster to advertise for Lego donations from community (Brand name Lego only)
 - Can be placed at the Post Office, Good Neighbours, Blessings, etc.

- Parents can purchase gently used Lego online (Marketplace, Kijiji) and donate to the school but school is not allowed

2. Old Business

- **Spirit wear:** offered Dunnys order this fall- how did it go?

Melanie talked to Scott at McLeans prices very similar, talked to Mary and we compared with Dunnys, a bit cheaper for some items. McLeans does school link to online store which means parents/staff can order anytime and they print/embroider in store so pick up usually within the week! Offer more items like cinch bags, ball caps etc. Scott away this week on vacation but should hear back next week when it will be set up to review

- Feedback from people who purchased from Dunnys - Good quality hoodies
- Mary advised 16 orders (families not single items) were purchased
- McLeans - Scott at McLeans is going to speak with Mel next week about our school's clothing website. Mel to provide an update at next CSAC meeting
 - Does printing right in store (local - Exeter)
 - Discussed keeping school's clothing website open all year round (can order on a whim)
- Vote: Spirit wear to be purchased via Dunny's or McLeans
 - McLeans = Motioned by Jenna Becker, Second Josie Webster

- **Food Days:** Godfathers VS Dominos results? Keep DQ or no?

- Dominos wins voting (LoriLynn went class to class to get opinions/votes)
- Dominos does charge \$15 delivery fee - CSAC member to see if Dominos is up to discussion about waving fee
- DQ: Mary advised there is about 4-5 students from each class that don't order DQ
 - Students seem to really enjoy DQ days
 - Keep DQ days?: always depends on if we have a volunteer to pick up orders
 - For now - Mary always has someone who responds to the weekly memo about being able to pick up DQ orders

- **Grade 8 Grad:** Discuss the potential of grade 7 parents and students decorating for graduation. How do we initiate this?

-bake sale to cover composite, the meal, and the extra decorations

- Grade 7 parent group had questions - What is the budget? Is there a stash of decor somewhere? Any leftover decor from previous years that can be used?
- Given \$150 budget
- Prayer service/Mass will be done at the church, diplomas/awards will be given out at the school's gym
- There will be no meal this year - cake will be given out instead
- Looking at pushing graduation start time till 6pm
- LoriLynn to set up meeting with Father Tony to discuss details of graduation evening

- **Music program potential** -, storage, band aid grant, - April looking into this: applications

now open, deadline Dec. 3, recipients notified in Spring. Can check in with church about storage in future (father is open to discuss) need to check in with Ms. Cook now she's back.

- April looking into Band Aid Grant
 - Across Canada Grant
 - Up to \$20,000 for the purchase of instruments, equipment and resources
 - They base it off of who is in need of the grant the most

- School gets a discount through Long and McQuade Music Store
- Normally board pays for rental/purchases of instruments
- Caroline Thuss - Art Director at school board (see if she can put it in the budget)
 - Mel and April with the help of LoriLynn - draft letter to the board explaining St. Boniface's need of an instrumental program in the school
- Another portable ?? - can be sound proofed, temperature controlled, etc.
 - Music room would stay in portable - students would come/go from portable instead of bringing instruments/equipment into classrooms
- **Skating:**
 - Mayor Klopp spoke with Lori Lynn- council will not charge for skating this year!

Did it get used much? Next year can we plan a school wide fun day? with skating for all grades younger in AM and older in PM and parent volunteers to accommodate the adult /child requirements on ice for the teachers who don't wish to skate. And CSAC /parent volunteers will provide Pancake Lunch (can do it for xmas spirit day with hot chocolate /candy canes AND for shrove tuesday) This will also meet the safe food prep, and kitchen space issues using the arena's kitchen facility.
- LoriLynn not sure if council will continue no charge for skating again next year
 - Jenna advised the no charge will continue - "Council does not have the discussion on the docket and will continue the no charge skating for the school"
- Arena contract with school - certain amount of time given to school per month to use hall in arena - free of charge (April to see if she can find the contract again)
- Shrove Tuesday
 - Denver from the Municipality advised someone with their Safe Food Handling certificate must be on the arena premises at all times
 - Discuss with CWL to see if they would be interested in doing/helping out with pancakes?
 - Was also mentioned pairing/partnering up with Good Neighbours
 - We will revisit this topic again in the fall
- Discussed booking Shrove Tuesday ahead of time at the arena

3. Financial report - Stacie:

Total \$ raised as of March 19: \$1516.02

(\$151.60 per class or \$100/class for STEM materials with \$500 for ball diamond?)

Grad costs are usually around \$1000 so we need to make over \$1000 on Bake Sale at Play to cover costs of Grad. or use the \$ now for Grad costs and determine STEM amount after Play \$ raised.

Item/Fundraiser	Debit	Credit	Purpose
Open House - cookies/juice	\$137.70	-	Hospitality/Meet the educators/partnership (use extra Grad \$ to cover costs)
Dieleman fall fundraiser Receive 30% on gifts/food and 45% on gift wrap	No expenses	292.70 School's profit	Purchase STEM learning materials for classes and bibles

Rheo Thompson		\$1,008.32 School's profit	Purchase STEM learning materials for classes Bibles
Lily's Love - natural products (we receive 25% of funds raised) - November/December		215.00 School's profit	Purchase Children's bibles/STEM or lining of tarmac
School Play Bake Sale	Costs about \$1000 For Graduation Cover costs of open house (\$200)	Anticipate raising \$1200	Cover costs of Graduation support for 19 Grads - composite/meal/decorations (school pays up to \$200 and CSAC can cover additional up to \$200) but we are keeping inventory stored for future years \$200 Open house cookies Sell coffee/chips/chocolate
Gr. 7/8 trip - mini-fundraisers for 7/8 students with other classes to help raise funds to minimize costs	students to work and raise \$150 themselves		Teacher doesn't deem as necessary,
Winter fundraiser - January to March break 50/50 draw - Stacie M to complete lottery license and get help from Jocelyn Klopp - Rafflebox 50/50	See below		School yard improvements...i.e. Ball diamond (grating/lining); lining of tarmac for basketball...; more trees (all dependent on \$ raised)
Parish BBQ at our Open House/Meet the teacher?	Other ideas for next year: Online Auction Purdy's chocolate Mitchell soup company Elmira chicken, metzgers Rheo Thompson full; Skating & Shrove Tues.		

Opening Balance \$3336.16

Debits \$4852.84

Credits \$3031.90

Current Balance \$1515.22

- **\$1000 for Lego Wall**
- **April calculated \$300-\$400 for bibles**

50/50 draw: Stacie looked into this - our big fundraiser for the year was to be an online 50/50 via "rafflebox" an online registered site. I began the license application on

Nov 4 and was met with resistance from the board- they would not give myself, Mary Earle, or Lori Lynn the Information needed to complete the application. The application would take 6 months to process as well.

- Goderich and Holy Name have online Auctions each year
 - April and Mel to ask/get details at next CPIC meeting

4. Principal Report:

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- \$3500 still left in school generated fund (school to give to CSAC to use)
 - a. United Way, Advent Angel Tree, St. Andre Bessette Trust Fund
 - a. Bordenball - April 30, Basketball - March 25, 2-Pitch - School T&F on May 9 - contact Heather G if interested in helping out (System day June 10)
 - b. SIPSA goals - RE, early literacy, numeracy, equity/inclusivity/anti-racism (EIAR) - Junior math #s are low across board
 - i. OCGE's, Umbrella skills, pastoral plan, Blazing the Trail - sign/refresh Fr. Matt prayer garden - \$5000 from board will be used to revamp Father Matt's Prayer Garden (parish will also be using it in the summer months)
 - c. Thanks to parents for picking up food orders - DQ
 - d. CATYO - 22 students (Mary confirmed 22 JK students have been enrolled for the Fall)
 - e. Thanks for candy canes
 - f. Christmas concert
 - g. School purchased volleyball posts & drums
 - h. St. Anne's band performance
 - i. Skating - status-quo this year
 - j. School Play - April 30, May 1 & 2 (2nd is a PD day)
 - k. No book fair or STEM fair this year
 - l. Sleeping Children Around the World - Lenten Almsgiving - Mary to open on School Cash Online for families to make donations to purchase bed kits
 - m. SABTF Trivia Nite - April 3 at the Barn - if interested, \$20 per person. RSVP to LoriLynn asap if wanting to attend
 - n. April 10 - Leroy Hibbert - equity - Gr. 5-8 in AM and parent night at PBS @ 6 PM - poster to come - School paid \$500 for Leroy to come
 - o. Coaching to Inclusion conference - TRACKS & Peer Pals - April 10 - LL, Lorie, Katie, Jess B & kids - Tara Dykstra leading
 - p. EQAO - end of May, prep - attendance is important
 - q. Graduation - Wed. June 18 (Gr. 7 parents decorate); Looks like Prayer/awards/cake in Gym - 18 graduates this year
 - r. Sacrament of the Eucharist - retreat next weekend - Grade 2 students. One date this year? LoriLynn to discuss with Father and get back to parents

Next meeting April 16, 2025 - Next meeting to be held May 14, 2025 instead**

5. New Business:

- * Email address in the last parent memo to a GMAIL? Why not board server?
Gmail is our board server, we are not Microsoft anymore
 - School does NOT have a gmail account - mistake was made on weekly memo
- * Play bake sale, possible other fundraiser since 50/50 is out? We can only do what we have on our fundraising plan since Nov. so we can repeat
 - Can only do what is on our fundraising plan but LoriLynn to ask about doing Easter chocolate/Mother's Day chocolate
- * Banding together performance opportunity. Banding Together is for instrumental program schools
 - Justine Cook reached out - Students could partner with Mount Carmel this year, however, the date does not work for the students

due to the play

* Track and field: do the teachers want parent help organizing and implementing? May 9 - [contact Heather George is interested in helping that day](#)

- [Parents with Police Check are always more than welcome to help out](#)

*Basketball lines paint and soccer lines: parent volunteers or should we provide materials and the gr 8s or staff do them?

- [Students can't do the painting](#)
- [Mel quoted \\$82.85 each for paint](#)
 - [Borrow paint sprayer from construction workers, Municipality, etc.](#)
 - [Chloe to check with her contacts](#)

*update from CPIC meeting: Mental Health funding, communication to families, fundraisers, parish-school connections, EQAO support

- [Mel and April will be attending the CPIC meeting next week \(will have a report to give about details next CSAC meeting\)](#)

*Before/After school no longer being provided at St. Boniface- does this mean no addition? Needs assessment going out on Mar. 1 (already happen?) regarding Before/After school care. The school board would still have to find a provider, but this is the first step in seeing the scope of what is needed. School Board

- [Before/after school care to stop at St. Boniface at the end of the school year](#)
 - [Reasons given: not enough enrolment or staff](#)
- [Board is looking for other partnerships](#)

Upcoming:

- [Talent show at arena?](#)
 - [Usually takes place at the school in June](#)
- [End of year play day for whole school - June](#)
- [Discussed pushing back Open House to after 1st CSAC meeting of the year](#)
 - [Last years open house was Oct 11th](#)
 - [Have a sign up sheet for parents to sign up for different volunteer roles throughout the year](#)
- [Watering trees](#)
 - [No students - disrupted instructional time \(need a supervisor at all times\)](#)
 - [Community volunteer? 300-400ft of hose to pull \(School has all equipment for the person to use\)](#)

Meeting Finished

- [Adjourned by Jenna Becker, Second Stacie Mathonia](#)

NOTES: - FOLLOW-UP FOR NEXT MEETING

Next meeting - Reminder:

Parent Memo - CSAC to post here. All members to be part of a school email/sub-committees

CSAC Meeting dates (4/year)
