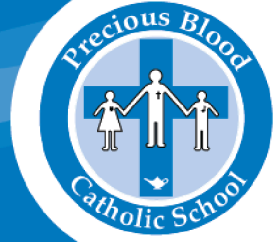




PRECIOUS BLOOD

CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Catholic School Advisory Council Minutes

February 4, 2025 - 5:30 pm

Participants: Heather Becker, Jayme Lamoureux, Jessica Bickell, Heather Dickins, Kass Ferguson, Amy Wilhelm, Rhonda Regier

Regrets: Sarah Sadler, Caroline Hill

Welcome, Prayer

Lord,

In the midst of Winter, when the days are cold and wind can pierce
..... remind us of the warmth of your love.

In the midst of Winter, when days are short, dawn comes late, and dusk arrives early
..... remind us that in the darkness your light still shines.

In the midst of Winter, when the flowers of spring still lie hidden in the earth, when leaves are off the trees, and the world can seem bleak

..... remind us that Easter is but a short time away.

And when in our lives we feel as if we are experiencing a season of winter, reach out to us with the power of your resurrection so that we may feel the warmth of your love and see that your light alone can take away the darkness of our soul. Amen

Review of [Minutes Oct 7, 2024](#)

Principal Update

- Catholic Faith Formation Investment Plan
 - board is providing \$5000/elementary and \$10,000/secondary school
 - Feb 7 brainstorming options due
 - Feb 10 final approved menu of options available
 - Feb 17 deadline for funding application
 - May 9 all funds must be fully implemented
- Parent Reaching Out funds will be used for Leroy Hibbert to revisit the school for two student presentations (session one: gr 4/5 & 5/6 and session 2: gr 6/7 & 7/8) and a joint parent evening with Mt Carmel and St Boniface school communities on Thursday April 10

Grocery Tape Program - Sarah

- large bag of tallied receipts dropped off today

Healthy Food Program - Jess



- We are getting \$2700 this month from the government. It does need to be spent by the end of the year. Normally we would get \$600
- food items for Track and Field, play day in June, EQAO, Pancake Day (Shrove Tuesday), in addition to monthly fruit/veggies and healthy snacks in the office

Spaghetti Dinner Planning

- extend invitation to broader parish community
- hold in church hall so can use kitchen and perhaps help from CWL
- possible use of grant funds
- tickets purchased through SchoolCash, community members could use QR code provided by board for payment or credit/debit machine at door so no cash sales (machine provided by board)
- need to ensure that we have enough volunteers to make sure this event can happen day of and night of the event
- Treasure table

***Hold off on spaghetti dinner until next year. Hold another spring BBQ with grant funds instead. Look into May 6th-8th. We need to see when the church is available. Rhonda will find out when church is available. We can create a Google Doc for volunteer sign up to help out the night of (cooking, serving, clearing tables, etc). An email will go out to families about signing up. They can then email Amy. Amy will look after the Google Doc sign-up.**

Sub committee: Amy, Jayme, Jess, Heather B and Rhonda. Hold a meeting on Monday, March 3rd @9:30am.

Budget Update

- current council balance as of February 4, 2025 is \$3010.16

Fundraising Plan

- MacMillans
 - total profit \$2061.85
 - Run MacMillans again. Have pick-up April 3rd. Orders would have to be submitted by March 20th. Have an email to families, just about this fundraiser
- possibly look into doing a chocolate fundraiser for April

Possible Expenditures

- provide \$100-200 to each teacher to support field trips, guest speakers (14 teachers including itinerants and SERT = \$1400-2800)
- charging cart for Gr 5/6 - estimated \$2000, waiting for quote
- new shed and footings (estimated to be at least \$3000 if made by secondary students)

Approved Expenditures

- \$804 pizza for Open House
- \$317.28 for 2 portable soccer nets (hot lunch funds)
- Grad \$25/grad = \$25 x 24 = \$600 requested (new student so increased from \$575)
- stage skirting - \$2100 + HST=\$2373 (quote obtained by Caroline from Custom Covers - Wes Petch & Janice Brock)
- chess sets approx \$600 (hot lunch funds)

Next Meeting

- June TBD

