



## Our Lady of Providence Catholic School Council Minutes

55 Kent Rd. Brantford, Ontario

Monday, March 31, 2025

Library @ 6:30pm-7:30pm

**Members:** Kerri Chartrand (Principal), Karen DeGrandis (teacher representative), Karen Vitalis (teacher representative), Michelle Dreyer (Co-Chair), Josh Grant (Co-Chair), Christie Turcotte (Treasurer), Ashlee Sahota (Secretary), Julianna Weberman (RCPIC Representative), Megan DeFlippis, Ann Marie Lewis, Sarah Mann, Brianne Moar

**Absent/ Regrets:** Melissa Bond; Carleigh Sladecek; James Diamond, Lisa Jenereaux (teacher representative)

TOPIC	RESPONSIBILITY	NOTES
1. Welcome Land Acknowledgement Opening Prayer	Kerri	Opened with welcome, prayer and land acknowledgement.
2. Principal's Discussion Topics	Kerri	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Submitted the renewal project (for money and approval)</li><li>- Maintenance and kindergarten area<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• don't expect to hear back until closer to end of year</li><li>• kindergarten area is continuing to erode</li></ul></li><li>- Lunchbox vendors<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• wanted to send out a survey for vendors including cost</li><li>• uses certain vendors; could go with other with companies</li></ul></li><li>- Chess Club<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We have a chess club – Herman Cruz(sp). from St. George with Mrs. Jagger run this.</li><li>• Chess tournament at OLOP – Doing this at beginning of May, will have 10 schools – champions</li><li>• will have junior and intermediate tournament</li><li>• \$600 towards this by Lori Temple</li><li>• Chess Club occurs on day 3s</li></ul></li><li>- Celebration of the arts<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• every 3 years – we are going (grade 4 class and Wyatt Hall musician grade 7) – Tues 6th of May</li></ul></li><li>- Church and completion of sacraments<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Andrew helped with communications –</li></ul></li></ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Father Rafael is new and so is his assistant and bring faith to school – sings songs – school is advocating for school to be involved in communications vs directly with church – church wants people to attend more</li> </ul> <p>-Poster- N-Word</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kerri going into some classrooms with posters to talk to the kids and a letter for parents to inform them and encouraging them to have conversations at home</li> </ul>
3. Summary of Events	Michelle Kerri/Michelle Kerri	<p>Summary of Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shrove Tuesday/Pancake day went well.</li> <li>• Syrup was donated by the Tessier Family and McDonalds</li> <li>• Parking Lot - working in the parking lots for a couple weeks to manage (Brianne and Michelle) – pilons have helped, things are a lot better and safe</li> <li>• Map - send the map that was shared on Facebook as part of the announcements</li> <li>• Storage shed has been brought in for kindergarten area</li> <li>• Flowers sent to Henry family, gift basket and frozen foods from La Bottega</li> <li>• have a discussion in Sept about a standardized amount for these types of tragedies and set an amount</li> <li>• for outgoing staff who have been here a year on an LTO do we use funds from parent council – ok for those who have been here a while – otherwise staff donations</li> </ul>
4. Treasurers' Report	Christie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$10247 \$1952 balance \$10094.17?? – ask Christie for amounts</li> <li>• Christie asked what should be shared with council. It was agreed that totals are fine for the minutes</li> <li>• how much we have; what we've spent it on and how much remaining</li> </ul>
5. Nutrition Program/ Kitchen	Kerri/ Michelle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nutrition program ram wed and Fridays for now</li> <li>• had good discussions about who the snack program is for. It is not meant for every student, just those who need it, approx. 2/3 of enrollment</li> <li>• Snacks to get delivered by 8:30 to classrooms</li> <li>• Choosing items that don't need a lot of prep: muffins, carrots are pre-bagged, teachers paying attention to allergies, banana breads and apples, etc.</li> <li>• May need help with prep in future when other food items brought in</li> <li>• This is through Brant Food for Thought</li> <li>• We are the last one to enroll in the board</li> </ul>

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6. Gym Equipment	Karen	<p>Gym Equipment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• thanks for purchasing the equipment</li> <li>• at a standstill for jerseys – figuring things out.</li> <li>• Hoping to get about 60</li> <li>• adding to the weekly announcements any try-outs that are happening</li> </ul>
7. Graduation Boards	Michelle	<p>Grad Boards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need a Graduation Recognition Board – reg \$1750, 4'x8' black is \$2450</li> <li>• 17 rewards (rows) required</li> <li>• board approves spending up to \$2500 – good for 20 years (columns)</li> <li>• Michelle will see if there can be donations (this is on the current boards)</li> </ul>
8. RCPIC Update	Julianna	<p>RCPIC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can attach minutes</li> <li>• next meeting April 14 for online safety</li> <li>• May 7 Substance Use</li> <li>• May 14 substance use at home for youth</li> <li>• May 22 trends in students substance abuse</li> </ul>
9. Events	Michelle	<p>GGG – May 23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• organized a sign up for students and many signed up</li> <li>• discussed possibility of starting at 5 instead of 6:30 and having a food truck</li> <li>• What's the Scoop? And Deweys and Altitude Coffee – could have Wyatt perform for Glitz</li> </ul> <p>Canada Day Coupons</p> <p>ice cream doesn't appear to be nut free – Michelle will look into Canada Day</p>

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10. Kindergarten Orientation – June 11, 2025	Kerri/Michelle	<p>Kindergarten Orientation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• June 11 open house 4:30-5:30pm</li> <li>• council member with a pamphlet to solicit extra members and get contact info – Michelle and Juliana to attend</li> </ul>
11. Gardens	Michelle	<p>Gardens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michelle will be putting out a call.</li> <li>• Mrs DeGrandis' class will work in the gardens.</li> <li>• Clean up for Earth day</li> </ul>
12. Other Business - Next Meeting		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• June 2 for last parent council meeting – at the Sociable</li> <li>• Lilo and Stitch June 20 movie day</li> </ul>

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