



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

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <p>-Poster- N-Word</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
<p>3. Summary of Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shrove Tuesday - Parking Lot - Kindergarten Storage - Flowers 	Michelle Kerri/Michelle Kerri	<p>Summary of Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shrove Tuesday/Pancake day went well. Syrup was donated by the Tessier Family and McDonalds 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 Map - send the map that was shared on Facebook as part of the announcements Storage shed has been brought in for kindergarten area Flowers sent to Henry family, gift basket and frozen foods from La Bottega have a discussion in Sept about a standardized amount for these types of tragedies and set an amount 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
4. Treasurers' Report	Christie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$10247 \$1952 balance \$10094.17?? – ask Christie for amounts Christie asked what should be shared with council. It was agreed that totals are fine for the minutes how much we have; what we've spent it on and how much remaining
<p>5. Nutrition Program/ Kitchen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update on program - Kitchen Organization - Bins, Refrigerator, Dishwasher 	Kerri/ Michelle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nutrition program wed and Fridays for now 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 Snacks to get delivered by 8:30 to classrooms 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. May need help with prep in future when other food items brought in This is through Brant Food for Thought We are the last one to enroll in the board

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive a grant for it. Money based on enrollment. Reports required. Will need to apply yearly. <p>Kitchen org</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 boxes of stuff to donate • Many things are old or impractical • Fridge is old and temp is unreliable • \$1270+tax and removal for a new fridge from a board approved vendor • Brant Food for Thought can give money or buy it for us. Kerri will check into it • Needs 4-5 bins for kitchen storage upto \$50. A vote was taken and board approved. <p>Dishwasher Options</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 429+tax, 479+tax, nicer racks and quick wash \$499, ultimate \$649 quick 35min quick wash • holding off on this decision for now and will see what happens with the fridge first
6. Gym Equipment - Approved purchase through email - Jersey updates	Karen	<p>Gym Equipment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • thanks for purchasing the equipment • at a standstill for jerseys – figuring things out. • Hoping to get about 60 • adding to the weekly announcements any try-outs that are happening
7. Graduation Boards	Michelle	<p>Grad Boards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need a Graduation Recognition Board – reg \$1750, 4'x8' black is \$2450 • 17 rewards (rows) required • board approves spending up to \$2500 – good for 20 years (columns) • Michelle will see if there can be donations (this is on the current boards)
8. RCPIC Update	Julianna	<p>RCPIC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can attach minutes • next meeting April 14 for online safety • May 7 Substance Use • May 14 substance use at home for youth • May 22 trends in students substance abuse
9. Events - Glitz, Glam, Glow - Canada Day	Michelle	<p>GGG – May 23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • organized a sign up for students and many signed up • discussed possibility of starting at 5 instead of 6:30 and having a food truck • What's the Scoop? And Deweys and Altitude Coffee – could have Wyatt perform for Glitz <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	Kindergarten Orientation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 11 open house 4:30-5:30pm • council member with a pamphlet to solicit extra members and get contact info – Michelle and Juliana to attend
11. Gardens	Michelle	Gardens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michelle will be putting out a call. • Mrs DeGrandis' class will work in the gardens. • Clean up for Earth day
12. Other Business - Next Meeting		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 2 for last parent council meeting – at the Sociable • Lilo and Stitch June 20 movie day

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