

Blessed Sacrament Parent Council Meeting Minutes September 25^h, 2025

Attendees (IN PERSON): Mr. Finochio, Sarah Kloepper, Paula Purvis, Marcia Cronkwright, Nancy Spierenburg, Alina Olejniczak, Alisha Peters, Melissa Magda, Alicia Givens, Victoria Laurie, Susana Martins, Brooke Botting, Don Hamilton, Marcie Hensen

Regrets: Erin Smith, Kailey Keresturi, Zoey Heltner, Matt Hensen, Crystal Zdriluk, Jessica Vandyk

Welcome, land acknowledgment and opening prayer

Principal's Report: Welcomed members. Discussed council positions and who was interested in certain roles. This years Co-Chairs are Don Hamilton and Marcie Hensen. Secretary and Treasurer role still needed. Zoey Heltner as our Communications and Social Media Rep.

The school is at 13 classrooms with 280 students. We now have a full-time Child and Youth Worker.

The school septic will hopefully be done in summer of 2026. This will also hopefully even out the ground as well. Two portables arrived. The one portable placement affects the soccer field so school may need to adjust the soccer net/field layout.

There is a Board and Toronto Flag Football tournament scheduled for October 27th (Toronto), and October 28th (Board).

School chocolate bar fundraiser to start next week. Mr. Finochio mentioned they may move away from this fundraiser next year.

The school will be arranging a school play this year. This will start in January.

There will be a full audit happening in all schools this year.

The Optimist Club will likely not be able to do BBQ hot dogs for us going forward. Council has discussed purchasing our own BBQ for the school. Sarah K to look into prices as they may be on sale this time of year.

Father Andrew mentioned that the Church could really use a monetary donation from our school when we use their hall etc. Mr. Finochio will speak with Doreen at the hall and get an idea of how much we could offer as a school/council.

Teachers Report: Truth and Reconciliation will be the focus this coming week. Orange Shirt Day is September 30th. The school is also recognizing Terry Fox this Friday with a walk and showing support with crazy socks worn.

Ms. Purvis to look into cost for participating in an Intramural curling team. She will also look into cost for adding a GaGa Ball pit area for our school yard.

School had a donation of balls from a place called 'Free for Sport'.

The bins of recess equipment seem to be holding up well.

Melissa inquired if our school qualified for new playground equipment. Mr. Finocchio stated that ours did pass the board safety test. He will look into if we are able to request getting it replaced sooner vs later.

Financial Report: Bingo account: \$4,555.90 (STEM items haven't been purchased yet).
General account: \$4,278.83. (BBQ purchase to come).

Discussion Topics:

Fundraising Plans

Halloween Dance: Zoe to lead with Melissa. They will arrange a sub-committee for further planning. Date set for October 23rd or 24th at the Church hall.

Halloween Walk: Students will parade and show off their costumes around the Burford Community again this year. Sarah and Marcie will hand out letters to local businesses to remind them of this fun event.

Christmas Fundraising: Nancy to lead from Miles Flowers. We love supporting local. Discussed offering just a variety of Poinsettia's and maybe Christmas Cactus plants.

Other Christmas fundraiser ideas could be to also offer MacMillan's food and/or a craft vendor sale.

Christmas Lunch: Date set for December 18th. Sarah and Erin to lead and form a sub-committee.

Christmas Concert: December 19th.

Popcorn: This fundraiser does very well. Date TBD for January order, arrival for February. Sarah will talk with Erin for the contact information. Marcie and Matt Hensen offered to help sort once popcorn arrives.

Spring Events: TBD. Events such as Pancake Tuesday, a family bingo night, movie nights and new ideas for a large school raffle.

Next Meeting: October 16th @6pm.