



Kenora Catholic District School Board

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MINUTES OF MEETING

**Tuesday
June 1, 2021**

MEETING DATE:	Tuesday, June 1, 2021
LOCATION OF MEETING:	Microsoft Teams
SUBJECT OF MEETING:	School Parent Council Year-end Presentations
TIME OF MEETING:	5:00 PM – 6:05 PM

ATTENDED BY:

	ATTENDANCE	PERSON	TITLE
1.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Teresa Gallik	Trustee - Chair
2.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Paul Landry	Trustee – Vice Chair
3.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Anne Sweeney	Trustee
4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Frank Bastone	Trustee
5.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mike Favreau	Trustee
6.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jeffery White	Trustee
7.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Anne Sweeney	Trustee
8.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Vaughn Blab	Trustee
9.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Paul White	Director of Education
10.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alison Smith	Superintendent of Business Services
11.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trina Henley	Executive Assistant to the Director of Education and Communications Officer
12.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Randy Casey	NWHU, Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Member
13.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Corinna Glazier Leanne Eros Gianna Poltronetti	St. John School, Principal Parent Council Representative Parent Council Representative
14.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Hilary Aitken Janet Paulson Andrea Sachowski	École Ste-Marguerite Bourgeoys, Principal Parent Council Representative École Ste-Marguerite Bourgeoys, Vice Principal
15.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Maureen Frankcom Chrysti Savage	St. Louis School, Principal Parent Council Representative
16.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jamey Robertson Pam Carlson Mark Richards Jared Ralko	St. Isidore Virtual School Principal Parent Council Representative St Isidore High School Vice Principal St. Isidore Elementary School Vice Principal
17.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jamey Robertson Kathleen Holmstrom	Pope John Paul II School Principal Parent Council Representative
18.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nicole Kurtz Kylie Hughes Travis Batters	St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Principal St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Vice Principal St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Vice Principal
19.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Phyllis Eikre Kathleen Holmstrom	Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Chair

1. **Welcome** – Teresa Gallik

2. **Prayer** – Paul White



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3. School Parent Council Presentations

St. John School:

Corinna Glazier, Principal
Leanne Eros, Catholic Parent Council Representative
Gianna Poltronetti, Parent Council Representative

École Ste-Marguerite Bourgeoys:

Hilary Aitken, Principal,
Janet Paulson, Catholic Parent Council Representative

St. Louis School:

Maureen Frankcom, Principal,
Chrysti Savage, Catholic Parent Council Representative

St. Isidore Virtual School:

Jamie Robertson, Principal
Pam Carlson, Catholic Parent Council Representative

Pope John Paul II School:

Jamey Robertson, Principal
Kathleen Holmstrom, Catholic Parent Council Representative

St. Thomas Aquinas High School:

Nicole Kurtz, Principal
Kylie Hughes, Vice Principal
Travis Batters, Vice Principal

Catholic Parent Involvement Committee:

Phyllis Eikre: Advisor to the Director of Education
Kathleen Holmstrom: Chair, Catholic Parent Involvement Committee

3. Trustee Comments – Teresa Gallik

On behalf of all the trustees of the Kenora Catholic District School Board, Chair Gallik thanked all the school councils for working through this very difficult year and have proven that it is still possible to engage with parents and do amazing work in our schools. She thanked the presenters for sharing their reports from their schools. She is always amazed at all the wonderful work being done by our parent councils in our school to the benefits to our students.

4. Thank you and Closing Remarks – Paul White

Paul White thanked the Parent Council and CPIC members for their hard work and dedication. This year we have had many successes. We collectively reopened schools safely, launched a virtual school, pivoted to remote learning, safeguarded our children and each other safety, made sacrifices and juggled priorities at home and work, took on new and unexpected roles, and did it with grace, gratitude, and kindness. The pandemic has brought us closer as a community. It has shown us how resilient we can be



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in the face of adversity and have revealed that Kenora Catholic is an incredible team that makes me feel like I am part of your family. We know that you are one of our greatest assets and are at the heart of what makes Kenora Catholic special. Your contribution and dedication to our students, families, and board have not gone unnoticed. On behalf of our Trustees and Administration, thank you, miigwetch, merci.

6. **Meeting Adjourned:** 6:05 pm – Teresa Gallik

Catholic Parent Lighthouse Team Year-End Report St. John School 2020-2021



St. John School Catholic Parent Lighthouse Team Executive:

Chair: Leanne Eros **Vice Chair:** Lisa Dumontier
Secretary: Anna Mesto-Drystek

St. John School Community has been focused on the following school improvement goal:

As a Leader in Me Lighthouse School, St. John School will use leadership principles as a school-wide model to increase our faith community, academic achievement, and home-school connections.

Our Catholic Parent Lighthouse Team has worked collaboratively with parents, students, and school staff to support this goal in the following ways:

→ Support a model of leadership for all;	Beginning Balance
→ Promote and advocate for St. John School within the community;	\$11624.00
→ Fundraise and volunteer to support the SJS Breakfast Program;	
→ Plan and fundraise for outdoor learning space;	Breakfast Club
→ Celebrate staff during Catholic Education Week;	\$4500.00
→ Strengthen our school to Parish connection;	
→ Organize school activities to encourage parent engagement; and	Ending Balance
→ Financially support a variety of school initiatives when requested.	\$14410.00
Next Steps: → Continue to support home to school connections;	Goal for Outdoor
→ SJS Student Handbook; and	Learning Space:
→ Continue fundraising for Outdoor Learning Space.	\$10,000.00
	Fundraised: \$2700.00

Activities held through the year:

1. Fundraising initiatives for outdoor learning space—Purdy's chocolate, Make it Sow seed fundraiser March/ April 2021;
2. Donations for student Valentine's Day celebrations;
3. Spring basket raffle--Postponed due to school closure period;
4. Support for SJS hosting parish masses every 6 weeks at St. John the Apostle--due to Covid restrictions we were unable to complete.
5. Catholic Education Week Activities during school closure:
 - a. Treats delivered to staff;
 - b. Creation of cards for staff members.
6. Support and promotion of Kindergarten Registration/Open House/Virtual Arts festival;
7. Support for SJS sunshine deliveries for students and their families; and
8. Financial support for the SJS Grade 8 Graduation Celebrations.

We will believe in you until you believe in yourself – then we believe together....Hope Lives Here.

SMB Parent Council

2020 - 21

ÉCOLE STE-MARGUERITE
BOURGEOYS

Year - end
Report

SMB School Improvement Goals

F r a n ç a i s

R e a d i n g

C o m m u n i t y I n v o l v e m e n t

Balances



Beginning of Year

\$47, 717. 59

Income

\$38, 839. 97



Expenses

\$26, 976. 36

End of Year

\$ 59, 581. 20

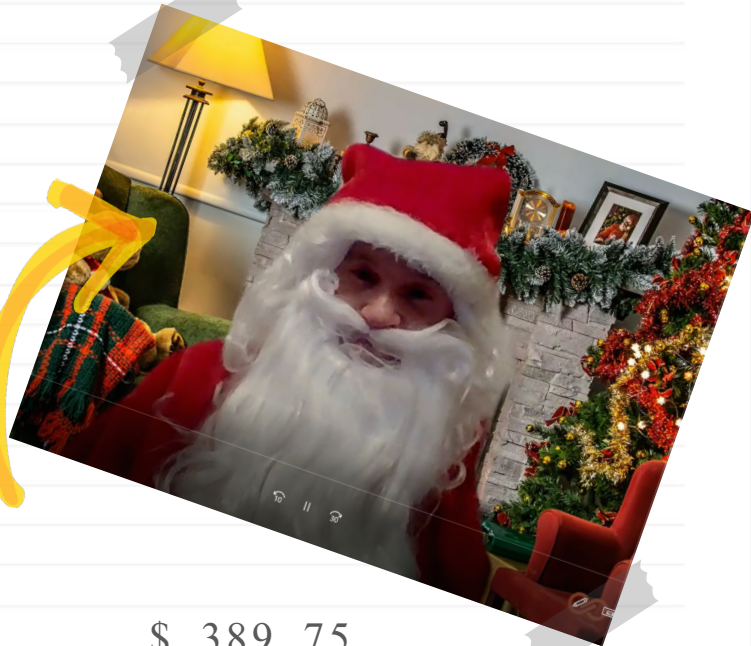


Books for Breakfast

\$601.27



Christmas Concert



\$ 389.75

Classroom Activities



\$960.36

Clubs



Experiential Learning
at its best!



\$569.88

Hot Lunches

\$24, 172. 03



Subway

Subs every
other week



Supper Fairy

Chicken Noodle
Soup



Plaza

Lemon Soup, Chicken
Souvlaki, Greek
Meatballs



Gropp's Catering

French Toast, Chicken
fingers, tacos,
hamburgers



Ristorante

Pizza, Quesadillas,
Sandwiches, Pasta



Other

Uncategorized
Expenses



\$283.07

Total Income: \$38,839.97

Total Expenses: \$26,976.36

Balance: \$11,863.61

Next Steps

Where do we go from
here?

What is
NORMAL?



St. Louis School Council

Partners in Education

2020-2021 School Year Report



We began the year knowing that it was going to be a different type of year, but we were so glad our children were back at school. We had to modify our regularly planned events to allow them to occur without parents and families coming to the school. In some cases, school staff were able to adjust the events and hold them within the school day, while in other cases, the events were put off until next year. With the inception of the Living Arts programming at St. Louis, our Council's focus for the year was supporting the Living Arts programs and Workshops, as well as providing support for the EcoSchool and Bee City Canada certifications. The firepits purchased at the end of last year were used every month while school was open.

Membership

Our School Council Executive this year:

Co-chair - Shauna Genik

Co-chair – Natalie Rogers

Secretary - Lana Goodman

Treasurer – Chrysti Savage

Fundraising and Events

We completed a number of school council fundraisers this year. We also had a school hot lunch program and milk program that ran 4 days a week. Our school had the following events and fundraisers:

Event	Profit	Comments
Fall Festival	NA	This is by far one of our favourite events at the school, normally held in the evening. This year the event was held during the school day, by class. Spider dogs!
Frosted Foods Meat order	\$773.00	
Christmas Luncheon	NA	Again, we changed the format, and had a Christmas Festival Day – lunch, treats, crafts and fires
Poinsettia Sales	\$1300.00	Have not done this before; was a good fundraiser
Christmas cookies sales	\$197.00	Sold as a take home with the Grinch movie release.
Reusable Bags	\$559	First time for this fundraiser; we were pleased to do this in support of EcoSchools programming.
Frosted Foods – Spring	\$800 (est.)	
Hot lunch and Milk Program	\$2000 (rebates pending)	This was a successful program again this year. We do not make a huge profit, but like to offer this as a support to busy parents, and for the enjoyment of the students

School Support and Donations

Money we made this year went to following things:

- Living Arts Workshop Honourariums
- Living Arts Workshops – offered school-wide for free
- Compost bins for classrooms
- Graduation
- Fall, Christmas, Winter Festivals

Future Plans

We missed out on donating to our usual yearly things that have been missed: donating to our school play, the grade 5/6 school trip, the Learning Festival and BBQ, Catholic Education Week BBQ, and all of the spring field trips that happen at the year end. We also will be buying the sports teams new uniforms (was planned for last year).

We are excited to use our saved money next year to support the new and exciting Living Arts programs and presentations. We look forward to donating money to make some more school gardens to also go along with the Living Arts programming.

We can't wait to see the 2021-2022 school year has in store for St. Louis Living Arts School.

Financial:

Total Raised this year:	\$6,000 (approx)
Funds on Hand:	\$28,000 (approx)

Healthy Foods Exemption Days

- None used this year.



St. Isidore Virtual School

CPIC Presentation

June 1st, 2021



A New Learning Journey

- Our 1st year as a school, it has had its ups and downs while we all adjusted to the challenges of learning a new teaching and learning platform.
- The educators and caregivers, stepped up to fulfill this challenge in a way that was awe inspiring.



Engagement and Communication



- Teachers found ways to engage the children, on this virtual platform with fundays, theme days, and spirit activities.
- As well as engaging in virtual games and quizzes. Teachers have commented on how interesting it is to see a window into the home and the interaction with families.
- Instant communication with caregivers popping into class to ask quick question about an assignment or upcoming event.
- As a parent I have found the communication between educator and parent to be amazing in the online platform.

Family Connectedness



- As a parent the best part was getting to participate and engage with the activity and class, as a family we have looked forward to baking days and club days.
- Families doing science experiments together in class and baking together.
- Watching older children helping younger when they get stuck or had a technical issue was heartwarming to say the least.



Seeing the day to day of the classroom and learning about how each of my children learn has been eye opening.

Unforeseen Perks

An added bonus for many of the children especially the teenagers, no morning commute, getting to sleep in and working in the comfort of a snuggly blanket on cold mornings!



Catholic School Council

- On the Parent teacher council side of things, our bylaws are completed and waiting to be voted on in the last meeting in June.
- Virtual school has bonuses and negatives. I have found that the education level for my children personally has definitely be a positive, all of my children have done better in school and have gotten the best grades of their lives.



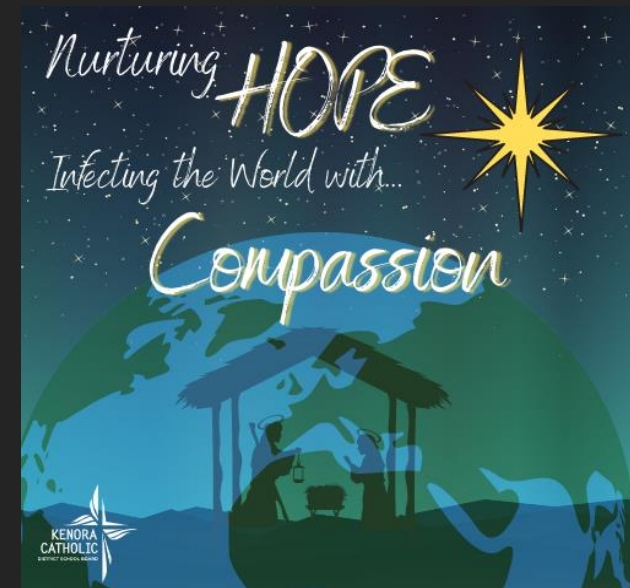


Looking to the Future

- Once COVID is done the possibilities for online school are endless, being able to travel with your children and never missing a day of class. It's the best of both worlds having an amazing educator to teach and the flexibility of homeschool.
- The negative side is missing the social aspect of the classroom, and the activity nights. I however am hopeful that we can come together as a new school and overcome those issues with the creativity and resourcefulness I have seen from both the educators and parents.
- I see no reason why once covid is under control and done and the after school activities start again for the in person schools we cannot fundraise in the future to rent a space to have dances, family nights and other events.

Pope John Paul II School Council

2020-2021 School Year End Report



Mission Statement

- We will work to support the spiritual, educational and community goals of our school and the Board.
- We will strive to reinforce the channels of communication, involvement and accountability within our school community.
- We will promote healthy living through good food choices and physical activity.
- We will support environmental awareness through our school's eco initiatives.

Donations

- As a collective group between parent council, staff and students we were able to raise \$450 towards the Miracle Marathon Network!



Hot Lunch Program Supporting Local





Fundraiser

Due to COVID restrictions we were only able to run our Sysco fundraiser. Next year, have big plans for our fundraising goals!

School Activities

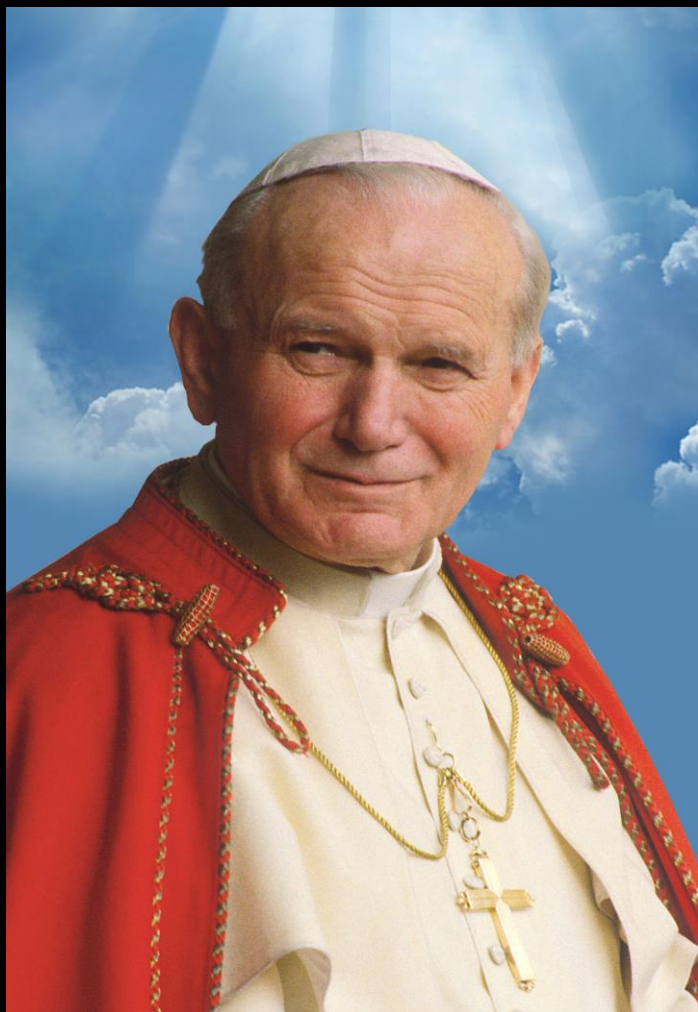


- Virtual, building and spiritual activities took place throughout the year as we continued to engage students and their families for fun filled events.





St. John Paul II School



As some of you know,
PJP will be changing its
name! Pope John Paul
II was canonized in
2014 and we will be
changing our name to
reflect this.



Closing Remarks

Closing Balance: \$11,484.34

We will be carrying over our balance for 2020/21 as we are planning a large scale project incorporating outdoor sporting equipment/features into the playground. We are going to work collaboratively with our neighbouring school ESMB to work collectively towards a vision of uniting our school communities in sharing resources for the benefit of all of our students at both schools.



Thank you for your continued
support!

The students, staff, families
and entire Pope John Paul
community greatly appreciate
it!

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School Council 2020-2021 Year End Report



STAHS continues to focus on the following School Improvement Plan goal related to our Catholic School Council:

- Increase our communication with parents and guardians through school council meetings, email, and social media

Agenda for Monthly School Council Meetings

- Prayer
- Logistics (presentation brainstorming and details, Board messages)
- Current and Upcoming Events
- Presentations/Discussions/Questions

Date	Presenter	Topic
October 2, 2020	Nicole Kurtz/Kylie Hughes/Travis Batters	New COVID-19 Protocols * A virtual walk through of the school to show parents the changes to the school. Parent Input - Topics of Interest for Meetings
November 2, 2020	Dan Smith	Social Media and Cyberbullying Presentation (Topic request from parents)
January 11, 2021	Sue Devlin	Parenting Through a Pandemic (Topic request from parents)
February 8, 2021	Cindy Melenchenko/students	Xello (New platform replacing Career Cruising)
May 3, 2021	Nicole Kurtz / Katie Jackson/Kylie Hughes/Travis Batters	STAHS Celebrations Through the Pandemic / Community Hours

*All meetings occurred via Microsoft Teams and we had great turnouts for our meetings this year.

Welcoming ~ Supporting ~ Engaging



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**Catholic Parent Involvement
Committee Year End
Presentation to Trustees
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5:00 pm**

MEETING DATE:	Tuesday, June 1, 2021
LOCATION OF MEETING:	Microsoft Teams Meeting & CEC Board Room
SUBJECT OF MEETING:	Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Yearly Report to the Trustees
TIME OF MEETING:	5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Committee members:

Kathleen Holmstrom	Pope John Paul II School Representative
Chrysti Savage	St. Louis School Parent Representative
Gianna Poltronetti	St. John School Parent Representative
Corinna Glazier	St. John School Principal. KCDSB Representative
Pam Carlson	St. Isidor Virtual School
Randi Casey	Northwestern Health Unit Community Representative
Phyllis Eikre	Advisor to the Director of Education
Paul White	Director of Education
Hilary Aitken	École Ste-Marguerite Bourgeoys
Teresa Gallik	Chair - Trustee
Michael Favreau	Vice Chair - Trustee
Anne Sweeney	Trustee Representative
Paul Landry	Trustee Representative
Cathy McQuillan	Recording Secretary

Our purpose:

To support, encourage and enhance parent engagement at the board level to improve student achievement and well being.

To provide advice to the board on parent engagement, communicate and support school councils and undertake activities to help parents support their children's' learning at home and at school.

Presentations:

Derek Haime presented information on the new St. Isidor virtual school. In September 2020 the Kenora Catholic District School Board had approximately 87% of our students participating in our brick and mortar schools and approximately 13% attending class virtually through St. Isidor School.

Derek Haime presented the Kenora Catholic District School Board Pivot Plan for At Home Learning. The board has a detailed plan so we can pivot quickly to online learning for all students when necessary.



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The Ministry of Education has been meeting quarterly with PIC chairs from across Ontario to provide updates and discuss challenges and successes. Kathleen Holmstrom has attended these virtual meetings and reported to our Catholic Parent Involvement Committee.

We have had to gather for spiritual development and liturgies in a different way this year. Liturgies are being held virtually and schools are sharing on Facebook and on their school websites.

Candy Cane Lane was held at the Catholic Campus in Kenora this year. This outdoor event was attended by families while socially distancing and hot chocolate and candy canes were provided to families. A Christmas Celebration was also held at St. John School in Red Lake.

Director of Education, Paul White, has provided updates from the board level and from the Ministry of Education.

The Northwestern Health Unit has supported us throughout this year. Staff have provided information and updates on COVID19, vaccinations and safe practices for staff, students and parents. They have done this work while continuing to provide their regular school health supports and programs.

Together we have faced challenges like COVID and virtual learning but at the same time we have also kept learning and faith development moving forward.

Next Steps:

At the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year the CPIC will discuss activities to support students, parents, and staff in returning to in-person learning.
