



Parent Council Minutes
Monday, September 25th, 2025
6:00pm at St. Gabriel School

In Attendance:

Hillary Miles-Smiley (Chair)	Nichole McNelly (Co-chair)	Amanda Gowan (Secretary)	Lisa Walsh (Treasurer)	Christina Dawson	Jenine Melo
Jason Laplante	Matthew Wiepjes	Rob Milmine	Ify Okoro	Ginella Francis	Gisela Dorantes
Emily Lees	Ligia Sims	Casey Melbourne	Rachel Sidhu	Blessing Igboanugo	Olabisi Makinde
Shelley Callendar (Principal)	Catherine Colatosti (Vice Principal)	Sara Howarth (Teacher rep)	Kelby Porteous (Non-Teacher Rep)		

ITEM	INFORMATION	ACTION
Principal Report	- Parent Council positions were discussed for this year - Continuing with Pastoral theme this year, "Pilgrims of Hope: on the path to Holiness". -Child and youth worker is now fulltime at this school, Cindy Miller. Self-regulation, managing emotions and stress - The school is continuing to use safe arrival app, has been successful. - A few changes with the Parish, Oct 2nd school is going to mass. Confirmation has been moved to November 20th for grade 7's. Ash Wednesday, Feb 18th, First Communion May 2nd Closing school mass is June 4th, Grad mass is June 18th. - Truth and Reconciliation week at the school, orange shirt day next week. -Acadiance Screening, SK-grade 2, new resources for 3 and 4. These screening help teachers look for gaps in learning and ways to assist students in the classroom. - Grade 8's are doing camp Celtic this year. Info night is coming up and talks of fundraising. - Brant Food for Thought snack program sponsored by Brant food for thought. Healthy snacks two days a week. -Attendance is a board wide focus this year, arriving late or missing school. School needs to make goals based on last years stats.	
School Council Business	- Discussions over fundraising ideas for Parent Council, poinsettias will be going to the grade 8's this year. Possibly pizza night (Big Box?) or Big Box cards?	

	- Discussions over new sports equipment being purchased for the school, whether it comes from parent council or school budget. - Halloween treats for entire school	
New Business	-Parking/road issues were discussed, Bylaw attended Flanders on the first week of school. Issues are still coming up with parents parking in non parking areas. - Discussion over advanced green at Shellard and Flanders (turning left), Amanda will email ward counsellors regarding this. - PROGRANT? Next meeting scheduled for October 29th at 6pm.	

