



**JOHN SWEENEY CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY
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Tuesday, March 28, 2023

Present: Sara, Jen, Alen, Kara, Mike, Kendra, Jo, Gareth

Regrets: Sarah, Catherine, Ann, Sandra, Sayo

Land Acknowledgement/Prayer

Shared by Gareth

Student Reps Report

No report

Review of Last Meeting's Minutes

Minutes were approved as presented

School Report (Kendra/Mike)

- We are well into our Lenten Journey. Holy Week is next week. The school has been participating in weekly Lenten links on Fridays led by classes of teachers who are part of our Pastoral team.
- PD Day March 31st
- Father Luke will be coming to John Sweeney on April 12 for an Easter liturgy.
- Teaching staff are continuing to work with their grade partners and Petra LeDuc, the WCDSB Elementary Math consultant on their Fractions PLC, which we spoke about during our last meeting.
- Grade 4's are writing CCAT assessments this week. The purpose of the CCAT is to provide a description for educators of a student's cognitive resources for learning in order to help them achieve instructional objectives. Separated scores for verbal, quantitative, and non-verbal tasks enable educators to identify stronger or weaker areas of cognitive skills that have crystalized to this point in development.
- Grade 7's will write the CAT-4 assessments in a few weeks. The CAT-4 is a standardized achievement test designed to measure achievement in the basic skills commonly taught in schools. The specific skills that will be assessed include language arts, reading and mathematics. The CAT-4 will provide information for parents, students, teachers and administrators about how well students perform in the basic skill areas. This information will be

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used to provide direction for curriculum and program delivery at the system, school, and individual student levels.

- Primary division KW Symphony field trip on April 11th.
- PD Day April 21
- April 22 – Grade 7 Sacrament of Confirmation
- April 26 – Junior division to St. Mary's for Spongebob the musical.
- April 28 – Grade 8 Mental Health presentations
- Catholic Education week is May 1-5
- Wellness Fair – May 2

Chairperson's Report

- Playground Committee Update
 - Board rep shared valuable information regarding the process
 - 80% of budget needs to be raised/secured prior to beginning the process of what?
 - Committee agreed that the current need is for the primary grades with year-round use
 - Looking into preparing/applying for grant proposals to support funds required. Looking to the school community for expertise in grant writing to support council.
 - Discussion took place regarding pre-planning for October 2023 dance-a-thon. Jen will tentatively book DJ for October 27th with 2023/24 council to approve in September.
- Spring Wellness Fair Committee Update
 - Tuesday, May 2nd from 6-8
 - 13 organizations confirmed with 5 requiring follow up
 - Zumba and yoga will be held in the gym in 15 minute intervals
 - Door prizes have been secured

Treasurer's Report

- Reviewed as presented via email

Community Report

Phase two of RisingOaks' playground upgrade has been approved for 2023. The large space with the climber will be transitioned to a natural playground in the fall.

Remaining Meeting Dates for 2022-23

- Tuesday, May 30/23 – 6:00 p.m.