



## St. Sofia Byzantine Catholic School School Council Meeting Minutes

**Thursday, January 16 , 2025  
6:30 PM**

*Mission : Disciples of Christ , nurturing mind , body and soul to the fullness of life .  
Vision : Changing the World through catholic education .*

### **Members in Attendance:**

| <b>NAME :</b>              | <b>POSITION :</b>                   |
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| 1. Oksana Shavel           | Co-Chair                            |
| 2. Ewa Chalupa             | Co-Chair                            |
| 3. Nataliya Ryabchun       | Treasurer                           |
| 4. Olga Meshko-Doubinska   | Secretary                           |
| 5. Oksana Volchuk          | Parish Rep ( St. Mary's)            |
| 6. Mike Bagan              | Parish Rep ( St .Elias )            |
| 7. Ulyana Polovka          | OAPCE                               |
| 8. Oksana Didkovsky        | Parent Rep                          |
| 9. Tania Iwaniura          | Parent Rep                          |
| 10. Katerina Downard       | Parent Rep                          |
| 11. Marianna Pankiw        | Parent Rep- <b>attended online</b>  |
| 12. Yulia Yarema           | Parent Rep                          |
| 13. Liliya Leheta          | Parent Rep                          |
| 14. Mariana Doubas         | Parent Rep - <b>attended online</b> |
| 15. Stan Hankowski         | Parent Rep                          |
| 16 . Sandra Donaghue       | Principal                           |
| 17. Susan Rossi            | Vice -Principal                     |
| 18. Sarah Barreca -Burrows | Teacher                             |
| 19. Ola Holyk              | Teacher Rep                         |
| 20. Oksana Tkaczyk         | Non - Teaching Rep                  |
| 21. Kathryn Konnerth       | Parent                              |
| 22. Olena Shklar           | Parent                              |
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**Regrets:** Fr . Tom Hryvna , Mario Pascucci

1. **Opening Prayer: The Lord's Prayer** led by O. Shavel
2. **Land Acknowledgement** led by S. Donaghue
3. **Approval of Agenda** – approved by O. Volchuk , seconded by Y.Yarema
4. **Review and Approval of Catholic School Council Minutes from November 7, 2024** – approved by Y . Yarema , seconded by M.Bagan
5. **Principal's Report – S. Donaghue**

- **Thank you** for all St . Nicholas Concert supporters including teachers, Ukrainian department , all parents and community . Photos with St . Nicholas went outstanding . Huge shout out for Pani Oksana , Ukr . department , our Parent Council parent assistants and organization . Photos turned out great !!! Amazing Event !!!
- **Virtue ( EMPATHY & OCSGE – An Effective Communicator )**
  - Virtue Assemblies /OCSGEs – Self-Control – end of January
  - Water blessing was beautiful – blessed water is still available in the admin's office
  - Feb 4 – Feast of Encounter – Moleben and Blessing of Candles at 10:30 AM
  - All are WELCOME to join !
- **SCHOOL INFORMATION /ITEMS :**
  - PRE-K registrations for 2025-2026 are now full ( 60 spots ) .
  - Waitlist is ongoing all year and has been updated.
- **Curriculum Items :**
  - **FEBRUARY** – Black History Month

**Sarah Barreca – Burrows** noted that students will be focusing on black excellence and Canadian past and present ., Arts and Culture , STEAMS activities will highlight contributions of Black Canadians .

- **Literacy /Numeracy Supports & Inventory** – parents volunteers needed !

-Reorganizing and restructuring existing school inventory in order to meet current Language curriculum expectations and new format of decodable books

- **Wellness Team** : Bell Let's Talk Day :- Affirmation Stations
  - Affirmation Walls
  - Mindful Mondays
  - Wellness Ambassadors will be reading

books and sharing strategies

- **Taras Shevchenko Concert /Presentations** – being planned by Ukrainian Department .

*L.Leheta proposed to consider the idea of T.Shevchenko Museum Visit for students in the near future . TBD / more info to follow .*

- **February 11 , 2025** - Term 1 Report Cards are being sent out electronically to students e-mail (paper copies are available per request )
- **February 13- 14 , 2025** – Parent/Teacher Interviews
- **February 14, 2025** – PA Day

• **CLUBS and TEAMS :**

- Art club
- ECO club/Team
- Junior Basketball
- Social Club ( Gr . 1-8)
- Makerspace
- Performance Club ( Gr. 1-8 )
- Dance Club /Team
- Rosary Club ( every Tue )

• **UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS :**

- **JANUARY 22-24** – Cruiser Sports
- **JANUARY 22** – Bell Let's Talk Day
- **FEBRUARY 17-24** – Guelph Grotto ( GYM )
- **End of April** – Lacrosse
- **MAY 13** – Brampton Badgers ( GRs 4-6 ) – basketball game
- **MAY 28 – 30** – The Sewing Studio returns
- **SKATING** – \*\*\*in negotiation \*\*\* - TBD

## **6. Co – Chairs Update – O. Shavel**

- Thank you note to everyone !
- St . Nicholas Concert – great success !
- Looking forward for the New year filled with new experiences with great funding .
- New bank transition process /updates : Category Report

## **7. Treasurer's Report / CSC Budget finalizing – N. Ryabchun**

Total Funds carried over for beginning of the School year - \$  
**2,554. 88**

- + Total Revenue raised \$ **34 , 357 . 00** including YTD Actuals:  
\$ 32, 252 . 00 revenue of Pizza Fundraiser, \$ 500. 00 Grant ( Parent Involvement ) and \$ 1, 605 of Spirit Week Fundraising ( Photos with St . Nicholas )
- YTD Actual Expenses Totaling \$ **25 , 158 .82** which include :  
\$ 6, 555 .74 ( St . Nicholas Gifts ) ; bussing \$ 2, 906 .93 , \$ 573. 27 - Christmas Crafts ; Teachers/Staff Gifts & Appreciation -\$ 994.18 ; Pizza Costs ( 60 % of sales )- \$ 13, 350. 70

*\*\*\*Ukrainian Department to discuss book options in need*

*\*\*\*Letter to Parents will be mailed out updating on total Christmas donations collected*

- **APPROVED** by T. Iwaniura , seconded by E . Chalupa

## **8. Parish Representative Update – O. Volchuk**

- Plan for St . Mary's Church St . Sofia Families Community Event on February 16<sup>th</sup> , 2025

## **9. OAPCE Representative Update – U. Polovka**

- New Years Greetings ; no major updates

## **10. Updates / Information on Subcommittees :**

### **• Fundraising**

- a) Pizza** – pizza orders available until the end of the School year
- b) Lunch Program ( O.Didkowsky)** - more updates to follow
- c) School Family Movie Night ( L.Leheta / U. Polovka )** – more info to follow
- d) St .Nicholas Pictures Fundraiser** – amazing event to consider for future !

**11. Action Items – S. Donaghue**

- **Uniform Policy # 7.19 ( GAP504.03 )** can be found on DPCDSB website
  - gently used uniform available in school
  - reminder of uniform requirements will be sent out to parents by the end of School Year in June
  - volunteers are needed to wash unclaimed lost uniform !!!
- **School Generated Funds Report - more info to follow**

**12. Future CSC Meeting dates for 2024- 2025 School Year :**

- February 20 , 2025 @ 6:30 pm
- April 10 , 2025 @ 6:30 pm
- June 5 , 2025 @ 6:30 pm

**13. Adjournment** approved O. Shavel , O. Volchuk

**Meeting adjourned @ 8:25 pm**

**Next general CSC meeting – February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024@ 6:30 pm – ALL ARE WELCOME !!!**

**Thank you Everyone !**