



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

Thursday, March 20, 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:***

NAME :	POSITION :
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 – attended online
8. Katerina Downard	Parent Rep
9. Marianna Pankiw	Parent Rep- attended online
10. Yulia Yarema	Parent Rep
11. Liliya Leheta	Parent Rep
12. Mariana Doubas	Parent Rep
13. Stan Hankowski	Parent Rep- attended online
14. Sandra Donaghue	Principal
15. Susan Rossi	Vice -Principal
16. Oksana Tkaczyk	Non – Teach. Rep -attended online
17. Ola Holyk	Teacher Rep
18. Tamara Dowhal	Teacher Rep
19. Olena Shklar	Parent

**Regrets:** Fr . Jaroslaw Lazoryk , Oksana Didkovsky , Tania Iwaniura

**1. Opening Prayer: The Lord's Prayer** led by E. Chalupa

**2. Land Acknowledgement** led by E. Chalupa

**3. Approval of Agenda** – approved by O. Volchuk , seconded by O. Shavel

**4. Review and Approval of Catholic School Council Minutes from January 16, 2025** – approved by Y. Yarema , seconded by M.Doubas

**5. Principal's Report – S. Donaghue**

- **Thank you** all for accommodating my change/switch as a Principal – my call to Jury Duty for 10 days . I am very grateful to everyone .

- **Virtue of the Month & OCSGE – An Effective Communicator**

- Virtue Assemblies /OCSGEs – KINDNESS - March 28, 2025 ( Grades 2 ) – all are welcome ! More info in the SMORE newsletter ;
- Lenten Prayers for the Dead/Panahyda - students were praying for loved ones who have passed ;

- **SCHOOL INFORMATION /ITEMS :**

- Staffing Updates :  
Pani O.Holyk promotion for VP in Brampton , we welcome Panna Melillo for Pani Holyk; we also welcome Pani Marta for Pani Barreca

- **Curriculum Items :**

- CEW planning is underway
- **Literacy /Numeracy Supports & Inventory** are happening . New resources are being ordered . Volunteers will be contacted soon with the dates and roles
- **Wellness Team** :- Affirmation Stations
  - Affirmation Walls
  - Mindful Mondays( on announcements )
- **Taras Shevchenko Concert /Presentations** – Ukrainian Department did an amazing job and it was truly beautiful . The link was uploaded to Google classrooms .

- **CLUBS and TEAMS :**

- Art club
- Dance Club
- ECO club/Team
- Int Basketball
- Social Club ( Gr . 1-8)

- Wellness
- Performance Club ( Gr. 1-8 )
- Rosary Club ( every Tue )
- NEW \*\*\* Student Newspaper / corner \*\*\*\* soon will be accommodated in the School SMORE Newsletter -where students can share their information and news

• **UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS :**

- **End of April** – Lacrosse
  - **April 1 – 8** - Pysanka writing
  - **April 11** - Movie Night
  - **MAY 13** – Brampton Honey Badgers ( GRs 4-6 ) – basketball game
  - **MAY 28 – 30** – The Sewing Studio returns
- **Thank you note** to Pani Holyk from Catholic School Council - E. Chalupa
  - Pani Holyk's Thank you note to St . Sofia School and administration , Catholic School Council members and all our community.

## **6 . Co – Chairs Update – E. Chalupa**

- Thank you to CSC members and fundraising Committee for organizing Coffee Social - Family Church Event – it was a huge success with a great feedback !
- Allocation of some funds/separate budget for future Socials for the upcoming years has been proposed .

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

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

+ **Total Revenue raised \$ 51,614.35** including YTD Actuals:  
\$ 49,509.35 total revenue of Pizza Fundraiser, - \$ 500. 00 Grant ( Parent Involvement ) and \$ 1, 605 of Spirit Week Fundraising ( Photos with St . Nicholas )

Less - **YTD Actual Expenses** Totaling **\$ 43,859.21** which include :

- GR.2 First Holy Communion Icons/gifts - \$ 1, 285 .95 ;
- GR. 8 Graduation Hoodies - \$ 3,737.11 ;
- Ukrainian Department Books - \$ 3, 894. 00 ;
- Clubs/Athletics/Student Council - \$ 519. 98 ;
- \$ 6, 555 .74 ( St . Nicholas Gifts ) ;
- bussing \$ 2, 906 .93 ,
- \$ 573. 27 - Christmas Crafts ;
- Teachers/Staff Gifts & Appreciation -\$ 994.18 ;
- Open House Ice-Cream truck - \$ 778. 00 ,
- Pizza Costs ( 60 % of sales )- \$ 22, 614. 05

- **Motion to Receive** approved by Y.Yarema , seconded by O.Shavel

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

- **APRIL 13** ( Palm Sunday )– Easter Bazaar at St. Mary’s church hall ( 9am – 4pm ). Volunteering opportunities are OPEN !
- **59** students from St . Sofia School will have a First Holy Communion
- **42 additional** students from other schools and Parishes on the Sunday
- O.Shavel proposed to organize a Social Event/ Fundraiser/Play Day for St .Elia’s Church in Brampton . More info/ updates to follow .

## **7 . Updates / Information :**

- **Fundraising**
  - a) **Lunch Program Update** - more updates to follow
- **School financials/Budget** - can be found on School website .

## **8 . Action Items – S. Donaghue**

- **Voting on funding for students experiences:**
  - Cruiser Sports( Wheelchair Basketball)- \$ 1, 864.50
  - Guelph Grotto-Rock Climbing - \$ 5, 000. 00
  - \*\*\*Approved in favor by CSC\*\*\*
- **Kiss and Ride safety :**
  - O.Shavel proposed to organize Traffic Safety Week to monitor the safety of students and parking rules with the help of parent volunteers; - 4 parent volunteers needed on the regular schedule !

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

- April 10 , 2025 @ 6:30 pm **changed** to April 24 – **virtual** ( CSC meeting /Public Consultation )
- June 5 , 2025 @ 6:30 pm

## **10. Movie Night – “ Despicable Me 4 “. Snack Combos are available to purchase online or at the school on Movie Date**

## **11. Adjournment :** motion to adjourn the meeting approved O. Volchuk , M.Bagan

**Meeting adjourned @ 8:15 pm**

***Next CSC meeting – April 24 @ 6:30 pm ( online ) – ALL ARE WELCOME !!!***

