

# **Madonna Catholic School & Cogito Academy**

## Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2025

### **Call to Order at 6:30**

#### Present:

Cathy Hinger (Principal)  
Fiona Wimmer (Vice Principal)  
Kanika Chadha (Chair)  
Elle Lyrette (Secretary)  
Ade Oluyemi  
Michelle Gruise  
Isabel Colgan  
Natalie Zwack  
Habiba Kehinde  
Tytan Panchyshyn  
Krystin Bajer (Treasurer)  
Amaka Uchendu

#### Approval of Meeting Minutes (May 14, 2025)

1st - Elle Lyrette  
2nd - Krystin Bajer

### **Teacher Report**

Presented by Fiona Wimmer, Prepared by Kim Gauthier

- School startup successful, the welcome back BBQ was very helpful to make transition to school smooth
- Routines being established and learning about division faith theme "Growing Together in Christ"
- Grade 4's had Bible retreat and received blessed Bibles

### **Administrative Report**

Presented by Cathy Hinger

-Madonna is introducing a new logo and mission statement this year: Inspire the heart, challenge the mind, enrich the soul

1. Faith Integration  
Create active citizenship opportunities, exploration of Catholic Saints, and we had 22 students in the first Rosary Club this year

2. Learners & Learning

Staff are getting to know students and beginning Provincial Assessments

3. Systemic Wellness

Establishing friendship buddy program

4. Community Engagement

Back to School BBQ was massive success and plans to continue this tradition going forward

-We discussed upcoming events: opening Mass, Terry Fox Run, Orange Shirt Day, Swimming starting in October, and the Living Cultural Rosary

**Chair Report**

Presented by Kanika Chadha

-Hoping to have one in person meeting this year with parent council to get to know each other better

-Goal to have one fundraiser this fall to start the year off

-We are waiting for "Teacher Asks" to know what our fundraising goals will be this year

-We want to encourage parent volunteers to get involved and bring their ideas forward for fundraisers

**Open Discussion**

-Look into Nitzas Pizza as possible fundraiser option

-Question about possibly moving Hot Lunch to Wednesday so it would include the alternating Kindergarten classes. We are concerned it will be harder to find volunteers in the middle of the week, in addition Michelle, our Hot Lunch Coordinator has Fridays off work so it is easier for her to run the program. We will have to look into this further and explore some options.

-We are changing companies for Cogito uniforms, more on that TBD

-Next meeting date not picked yet due to pending Teacher Strike

**Adjourn 7:06pm**