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St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Elementary School  
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### St. Isaac Jogues Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: **Thursday, April 24, 2025**

Time: 5:00 pm – 6:26 pm

#### Staff Attending:

Principal	Matthew Di Fiore
Vice-Principal	Wayne Campbell (not in attendance)
Teacher Rep	Olimpia Falvo (not in attendance)
Non-Teacher Rep	Amanda Sousa
Non-Teacher Rep	Nina Garcia

#### Attendees:

Co-Chairs: Jessica Glorioso & Suzy Alves (not in attendance)  
Treasurer: Lilly Alves (not in attendance)  
Secretary: Giselle Salinas  
OAPCE: Barbara Adjei  
Parish Rep: Shalini Boothe  
Parent Rep: Maria Laura Silva Oyanede  
Parent Rep: Teresa Maranzano  
Parent Rep: Kierra Green (not in attendance)  
Visitors: N/A  
Regrets: Catholic School Trustee Darryl Brian D'Souza (not in attendance), Catholic School  
Trustee Shawn Xaviour (not in attendance)

#### Items:

1. Opening Prayer & Land Acknowledgement	Shalini Boothe read the Opening Prayer and Matthew Di Fiore read the Land Acknowledgement.
2. Welcome	Catholic School Trustees – Darryl Brian D'Souza & Shawn Xaviour send their regrets.
3. Approval of Agenda	Approved by Amanda Sousa and seconded by Jessica Glorioso.

<p>4. Approval of Last Catholic School Council Minutes</p>	<p>Approved by Amanda Sousa and seconded by Jessica Glorioso.</p>
<p>5. Co-Chairs Update</p>	<p><b>Spring Dance-A-Thon Planning led by Jessica Glorioso</b></p> <p><b>Event Approval</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spring Dance-A-Thon: Thursday, May 22, 2025, Co-Chairs Jessica Glorioso and Suzy Alves have approved the event.</li> <li>• A vote was held regarding entertainment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Approved:</b> DJ Neil will provide music for the dance. Jessica Glorioso connected with DJ Neil.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>2. Student Participation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarification required on whether older students will also be involved in organizing or supporting the dance event.</li> </ul> <p><b>3. Student Giveaways and Prizes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each child will receive glow sticks (for K-3 students).</li> <li>• A \$50 gift card will be awarded as a prize (details TBD).</li> <li>• A pancake party will be held for the class that raises the most funds.</li> <li>• Approx. 30 gift baskets will be prepared.</li> <li>• Downey's Farm to donate 5-day play passes.</li> <li>• Prize includes being Principal and VP for the Day.</li> <li>• Nina Garcia suggested Blue Jays tickets as a prize.</li> <li>• A jersey or soccer kit will be donated by Cobena Family.</li> <li>• Amanda Sousa may be able to secure TFC tickets.</li> <li>• Additional prize baskets: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Girls' basket and boys' basket</li> <li>○ Balls (general sports)</li> <li>○ Books</li> <li>○ Hello Kitty-themed items</li> <li>○ Back-to-school baskets</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Brampton United to donate a summer package for one child (Jessica Glorioso).</li><li>• Badgers are a potential donor (confirmation pending).</li></ul> <p><b>4. Raffle Tickets</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ticket pricing is set at \$10 per ticket.</li><li>• Families unable to afford tickets will be provided with complimentary ones by the Council.</li></ul> <p><b>5. Logistics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Matthew Di Fiore will provide donation request letters for sponsors and donors.</li></ul> <p><b>Next Steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Confirm participation of older students.</li><li>• Finalize list of prizes and sponsors.</li><li>• Begin distribution of donation request letters.</li><li>• Organize glow stick order and gift basket preparation.</li></ul>
6. Parish Update	<p><b>Update on parish events and celebrations led by Shalini Boothe</b></p> <p>Pilgrims of Hope - Jubilee Year: This time of year, the parish is celebrating the "Pilgrims of Hope" as part of the Jubilee Year.</p> <p>St. Marguerite D'Youville Parish, hosts a <i>Caribbean Night</i> that will be coming up. No date provided. Information can be looked up on the parish website.</p> <p><b>Upcoming Sacrament Dates shared:</b></p> <p>Celebration of First Holy Communion: Saturday, May 3, 2025 @ 3:00 pm Celebration of Confirmation: Wednesday, June 4, 2025 @ 7:00 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Mass Schedule:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>Monday:</b> 9:15 AM (English)</li><li>○ <b>Tuesday:</b> 7:00 PM (English)</li><li>○ <b>Wednesday:</b> 9:15 AM (English)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Perpetual Help Devotions included</li></ul></li><li>○ <b>Thursday:</b> 7:00 PM (English)</li><li>○ <b>Friday:</b> 9:15 AM (English)</li><li>○ <b>Saturday:</b> 9:15 AM (English)</li><li>○ <b>Saturday Vigil:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ 5:00 PM (English)</li><li>■ 7:00 PM (Vietnamese)</li></ul></li><li>○ <b>Sunday:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ 9:00 AM (English)</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 10:30 AM (English)</li> <li>■ 12:30 PM (English)</li> <li>■ 8:00 PM (English)</li> </ul> <p>7. <b>Parish Website:</b> For more information, updates, and the weekly bulletin, please visit the parish website: <a href="#">St. Marguerite D'Youville Parish</a>.</p>										
8. Treasurer's Report	<p><b>Review of Current Year School Generated Funds and School Council Accounts led by Matthew Di Fiores</b></p> <p><b>1. Financial Overview</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>School Generated Funds (SGF) Balance:</b> \$38,148.53</li> <li>● <b>School Council Account Balance:</b> \$13,139.33 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This amount is now merged with the School Generated Funds account.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>2. Budget Planning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A portion of the funds will be reserved to support the start of the school year in the fall.</li> <li>● Additional funds are available for upcoming spring activities.</li> </ul> <p><b>3. Ongoing Projects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The scoreboard project is still under consideration and may be funded through these accounts.</li> <li>● Matthew Di Fiores provided an update and led the discussion on this topic, and will be connecting with Nina Garcia regarding planning.</li> </ul>										
9. OAPCE Report	<p><b>OAPCE Report led by Matthew Di Fiores &amp; Barbara Adjei</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The next meetings will be held on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Thursday May 1st in-person @ 7:00 pm</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Time</th><th>Description</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>7:00 pm – 7:15 pm</td><td>Item I: Opening Prayer/Meet and Greet</td></tr> <tr> <td>7:15 pm – 7:45 pm</td><td>Item II: DPCDSB Parent Engagement Update: Superintendent Drago Radic</td></tr> <tr> <td>7:45 pm – 8:15 pm</td><td>Item III: OAPCE Presentation Pilot: "The Power Of One" Co-Executive Director J. Perri will lead in a special presentation.</td></tr> <tr> <td>8:15 pm – 9:00 pm</td><td>Item IV: OAPCE Provincial Update and Conference Info.</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■</li> </ul>	Time	Description	7:00 pm – 7:15 pm	Item I: Opening Prayer/Meet and Greet	7:15 pm – 7:45 pm	Item II: DPCDSB Parent Engagement Update: Superintendent Drago Radic	7:45 pm – 8:15 pm	Item III: OAPCE Presentation Pilot: "The Power Of One" Co-Executive Director J. Perri will lead in a special presentation.	8:15 pm – 9:00 pm	Item IV: OAPCE Provincial Update and Conference Info.
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10. Administration / School Updates	Matthew Di Fiore & Amanda Sousa shared the following: None
a) Catholicity, Community Outreach, Equity, Mental Health & Well-Being, Social Justice, & Stewardship	<p><b>Upcoming Events and School Initiatives led by Amanda Sousa</b></p> <p><b>1. Virtue of the Month</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>April:</b> Love</li> <li>● <b>May:</b> Acceptance</li> <li>● <b>June:</b> Fairness</li> </ul> <p><b>2. Upcoming Events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Easter Mass</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Date:</b> Thursday, April 24, 2025</li> <li>○ <b>Time:</b> 10:00 a.m.</li> <li>○ <b>Location:</b> St. Marguerite d'Youville Parish</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>National Day of Mourning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Date:</b> Monday, April 28, 2025</li> </ul> <p>Acknowledged as a solemn observance. Note: This is also <b>Voting Day</b>.</p> </li> <li>● <b>Huddle-Up End-of-Year Event Field Trip</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Date:</b> Wednesday, April 30, 2025</li> <li>○ <b>Participants:</b> Intermediate students (10 selected students only)</li> <li><b>Staff Contact:</b> Ms. Bolognese</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Feast of St. Joseph the Worker / Staff Appreciation Day</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Date:</b> Thursday, May 1, 2025</li> <li>○ <b>Council Action:</b> Mr. Di Fiore suggested a celebration or gesture for staff for staff appreciation day.</li> <li>○ <b>Next Step:</b> Council to brainstorm ideas; Jessica will follow up and communicate plans.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>First Holy Communion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Date:</b> Saturday, May 3, 2025</li> <li>○ <b>Time:</b> 3:00 p.m.</li> <li>○ <b>Location:</b> St. Marguerite d'Youville Parish</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Catholic Education Week</b></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Dates:</b> May 5–9, 2025</li> <li>● <b>YFA Virtual Liturgy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Date:</b> Monday, May 5, 2025</li> <li>○ <b>Hosted by:</b> Youth Faith Ambassadors</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Crowning of Mary &amp; Virtue of Acceptance Assembly</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Date:</b> Thursday, May 8, 2025</li> <li>○ <b>Note:</b> Parents are welcome to attend.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
b) Learning Environment: School Operations	<p><b>Upcoming Notices, Events, and Assessments led by Matthew Di Fiore</b></p> <p><b>1. Memo to Parents: Class Placement Process for 2025–2026</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Date of Memo Release:</b> Wednesday, April 30, 2025</li> <li>● The school is beginning the planning process for next year’s class placements.</li> <li>● A balanced approach will be taken, considering: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Student needs</li> <li>○ Gender balance</li> <li>○ Teacher compatibility</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Teachers will use a spreadsheet system to support optimal placement decisions.</li> <li>● The parent communication form will be available in both hard copy and digital format.</li> </ul> <p><b>2. Skills Ontario Girls Event</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Date:</b> Monday, May 5, 2025</li> <li>● <b>Location:</b> Toronto Congress Centre</li> <li>● <b>Participants:</b> Grades 7 &amp; 8 girls</li> <li>● <b>Event Purpose:</b> Hands-on experience in skilled trades and technologies</li> </ul> <p><b>3. Victoria Day</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Date:</b> Monday, May 19, 2025</li> <li>● <b>Note:</b> No school for both staff and students</li> </ul> <p><b>4. EQAO Testing – Grades 3 &amp; 6</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Dates:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Monday, May 26, 2025</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tuesday, May 27, 2025</li> <li>○ Wednesday, May 28, 2025</li> <li>○ <b>Backup Date:</b> Friday, May 30, 2025 (for students who miss a session)</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Format:</b> Some components will be conducted online. Students are being prepared for online testing in advance.</li> </ul>
<p>c) School/Community Engagement – School Events, Athletics &amp; Extra-Curricular Activities</p> <p>Ms. Sousa</p>	<p><b>Spring Event Planning &amp; School Activities led by Amanda Sousa</b></p> <p><b>1. Yearbook 2025</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Will include all students from JK to Grade 8.</li> </ul> <p><b>2. Upcoming Events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>The Hockey Skates Reading Session with Karl Subban:</b> Scheduled for Monday, May 5, 2025, during Catholic Education Week (CEW).</li> <li>● <b>Jays Care All-Star Event:</b> Taking place on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, with students actually playing on the field.</li> <li>● <b>Journey Into Learning Night:</b> Scheduled for Wednesday, May 7, 2025, from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM. This night is to prepare the new kindergarten students that will be coming in the fall of 2025.</li> <li>● <b>Quiz Bowl:</b> Set for Friday, May 9, 2025. Mr. Covello, Associate Director &amp; Superintendent, will be attending.</li> <li>● <b>FDK Mother's Day Celebration:</b> Taking place on Friday, May 9, 2025, at 1:00 PM. JK classes will be hosting.</li> <li>● <b>"Descendants" Musical Performance (School Trip):</b> Scheduled for May 15, 2025. Kindergarten students will be participating.</li> <li>● <b>Jogues Got Talent Auditions:</b> Auditions will be held on Wednesday, May 14, 2025. <b>Note:</b> Date for the actual show is still to be determined.</li> <li>● <b>French Café:</b> Set for Thursday, May 29, 2025, for students from Kindergarten to Grade 8. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Funded by a \$2,000 grant, with a small contribution from SGF.</li> <li>○ Croissants and juice will be served.</li> <li>○ Gym will be decorated.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Led by Madame Pace and Madame Longo are connected with Good Food Enterprises to supply food.</li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>FDK End-of-Year Celebration:</b> Tentatively scheduled for June. Date to be confirmed.</li></ul> <p><b>3. Fun Night Planning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Stations and activities are being planned.</li><li>● Will reach out to 15 vendors.</li><li>● No dunk tank due to lack of approval;</li><li>● Coach Miguel from MTC Life booked.</li><li>● No bouncy castles permitted.</li><li>● Booth fee: \$50 per vendor.</li><li>● Food:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Pizza planned via cash online; Shalini suggested hot dogs might be a better option.</li><li>○ Cotton candy and limited food choices available.</li><li>○ Whipped cream pie option available for online purchase.</li></ul></li><li>● Face painting available at \$5.</li><li>● Games for kids with prizes.</li></ul> <p>Ticketing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Families will purchase tickets and food tickets on school cash online.</li><li>○ Adult supervision at each station is required.</li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Event to be set up at the back of the school.</li><li>● Final indoor recess prior to event setup.</li><li>● Families encouraged to bring lawn chairs.</li><li>● Open to families from the broader community.</li></ul>
d) Physical Environment: Health & Safety / Plant	<p><b>School Programs &amp; Reports led by Matthew Di Fiore</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>School Dental Screening Report 2024/2025:</b> Report has been completed/submitted. The overall turnout and results of the screening were positive for SIJ.</li><li>● <b>Mental Health Awareness Week (May 5–9, 2025):</b> One day during the week will be designated as Mental Health Awareness Day, organized by Ms. Bolognese.</li><li>● <b>Scoreboard Update:</b> [Awaiting more details—status or completion date not specified.]</li></ul> <p><b>3. Facilities Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Bike Racks:</b></li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Region of Peel will provide two new bike racks. Students will be able to put their bikes on the racks and no longer on the school fence.</li> <li>○ Installation is expected by summer or fall 2025.</li> </ul>
10. AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● None</li> </ul>
11. Next Meeting	Wednesday, May 21, 2025 @ 5:00 pm – St. Isaac Jogues Library & TEAMS (Virtual)
12. Closing Prayer	Shalini Boothe read the Closing Prayer.
13. Adjournment	Motion Carried – Approved by Giselle Salinas and seconded by Jessica Glorioso
14. Public Budget Information Webcast	The Catholic School Council viewed the Public Budget Information Webcast from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm via Zoom (Virtual).