

MOTHER TERESA CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Minutes

Thursday January 13, 2011

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Mother Teresa School Library

ITEM	NOTES
A. CALL TO ORDER	
Attendance	<p>Present – Principal, (Mrs. Cathy Dykeman) Vice Principal, (Mr. Stephen O’Sullivan) Co-Chairs, (Johnene Milan, Amany Bastien), Treasurer, (Debbie Cullen) Community Rep (Edie Pavicic), Student Reps (Matt Loenhart, Mackenzie Bastarache), Parent Reps (Dawn Hannah, Karen Walker, Ruth Goodfellow) OECTA, (Tina Collicutt)</p> <p>Regrets – Recording Secretary (Dave Simkins), Parish Rep (Iman Deal) <i>(Deb Cullen recording in Dave’s absence)</i></p>
1. Opening Prayer (Welcome)	Mr. O’Sullivan
2. Approval of Agenda	<p>Motion: Matt Seconded: Ruth All in Favour: Carried</p>
3. Additions to Agenda	none
4. Approval of Minutes of November 2010	<p>Motion: Dawn Seconded: Matt All in Favour: Carried</p>
5. Business Arising From Minutes	Tina Collicutt may have the minutes from the June meeting. She will check her notes.
B. ACTION ITEMS	

<p>1. Fundraising</p>	<p>\$7079.30 was raised from the spell-a-thon. This fundraiser was quite successful and it was suggested that we do it again next year however perhaps it could be even more successful if fundraising was coordinated with a major holiday e.g. Thanksgiving. Mrs. Dykeman will meet with school staff to discuss suggestions on how to spend the money.</p>
<p>2. 20th Anniversary</p>	<p>Plans are all ready under way for the 20th anniversary celebration next year. Mrs. Dykeman will be looking to form a committee after the March break and contacting board rep Nancy Sharp for ideas. At the February meeting, council to discuss how large the celebration will be since the 25th anniversary must also be considered. Panoramic shots to be taken of students in either late spring or early June and a notice to be put in February newsletter to peak parent interest.</p>
<p>C. MEMBER REPORTS</p>	
<p>1. Principal's Report</p>	<p>Mrs. Dykeman commented on the success of the Bethlehem walk and thanked council for their part.</p> <p>In Kindergarten, Mrs. Morris has returned to teach Tuesday, Thursdays and alternate Fridays and Tina Collicutt will stay for Monday, Wednesday and alternate Fridays.</p> <p>Calendars with the Catholic virtue for each month were sent home to parents.</p> <p>Events are being planned for the Catholic School Improvement Plan in order to build both community and students. Included in this are pathways for intermediate students for highschool and future plans including those with IEPs and other challenges; updated religion programs for grades one to six with intermediate plans soon to follow; and ways to improve literacy. Cathy to share the complete plan with council at the February meeting.</p> <p>Mr. O'Sullivan is leading the Safe Schools program along with help from Constable Sullivan. A committee is needed comprised of staff and parents and Mrs. Dykeman suggested that rather</p>

	<p>than creating another committee, perhaps at each council meeting some time could be set aside to discuss this. Council agreed. In the near future, Mr. O'Sullivan to be looking at safety with regards to social media and educating students, parents and teachers.</p>
<p>2. Students report</p>	<p>A card was presented to council from the intermediate boys thanking them for their assistance with cost in the boys night out. Matt stated that it was a great success and everyone had fun.</p> <p>Peer mediators have started with the help of Mr. O'Sullivan helping to resolve conflicts within the school yard.</p> <p>Big Brothers and Sisters will be coming in January to promote Bowl-a-thon, a fundraiser which will be done at the school in March using the Wii consoles as bowling alleys.</p> <p>The Dream Team received a \$1000 speak out grant which will be used for speakers and prizes.</p> <p>Boys and girls volleyball tournaments to be held Jan 19th and also on Jan 19th will be an assembly to promote the MS read-a-thon.</p> <p>The MT Pet Squad raised \$282 through hot chocolate sales and the Bethlehem walk which will be donated to the Humane Society.</p>
<p>3. Staff Reports</p>	<p>Mr. Hanley sent his thanks to council and parents for help with the Boys Night out.</p> <p>Staff has prepared wish lists for monies raised from fundraising and will present at the February meeting.</p>
<p>4. Treasurer's Report</p>	<p><u>Account Balances:</u> <u>Environmental Club</u> : \$500.61 (unchanged)</p> <p><u>ProGrant</u>: \$404.90. Balance was previously \$500 but some monies were used to reimburse parents for expenses in regards to hot chocolate and candy canes for Bethlehem walk.</p> <p><u>SC Parent Involvement</u>: \$ 0. \$1000 was used to pay towards Key Note Speaker</p> <p><u>General Account</u>: \$7057.96</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Volleyball nets are paid for. 2. \$248.60 paid out to Amany for lighting for Bethlehem walk Motion made to take \$248.60 out of the Pro Grant account to the General Account to cover this. Motion: Amany, Second: Johnene. All in favour, motion carried. 3. \$497.25 paid out for remainder balance for key note speaker 4. Monies still not paid out to school account for Grade 1 and 2 readers. Still require an invoice. <p><u>Lunch lady</u>: \$146.53. Deposit of \$178.50 made for proceeds from first term however milk order from hot lunch was paid out from this account.</p> <p><u>Hot Lunch</u>: \$9018.73. Deposit of \$6833.75 was made for second term lunches and therefore proceeds from pizza lunch was approx \$2050 (considering extra \$103 for milk paid out of lunch lady account). Since the balance is known, can move these funds or just leave them here until needed</p>
<p>5. Parish Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ The grade 7 students who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation celebrated their Enrollment Mass on Sunday, January 9th. The Celebration coincided very nicely with the Baptism of our Lord. ✚ The Faith Formation Team will be contacting the students who did not attend the Enrollment Mass – Alternative arrangements are being made. Probably an evening Mass (7:00 pm). ✚ Each Confirmation Candidate was given a contract that stipulates their participation in the life & growth of the Parish and a commitment to attend Mass every Sunday. This contract is to be brought to Mass every week for sign off from Father Stan, Father Anthony or one of the Faith Formation members. If the Confirmation Candidates fail to fulfill their contractual agreement Father will not confirm them. ✚ St. Therese Parish has two new Masses – Mondays & Wednesdays at 8:00 am – What a wonderful way to start your day!!! ✚ January 17 is our CWC general meeting – all ladies are invited to attend. ✚ January 22/23 the Parish will be holding an election for those nominated to be on the

	<p>Parish Advisory Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✚ Father Joseph Ogbonnaya will be celebrating a healing Mass on the last Tuesday of every month. The next healing mass will be on Tuesday January 25th.✚ On Saturday January 29 from 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm, First Communicants & their parents will be taking part in a day retreat in preparation for First Communion. <p>Motion proposed by Iman through the parish report for council to give \$300 to purchase Confirmation and First Communion gifts for Mother Teresa students. Second: Edie All in favour, motion carried.</p> <p>Motion proposed by Iman through parish report for council to give \$200 for fabric for table clothes for prayer tables in each of the classrooms in order to reflect the liturgical time of year and to discuss with the students the meaning and symbolism of each liturgical colour. Second: Edie All in favour, motion carried.</p>
<p>6. Hot Lunch</p>	<p>Orders are still coming in for second term pizza. Dawn thanked those who helped with the counting of order forms.</p>

<p>7. Co-Chair Report</p>	<p>Mother Teresa has teamed up with St. Joseph's in Bowmanville to have Dr. Karen Gordon speak on May 3rd at Holy Trinity to discuss the topic <u>Ten ways to teach empathy and gratitude in children and teens</u>.</p> <p>The time is to be finalized and the discussion will be approximately 75 minutes long. Tickets have been split between the two schools and from our share (about 150 tickets), we will also offer tickets to other schools. The cost of the ticket still to be determined although it was proposed for it to be \$5 and posters will be created in addition to advertising in the next newsletter. Mrs. Dykeman will be introducing Dr. Gordon to the audience.</p> <p>Granville Anderson and Peggy O'Toole to be invited to future council meetings most likely the one to be held in April 2011.</p> <p>Wanda teBogt is working on a swimming schedule for grades 1 to 5. This year due to space limitations, the program has been split between two locations: Donovan and Courtice Community Centre. Next year we will be looking to book early to avoid this.</p>
<p>8. Committee Reports</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>D. FUTURE MEETING DATE, LOCATION, ROLES</p>	
<p>1. Date: Feb 17, 2011</p>	<p>6:30 – 8:00 p.m.</p>
<p>2. Location:</p>	<p>MTCES</p>
<p>E. CONCLUSION</p>	
<p>1. Closing Prayer</p>	<p>Mr. O'Sullivan</p>
<p>2. Adjournment</p>	