

Present: Sheeran Rush-Jeanes, Laura Pomfret, Diane Renaud, Susan Drever, Shannon Anita Fegan, Valerie McCormick, Amy Crawford, and Jan Ethier.

Regrets: Wendy Skan, Jackie Freeman

1. Call to Order 7:03 pm

a) Approval of Agenda: Valerie McCormick, 2nd Anita Fegan

b) Approval of minutes: Annette Fegan added to the individuals present at last meeting on April 7th 2009. Approval of minutes by Laura Pomfret, 2nd by Valerie McCormick.

2. Reports:

a) Student Council Report: Amy Crawford

- St. Stephen's to hold a cake auction on May 15th. Cakes will be awarded to the highest bidders. Money being raised will be given to various charities.
- Ball Hockey game to take place on May 23rd.
- May 29th Prom will be held at Trillium Trails
- June 4th is the semi-formal
- Athletic Banquet will be held on June 9th and it is to be more formal this year and catered dinner by Norm's Deli

b) Principal's Report: Sheeran Rush-Jeanes

- April 24th P.A. day teachers attended a presentation with guest speaker Dr. Adam Cox.
- He is an adolescent and child psychologist from the United States
- His book "No mind left behind" was presented to teachers and he offered coaching strategies for his eight suggested pillars of child thinking.
- He was an excellent guest speaker who was very informative for all who attended.
- Report cards went home on Thursday April 30th.
- Literacy and multi-cultural diversity event was held which students displayed various cultures to their peers over various lunches. Activities such as "cultural jeopardy" were played and different assemblies were done to recognize the various cultures within the school community.
- Guest speaker Dwayne Morgan gave a presentation. His message was for students to stay focused and you will get where you want in life. Find out what you like and capitalize on it,

- **Aboriginal Education Symposium** was attended by Sheeran on April 29th. Next year a grade eleven college Native Studies course will be offered. Course is to educate students about Aboriginal issues through curriculum.
- **Stephanie Chartrand** is the student liaison chosen as the student trustee candidate in Peterborough. She will be placed in a pool with other candidates for the position. Elections will take place on May 12th.
- **Catholic Education Week-** Marie Charette and Steve Smith reached out to all parishes in the community to let them know about education week and the importance of this within our schools and students. Both spoke at masses.
- **On May 5th** students will be in Waterloo to represent St. Stephen's at the Technical Skills Competition.
- **Art Exhibition-** Best of St. Stephen's art will be on display in Peterborough.
- **Student's creations** will be judged and they will have the chance to win a \$200.00 bursary. Judging takes place on May 21st.
- **Career fair-**Joelle Lalonde set up various displays showing student the various coop placements. Representatives from the various placements were on hand to discuss first hand with students the details of each job placements.
- **Thursday May 7th** Durham Region Environthon Contest winners will go to the finals.
- **Tanya Barzek (Student Success)** was asked to present at Humber College about Pathway opportunities.
- **Chairperson policies** to review accounting for Linda Barnett. This needs to be submitted by June 30th along with copies of receipts and money spent on guest speakers.
- **Notice of Culture Night** being celebrated at Holy Trinity. The cost is \$5.00 to attend.
- **The Board** would like to vote for a grade seven student from St. Paul's for the Canadian Living "Me to We" Award. Lily is one of the finalists. Go to www.Metowe.com/awards and vote for Lily
- **A big Thank-you** to Laura for organizing Dick O'Brien to speak at the school. His presentation was very informing.

C Treasurer's Report:

- **School Council account** has- \$775.56
- **Parent Involvement account-** \$387.91 this amount will change because funds need to be dispersed for the guest speaker Dick O'Brien.
- **Motion put forth** by Laura to give \$500.00 for graduation awards. 2nd by Diane Renaud.
- **Diane put motion** for \$100.00 to be given to Laurene Livesy for presentation she gave to council members at the beginning of the school year.

- Diane Renaud also made motion for the remainder of the council funds to be spent on reception for graduation night for the parents. 2nd by Laura Pomfret.

D Staff Report:

- Father Stan Fortuna will speak at St. Stephen's Wednesday May 6th.
- There is a workshop in which 25 students will attend in Toronto Metro Convention Centre on May 27th with Jan Ethier. These students will participate in various events/workshops to discuss and focus on being more involved within their community.
- Eight of the 25 students will be winner of the YPI program through the grade ten religion curriculum.
- Pride and Prejudice (school play begins this week.
- OCAD- All students from St. Stephen's were given conditional offers. Congratulations on the great portfolios these students worked on and presented. May 21st at 6:00 p.m. students will give their presentation for art and drama. Snack will be provided by the Food and Nutrition classrooms.
- June 9th will be the school closing mass. Theme will be celebrating our grads.
- There will be a grade twelve presentation from Durham Regional Police on Drinking and Driving.
- First Communions will be taking place within the parish next week. After that the next two weeks will be designated for Confirmation.

g) Canadian Parents for French- (CPF)

- Mickey Cryderman will present the French award to the winner on behalf of CPF

Second level of French course being offered and it is going very well. There are four new members. Welcome!!

h) New Business:

- Fundraising to be put on next months agenda.
- Policies were all reviewed and there are two more to review regards to First Nation and admission to Catholic School. Input will be in by June 15th.
- There will be a pot-luck for next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m. Motion by Laura, and 2nd by Diane
Minutes prepared by: Diane Renaud