

**MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING
ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL COUNCIL
Held on Monday, February 7, 2011
School Website: <http://schools.pvnccdsb.on.ca/stcat03/>**

1. Meeting Called to Order @ 6:30 p.m.

- a) Catherine Voros led us in the opening prayer.
- b) MOTION: Approval of December 6, 2010 minutes
Moved by Evangelina Rodriguez, seconded by Francisca Eckstein
CARRIED
- c) MOTION: Approval of February 7, 2011 agenda
Moved by Catherine Voros, seconded by Sue Dafoe
CARRIED

2. Treasurer's Report (see attached breakdown)

Classroom libraries and lacrosse materials should be paid for as materials have already been received.

MOTION: Approval of Treasurer's Report
Moved by Becky Beavis, seconded by Stephanie McMillan
CARRIED

3. Principal's Report

- a) Report cards will be send out February 18,2011.
In December meetings were held regarding progress reports. There will be grade or percentage value on the upcoming report cards depending on the grade.
Interviews will be co-ordinated directly with teachers again and not through the office.
- b) Making Connections / Questioning / Inferring:
Diagnostic work on questioning and final statistics based on the child compared to other students in the class. Inferring – looking at a picture and asking questions, an attempt to ‘read between the lines’. Synthesizing and transforming will be worked on last.
- c) Clothing – all school clothing is in.
- d) Christmas Windows was a huge success. Students are currently working on “Make Your Mark” an art show. The idea comes from the book The Dot written by Peter Reynolds. The premise of the book is that everyone has the skills needed to be courageous enough to make your mark. The students will be creating their own dot art. Art will be up by the end of the week. March 11 will be the infamous talent show.
- e) Technology:
 - i. Technology is being used as much as possible in the school.
 - ii. 20 teachers are currently learning how to do class blogs. Mr. Pelude has started his own classroom blog.

- iii. Looking at working on Wiki and Google docs. This would give students the ability to work on school projects from home.

MOTION: Acceptance of Principal's Report

Moved by, Becky Beavis, seconded by Evangelina Rodriguez

CARRIED

4. Student Council Events for 2010/2011 School Year

- a) Pizza Days – run by Francisca Eckstein. 2nd round of pizza days currently running and the 3rd to start after March Break. There is a need to expand volunteers for the program so there is no reliance on core people. Perhaps there will be a need for 2 people to run the program next year so there is not one person responsible for every single pizza day.
- b) Turkey Lunch: Thursday December 9 – run by Lynn Smith and Becky Beavis. Ended up costs slightly more than last year, but ran much more smoothly this year. Overall it was an extremely successful event and everything has been paid. Becky and Lynn are to give Council a summary of contacts and responsibilities for Council file for next year.
- c) Skating Day - Friday March 4: Need volunteers to tie skates. Will be needed at 9:30 and 9:45.
- d) Poinsettia fundraiser: Money was given to the Out of the Cold Program at the Stone School. St. Alphonsus was extremely pleased with our donation. We will touch base with the church every year to find out where the greatest need is.
- e) ZapAttack Laser Tag: Tracy Leigh is working on another date. Perhaps dates for the March Break would work best. This information will be in the March newsletter if dates are solidified.

5. New Business

- a) Need a letter for Principal's preferred characteristics for 2011. We are tracking down letter from last year as a benchmark. A letter will be submitted for St. Catherine. This will need to be brought up during the April council meeting.
- b) Heather Hamilton Olympian in Pole Vault working with RBC Olympians Program. RBC will be hosting an event for Heather Hamilton in Peterborough and there were 11 entries in total to win the ability to host her during her visit. March 3rd will be the date of her visit. We are waiting for final approval for her visit to St. Catherine. The presentation will be 1-2 hours in length and she can speak to the entire school from JK to grade 8. Her theme is perseverance, courage and patience. Apparently she is a tremendous speaker and this engagement would be free.
- c) Other:
 - i. Sue Dafoe and her family will be moving during March Break and leaving St. Catherine. Catherine Voros will oversee council until a new Chair is elected. We thank her for all the work she has done for St. Catherine.
 - ii. A question was raised about how children are picked up during lunch or after school. There is a concern that the main office is unaware of who is picking up students as there is no formal sign out. Most students wait on the chairs outside of the office to be picked up. It has been observed that

many times the person who picks them up does not enter the office and just waves the student to come with them out the front doors. Mrs. Leal stated that once school is over she is outside ensuring there are no students left unattended. She will ask any students left waiting for pick ups to go into the school and wait. It was suggested that students being picked up during school hours wait in the health room. This would ensure the person picking up the student would have to enter the office and be seen. It was agreed a better overall system should be thought about.

- iii. A question was raised regarding the buses. One route had a new driver who started coming 10 minutes early for pick up and this resulted in students missing the bus. Mrs. Leal stated that buses should not arrive earlier than specified and she would look into the matter.

6. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting

Moved by Becky Beavis, seconded by Stephanie McMillan

CARRIED

Date of next meeting – Monday April 11th, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Treasurer's Report

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| Balance as of | Sep 16th, 2010 | \$ 6,509.70 |
| Deposit of | | |
| BBQ reimbursement | | 500.00 |
| Fundraisers | | |
| Pizza Day approx.* | \$ 5,599.35 | |
| My Shopping Genie | 50.00 | |
| Laser Tag | 104.00 | |
| Poinsettia | 591.50 | |
| Lunch Lady | 630.00 | |
| QSP carryover | 1,786.00 | |
| Approx. QSP 2010 | 10,691.23 | |
| | <hr/> | 19,452.08 |
| Payments made | | |
| Pavement painting for School yard | \$ 1,000.00 | |
| Scientist in the Classroom | 5,075.00 | |
| Turkey Lunch | 2,188.16 | |
| Bereavement Cards | 45.31 | |
| Staff Luncheon Supplies | 58.27 | |
| St. Alphonsus Parish - Cold Program (Poinsettia) | 591.00 | |
| Skating days | 304.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 9,261.74 |
| Budgeted items approved/not paid yet | | |
| Trips | \$ 1,238.00 | |
| Classroom Libraries | 1,500.00 | |
| Lacrosse Materials | 700.00 | |
| Skating Days | 900.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 4,338.00 |
| Expected Balance | | <u><u>\$12,862.04</u></u> |

* Includes pending Pizza Days payment