

**MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING
ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL COUNCIL**

Held on Monday, June 13, 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 June 13, 2011 agenda
Moved by Becky Beavis, seconded by Evangelina Rodriguez
CARRIED
- c) MOTION: Approval of April 11, 2011 minutes
Moved by, Krisanne Grills, seconded by Stephanie Mcmillan
CARRIED

2. Treasurer's Report (see attached breakdown)

MOTION: Approval of Treasurer's Report, as well as keeping \$4000 for the 2011/12 school year
Moved by Jim Stever, seconded by Becky Beavis
CARRIED

3. Principal's Report

- a) First Nations Day – June 15 9:30 in the gym. There will be two 1.5 hour sessions – grades 1-4 and grades 5-8 with a focus on Aboriginal awareness. This day was organized by the Youth in Action group.
- b) Writing Exemplars – were sent home for grades 1-8 with an attached rubric.
- c) Report Cards – will be sent home the day before the last day.
- d) Play Day – June 17th and run by grade 7/8 students.
- e) Grade 7/8 trip – students are back from their school trip and it was a fantastic time for everyone involved.
- f) June Newsletter – information regarding the staff list for the upcoming school year is included in the newsletter. The school requests parent input regarding class placement. JK/SK will be called Early Learning. Kindergarten is a two-year program and will be a blend of JK/SK students.

MOTION: Acceptance of Principal's Report
Moved by Evangelina Rodriguez, seconded by Francisca Eckstein
CARRIED

4. Student Council Events for 2010/2011 School Year

- a) Pizza Days – run by Francisca Eckstein. Total sales including slice sales were \$18,927 with \$9,484 in expenses. Total earned was \$9,043. The Ministry of Health and Education have new guidelines that will need to be met for the upcoming school year – no more that 1000 mg of sodium per pizza slice will be allowed. There is still a need to create a volunteer bank to offset the load of running pizza days for the

school. On counting days there needs to be 5-6 people and another 4 in the general pool to help on the actual pizza days.

- b) Freezie Days – run by Becky Beavis. There have been two freezie days to date that have sold \$272 before expenses. This will be Becky’s last year doing Freezie Days, but due to further regulations about food that can be sold in schools this could be the last year for freezie days.
- c) Staff Appreciation Luncheon – run by Natacha Couillard. The date was moved to Friday June 24.
- d) O.A.P.C.E (Ontario Association Parent Catholic Education) Conference was attended by Catherine Voros and Francisca Eckstein. There were several educational workshops. They attended a workshop called Math Manipulatives that was trying to show how math has evolved to a ‘thinking’ process. Catherine suggested we think of hosting a Math Night for St. Catherine parents. Francisca attended a workshop about bringing faith into the home. The focus was on older children who deal with peer pressure, drugs etc. If anyone is interested in O.A.P.C.E please let council know – Catherine is our school rep.
- e) Nutrition Program – We did not apply for grant program due to restrictions – the program required a minimum three-day commitment each week. We are looking at adding a fruit basket in the office. It has been successful at Catherine’s school and needs to be replenished every 2-3 days. Stephanie and Krisanne have offered to take care of the office fruit basket for the upcoming school year.
- f) Review of Skating Days – Based on expenses we are looking to replace skating days with another physical activity that could be done by the entire school. Currently approx \$1200 is spent on bussing students to the arena. It is felt those funds could be put to much better use. This year we had Shakin with Shannon and it was enjoyed by all grades. Also a physical activity that takes place in the school would be a way to support the curriculum.

MOTION: To no longer support skating days due to finances.
Moved by Becky Beavis, seconded by Evangelina Rodriguez
CARRIED

- g) Welcome BBQ – Will be held Thursday September 15, 2011. Catherine Voros will remain in charge of the BBQ for the upcoming year.

5. New Business

MOTION: To use \$13294 of Council funds to fund laptop carts.
Moved by Evangelina Rodriguez, seconded by Francisca Eckstein
CARRIED

- a) New Playground – there are plans to replace the existing structure. The funds would have to be raised through Council with new fundraising initiatives. It was suggested a letter be sent early in the upcoming school year with a request for donations and allow students to vote on the structure they would prefer. We would also need to look at having a rubberized ground for the new structure. This venture would most likely take two years to raise the substantial amount required.

- b) PRO Grant – We received \$500 for the Welcome BBQ. Another grant is being submitted for French resources – a CD for French Immersion parents.

6. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting

Moved by Stephanie Mcmillan, seconded by Becky Beavis

CARRIED

Date of next meeting – Monday September 26th, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Treasurer's Report

QSP 2010 until Apr 1st	\$ 10,731.52	
QSP carryover	1,786.00	
Pizza Days	9,429.55	
Lunch Lady	1,763.30	
Poinsettia	591.50	
BBQ reimbursement	500.00	
Freezie Day	155.85	
Laser Tag	104.00	
My Shopping Genie	50.00	
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Payments made

Scientist in the Classroom	\$ 5,075.00	
Turkey Lunch	2,188.16	
Pavement painting for School yard	1,000.00	
St. Alphonsus Parish - Cold Program (Poinsettia)	591.00	
Skating days	1,851.00	
Trips (\$2.00 allotment per student)	1,238.00	
Classroom libraries	1,500.00	
Lacrosse Materials	700.00	
Freezie Days	230.24	
Parent's Council Expenses eg. Bereavement cards, staff lunch supplies	253.14	
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Balance as of June 13th, 2011

\$16,994.88