

**MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING
ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL COUNCIL
Held on Monday, September 26th, 2011
School Website: <http://schools.pvnccdsb.on.ca/stcat03/>**

1. Meeting Called to Order @ 6:30pm

- a) Catherine Voros led us in the opening prayer.
- b) Elections to be held for school council positions.
- c) Introductions of positions and electees.

New council members are as follows:

Chair - Natacha Couillard

Moved by: Catherine Voros

Seconded by: Evangelina Rodriguez

CARRIED

Vice-Chair - Krisanne Grills

Moved by: Catherine Voros

Seconded by: Becky Beavis

CARRIED

Treasurer - Evangelina Rodriguez

Moved by: Catherine Voros

Seconded by: Francisca Eckstein

CARRIED

Secretary - Stephanie Mcmillan

Moved by: Catherine Voros

Seconded by: Evangelina Rodriguez

CARRIED

d) MOTION: Approval of September 26, 2011 agenda

Moved by: Becky Beavis

Seconded by: Francisca Eckstein

CARRIED

e) MOTION: Approval of June 13, 2011 minutes

Moved by: Becky Beavis

Seconded by: Francisca Eckstein

CARRIED

2. Treasurer's Report (see attached breakdown)

Balance as of September 2011 \$4904.75

MOTION: Approval of Treasurer's Report

Moved by: Becky Beavis

Seconded by: Warren Rose

CARRIED

3. Principal's Report

- a) Our school is continuing to grow, from 630 children last year to 697 children enrolled so far this year. We have 16 English classes, 14 French classes and 2 specialty classes.
- b) Questions have arisen regarding supervision, specifically regarding Kindergarten students. Due to contract restrictions no teacher can go over 80 minutes weekly while supervising. The school has 1 staff for every 100 children outside. We currently have 7 staff outside on yard duty at all times. Therefore it not possible for Kindergarten students to have a separate recess due to lack of available supervision.
- c) EQAO grade 3 testing we are in line with the province, although grade 6 math is down.
- d) The current initiative for the month of October is a blast for technology. This will be good refreshment for all children.
- e) This year grades 2 - 8 will be creating a "paperless project".
- f) At Tribes held in the gym every Tuesday morning we have been talking about the book *How Full Is Your Bucket*, teaching us about mutual respect and active listening.
- g) Capital Improvements: (still waiting on board approval)
 - Flat walkway for old portables
 - Lower slop sinks and floor drain
 - New P.A. system
 - External P.A. system
 - Replace chair lift with an elevator
 - Re-paint lines in the parking lot
 - Put a telephone in the lift
 - Put a gate into the empty extra lot
 - Fence between the parking lot and school yard
 - Blinds for all 6 portables

MOTION: Acceptance of Principal's Report

Moved by: Catherine Voros

Seconded by: Evangelina Rodriguez

CARRIED

4. Council Events Planned for 2011 / 2012 School Year

- a) Welcome BBQ was a great success! It was brought up that parents would like to come into the school and see their children's classroom and meet the teachers. Many ideas were discussed such as forgoing food and just having a meet and greet with the teachers, or doing a meet and greet first and then heading outside for the BBQ. A decision was unable to be reached at this time and had been decided that we would revisit at a later time.

- b) QSP magazine fundraiser to start on September 27, 2011. Sales last year were approximately \$35,000. The school receives 1/3 of all magazine sales.
- c) Pizza Days are our second biggest fundraiser. From October to December 2011 we brought in \$7000 before deductions. From October to December 2011 we will be offering pepperoni pizza with a whole grain crust. Due to Ministry of Health and Education and our local school board new guidelines as of January 2012 state we will no longer be able to offer any pepperoni or sausage. It has yet to be decided on whether or not we will be offering just cheese, or vegetarian. We will reassess at the next meeting in November.
*We are looking for the help of 2 people for pizza days come January. We need assistance at 11:30am for about 45 minutes. If you are interested please contact council.
- d) Turkey lunch to be held on Thursday December 8th 2011. Becky Beavis is the lead for this project with Lynn Smith assisting. There will be volunteers needed for this event, and a note will be sent home closer to the lunch date. Monday / Wednesday kindergarten classes will receive the turkey lunch on Friday the 9th. Proceeds from our Lunch Lady program pay for the turkey lunch.
- e) There will be 2 Staff Appreciation Luncheons, the first to be held on January 11, 2012. We will ask parents to donate one dish to the luncheon closer to the event. As well volunteers will be needed for set up and clean up that day.
- f) Our Poinsettia fundraiser through Hotner's Greenhouse is also approaching and will be run in November. Last year all proceeds were donated to St. Alphonsus.
- g) This year there will be no skating days. The high cost related to bussing and lack of attendance by older students were the two main factors in the decision. We are looking for a replacement activity with a physical element. Shaking with Shannon was mentioned, but we are also open to other suggestions.
- h) Freezie days which used to be every Thursday in June are now being cancelled due to new Ministry of Education health regulations.

5. New Business

Our big project this year will be to raise funds to replace the main playground structure in the school yard.

6. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting

Moved by: Becky Beavis

Seconded by: Catherine Voros

Date of next meeting: Monday November 28th 2011 @ 6:30pm

Balance as of **Sep 16th, 2010** **\$ 7,250.10**

Past Deposit of

QSP 2010 until Apr 1st	\$ 10,904.53	
QSP carryover	1,786.00	
Pizza Day	10,072.86	
Lunch Lady	2,176.65	
Poinsettia	591.50	
BBQ reimbursement	500.00	
Freezie Day	592.71	
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	441.30	
BBQ expenses	740.40	
Parent's Council Expenses eg. Bereavement cards, staff lunch supplies	503.86	
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Contribution to Laptops 13,294.88

Balance at end of day July 5, 2011 (after laptop cheque written) **\$ 4,904.75**