

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING
ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL COUNCIL
Held on Monday November 28th, 2011
School Website: <http://schools.pvnccdsb.on.ca/stcat03/>

1. Meeting Called to Order @ 6:30pm

- a) Karan Leal led us in opening prayer.
- b) MOTION: Approval of November 28th 2011 agenda
Moved by: Gabriela Revak
Seconded by: Evangelina Rodriguez
CARRIED
- c) MOTION: Approval of September 26th, 2011 minutes
Moved by: Warren Rose
Seconded by: Elena Shaughnessy
CARRIED
- d) Introductions

2. Treasurer's Report (see attached breakdown)

Expected Balance (before wish list) as of November 2011 \$17,557.67

MOTION: Approval of Treasurer's Report
Moved by: Catherine Voros
Seconded by: Warren Rose
CARRIED

3. Safe Schools Action Team

Every two years the Ministry of Education requires the completion of a climate survey, completed by students, parents and staff. The students and staff will complete the survey at school, while the parent survey will be sent home. Afterwards the surveys will be brought to the St. Catherine School Council SSAT.

MOTION: To make School Council the Safe School Action Team (SSAT) for St. Catherine
Moved by: Sheila Piggott
Seconded by: Catherine Voros
CARRIED

4. Principals Report

- a) Use of technology is an important skill to have, therefore this year the students were given a paperless project to complete. The older students were to complete projects using software and publishing, while the Kindergarten classes were required to do and understand if / then statements via computers. The theory being when you start the school year off with using and understanding technology you will feel more confident to use it all throughout the year.
- b) Thinking Matrix is a way to look at a situation from multiple viewpoints to evaluate a decision. Grades 2-6 will be working on “relate and reflect” while older classes will be working on “authors points of view”. There will be student starters with samples going up in all the classrooms to help students if they get stuck. In the Kindergarten classes they will be doing a personal opinion done orally in both small and large groups.
- c) The Kindergarten play area is going to be blocked off with pylons for the use of Kindergarten students only.
- d) Christmas Windows to be held on December 21st 2011 (December 22nd will be the snow date). Runs for 1 hour with classrooms performing for 15 minutes at 3 different times. Kindergarten students will perform in the gymnasium. Grades 7 and 8 will be holding a bake sale to fundraise for their school trip.

e) Wishlist:

Scientist in the Classroom – approx \$5000

School Trips - \$2 per student x 697 = \$1394

Classroom Libraries - \$1500

Kindergarten lunch hour outdoor resources - \$500

Total = \$8394

Remainder will be held over to the following school year for the new playground. The estimated cost is between \$30,000-\$40,000. We will aim to save half this year and the remainder next year.

MOTION: To approve Principals Report

Moved by: Evangelina Rodriguez

Seconded by: Anne Pawchuk

CARRIED

5. School Council Events for 2011 / 2011 School Year

- a) QSP Update – Natacha Couillard – Our magazine fundraiser profit was \$10,500!
- b) Pizza Update – Francisca Eckstein - We have 10 pizza days left starting in January. Due to new Board and Ministry guidelines we will only be offering cheese on the pizza.

MOTION: To give pizza driver a \$25 Christmas gratuity

Moved by: Warren Rose

Seconded by: Evangelina Rodriguez

CARRIED

- c) Turkey Lunch Update - December 8th 2011 – Natacha Couillard. To keep costs down we have decided to not include juice boxes. We have asked students to bring their own

beverage to the lunch. We will keep ice cream as a treat. Ice cream will be nut free and we will be offering popsicles for lactose intolerant children.

d) Staff Appreciation Luncheon – Natacha Couillard – There will be 2 staff appreciation luncheons before the end of the current school year. A sign up sheet was circulated for people to sign, in order to donate a food item for our first luncheon January 11, 2012.

e) Poinsettia Fundraiser – Natacha Couillard - Our poinsettia fundraiser raised \$560. In past years we have donated the money to the St. Alphonsus Out of the Cold program.

MOTION: To donate poinsettia fundraiser profit to St. Alphonsus Out of the Cold program

Moved by: Anne Pawchuk

Seconded by: Catherine Voros

CARRIED

6. New Business

a) Mabel's Labels – Natacha Couillard – This is a self-running fundraiser. When we sign up we will be given a specific website where orders should be placed. A portion of all sales will be given to St. Catherine. We can do a bigger launch in the spring when Welcome to Kindergarten kits are created. A few parents expressed the idea for the fundraiser to begin in December in order to capture Christmas sales.

<http://www.stcatherine.mabel.ca>

MOTION: To accept new Mabel's Labels fundraiser

Moved by: Stephanie McMillan

Seconded by: Jennifer Kirkpatrick

CARRIED

b) Read-a-Thon - Jennifer Kirkpatrick – Several parents have asked about starting a read-a-thon in our school. The idea is that students will get pledges (from family and friends only) and then have 2 weeks to read a certain number of pages or books. We are planning on doing this within the first few weeks of February before the start of Lent. There are several parents committed to helping Jennifer run the read-a-thon.

MOTION: To approve read-a-thon

Moved by: Warren Rose

Seconded by: Elena Shaughnessy

CARRIED

c) New lunch ideas – Stephanie Mcmillan – Stephanie looked into different options for pizza day alternatives. She contacted Subway and East Side Mario's. It was decided that between Lunch Lady and Pizza Days we have enough food options in the school at this time.

7. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn meeting

Moved by: Anne Pawchuk

Seconded by: Catherine Voros

CARRIED

Date of next meeting: Monday February 6th @ 6:30pm

Balance at end of day July 5, 2011 (after laptop cheque written)		<u>4,904.75</u>
Adjustments		
HST Credit		224.37
Pizza Cheque		64.00
Opening Balance on September 2011		5,193.12
	QSP Fundraiser	10,443.21
QSP Deposit - Campaign	13,471.96	
QSP Deposit - Customer Service Profit	35.04	
QSP Expense - Invoice	-2,900.79	
QSP Expense - prizes	-163.00	
	Poinsettia Fundraiser	564.50
Poinsettia Deposit	2,151.00	
Poinsettia Payment to Hotner's Greenhouse & Garden Centre	1,586.50	
	Pizza Day - Oct 7, Oct 21, Nov 4, Nov 18, Dec 2	4,378.45
Pizza Earning	7,470.45	
Pizza Expense until Nov 18	3,092.00	
	BBQ Expense	-477.13
	HST Credit	306.39
Budgeted items approved/not paid yet		3,328.00
Last Pizza Day - Dec 2	728.00	
Turkey Lunch approx	2,600.00	
Expected Balance		<u>17,557.67</u>