

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

Held on Monday, April 11, 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 April 11, 2011 agenda
Moved by Becky Beavis, seconded by Lisa Brendon
CARRIED
- c) MOTION: Approval of February 7, 2011 minutes
Moved by Evangelina Rodriguez, seconded by Becky Beavis
CARRIED

2. Treasurer's Report (see attached breakdown)

Evangelina will speak to Kelly Picken about account activity to determine what exactly has been paid.

MOTION: Approval of Treasurer's Report
Moved by Stephanie McMillan, seconded by Francisca Eckstein
CARRIED

3. Principal's Report

- a) Lent – School is currently focusing on Lent.
- b) Talent Show was a tremendous success.
- c) Cops for Cancer – Wednesday April 20 at 1pm. A St. Catherine student has battled cancer and is supported by the organization. There are a few students who have raised \$1000 to date. For students wishing to cut their hair or shave their heads they must have signed permission forms.
- d) Inferencing – questioning work that came home with the last report card. This work has been completed and will be sent home in May as a stand-alone report. Synthesizing will be done at the end in the form of direct teaching. It was noted that when Michelle Hamilton visited the students had fantastic questions.
- e) Staffing 2011-2012 Preliminary Information – The Board has already determined that St. Catherine can keep the current number of teachers for the upcoming school year. Kindergarten to Grade 3 has a hard cap of 20 students per class. 10% of classes can go to 23 in entire board. This translates to 1 class per school. Currently 50 Kindergarten students have registered and have had interviews. Preliminary class breakdowns were discussed, but are changing constantly due to ongoing registration.

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

4. Student Council Events for 2010/2011 School Year

- a) Pizza Days – run by Francisca Eckstein. There is a need for more volunteers. We need to consider how to recruit more help. We will consider rotating Grade 8 students to help when needed. Also adding a call for volunteers in the Welcome to Kindergarten package was discussed. There needs to be a core group to run the pizza days. Come November Francisca will not be available. The issue of pizza days during Lent was brought up. The decision was made to keep pizza days as usual for this year (with pepperoni), but in following years we will specify that only cheese pizza will be offered during Lent.
- b) Skating Days Report: Everything went well. The majority of Grade 7-8 students did not attend. Perhaps due to mandatory helmet restrictions. There was a question if this was the best use of council funds. The majority felt it was a fun physical activity day out for students in Grades 1-6 and we should continue to fund. The students who will be in Grade 7-8 next year will be asked if they would attend future skating days. If not then we need to find an alternative event to fund for that group of students.
- c) Staff Appreciation Luncheon – run by Natacha Couillard. The date was moved to Wednesday June 22.
- d) Freezie Days – run by Becky Beavis. There will be a need for at least 6 volunteers between noon and 1 pm. There will be two stations. A schedule will be drawn up to ensure there are enough volunteers. Information will be added to the May newsletter. Monday / Wednesday JK/SK will distribute freezie directly to their own students. Freezies are peanut free. Looking into the possibility of a freezie donation from Cisco.
- e) Michelle Hamilton visit was a great event. St. Catherine was extremely lucky to be chosen to hear Michelle speak.

5. New Business

- a) Catering for last meeting for Council meetings – Francisca will be the lead.

MOTION: To use \$100 of Council funds to cater the last council meeting.
Moved by Becky Beavis, seconded by Jim Stever
CARRIED

To ensure parents who volunteer in the school, but are unable to attend council meetings are thanked, council will fund a Tribes meeting.

MOTION: To use \$100 of Council funds to cater a volunteer meeting at Tribes.
Moved by Francisca Eckstein, seconded by Stephanie McMillan
CARRIED

- b) New Executive for 2011/12 needed. Chair position is currently vacant and Catherine will step down from the Vice Chair position due to lack of availability during school hours.
- c) O.A.P.C.E. (Ontario Association Parent Catholic Education) conference will be held May 13, 2011 in Burlington. Catherine is attending and the board will support a minimum of 5 parents to attend. Francisca Eckstein showed an interest in attending and Catherine will submit her name to the Board.

MOTION: To submit a request for Francisca Eckstein to attend O.A.P.C.E conference

Moved by Evangelina Rodriguez, seconded by Francisca Eckstein

CARRIED

d) Other:

- i. Kernels Fundraiser – there are 2 options available – pre packaged popcorn or party pack. We would have to fill smaller bags with popcorn to sell. Council would determine the selling price. We could use grade 8 students for this job. This fundraiser could be used to help reward the grade 8's with money for their activities. Grade 7/8 teachers will be asked if they are interested in this fundraiser. Kernels do not deliver. We would require a parent or teacher to pick up supplies for fundraiser from Kernels in Lansdowne Place.
- ii. Gift for secretaries – Danielle and Kelly.

MOTION: To buy a \$40 tea basket as a gift for St. Catherine secretaries

Moved by Becky Beavis, seconded by Stephanie McMillan

CARRIED

- iii. Stephanie McMillan discussed bringing a nutrition program to St. Catherine. We are 1 of 4 schools in the county that does not offer a nutrition program. We could have baskets for classrooms and doesn't require daily volunteers. Francisca Eckstein is familiar with the program run out of James Strath. A grant application is required by the end of April and there would be a commitment of \$250-500 from Council. The biggest hurdle would be having enough volunteers. Two volunteers would be required to have food-handling certification. Francisca suggested starting with a fruit program once a week. This would require 2 volunteers. The best scenario would be to have 10 volunteers and rotate them. Francisca offered to help with the grant proposal. Funding decisions are made in September. Stephanie offered to run the program once funding was in place. It was decided to apply for the grant and see what the outcome is in September.

MOTION: To approve \$500 for nutrition program funding.

Moved by Evangelina Rodriguez, seconded by Jim Stever

CARRIED

- iv. Message from Sue Dafoe was read to Council.

6. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting

Moved by Stephanie McMillan, seconded by Becky Beavis

CARRIED

Date of next meeting – Monday June 13^h, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of

Sep 16th, 2010 \$ 6,509.70

Past Deposit of

<i>QSP 2010 until Apr 1st</i>	\$ 10,731.52	
<i>QSP carryover</i>	1,786.00	
Pizza Day Sep-Mar	6,370.30	
Lunch Lady	630.00	
Poinsettia	591.50	
BBQ reimbursement	500.00	
Laser Tag	104.00	
My Shopping Genie	50.00	
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New Deposit of

Lunch Lady	\$ 682.50	
Pizza Day 3rd round approx	2,783.90	3,466.40
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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	304.00	
Parent's Council Expenses eg. Bereavement cards, staff lunch supplies	223.58	
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Budgeted items approved/not paid yet

Trips	1,238.00	
Classroom Libraries	1,500.00	
Lacrosse Materials	700.00	
Skating Days	900.00	
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Expected Balance

\$17,019.68