

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School Council Minutes

Monday, Sept. 26, 2012

Attendance: Maria Kraemer, Susana Gomes, Lisa Flowers, Debbie Di Lella, Linda Bier, Guy Charette, Kyla Cottam, Mathieu Gouin, Natalie Ingram, Danette Crawford, Linda Cormack, Louise Martin, Cindy Pearce, Carissa Gibson, Julie McCarthy, Stephanie Barich, Pamela Knott, Jason Ingram, Marie Suthers. Regrets: Father Peter.

Opening Prayer given by Guy Charette

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Debbie, seconded by Kyla

Approval of June Minutes: Approved with changes, moved by Maria, seconded by Danette

Change to #4. Empower Hour Report, **Motion:** *To move \$2561.85 from the general account to the school account. Moved by Danette, seconded by Susana. All in favour, CARRIED.*

Business Arising

Staples Reward Program: Maria reported that Staples no longer has their Reward Program. This year they are having a Recycle for Education Computer Lab Contest. There are twenty computer labs valued at \$25,000 for the winning schools. An essay of 300 words must be submitted on how your school is environmentally friendly.

Food Safety and Training Session: Maria spoke to the Durham Region Food Inspector regarding food safety training for the school. With only one or two events throughout the year, we are not required to have a person take the course.

Yard Paintings: Last year we motioned for up to \$1000 to be spent on new school yard markings. The yard was painted in August with a Labyrinth, Four Square, Basketball Net Courts, Hopscotch and Mini Stick Field. The total cost with taxes came to \$1130.

Motion: To reimburse the school \$1130 for the painting of the school yard. Moved by Lisa, Seconded by Susana, All in Favour, carried.

Empower Hour: The event made a total of \$2550 and will go towards funding class trips.

Motion: To split the \$2500 amongst the 17 classes with the CASA and BEST classes combined. Each class will receive \$150.

Moved by Susana, seconded by Danette, all in favour, carried.

Correspondence

School Trustees: Linda Bier has extended an invitation to the trustees to attend one of our council meetings. The Board School Trustees are the critical link between communities and school Boards. They ensure schools meet the diverse needs of students in their communities. Together, Trustees are responsible to their communities for the quality of education provided in local Catholic schools within an approved financial framework.

Newcastle Santa Claus Parade: The school received an invitation to enter this year's Santa Claus Parade. This discussion was deferred until the October meeting as we need someone to take the lead in planning for the parade if we decide to enter.

Parenting Book Collection: Linda Cormack reported that new books have been added to the Parent Lending Library located outside the office.

Principals Report

School Website: Linda Bier reported that the process for website approval is underway and Marilyn Payne has volunteered to update the website this year.

School Theme: 'We will fill our buckets with God's Love.' Each classroom has a bucket that will be filled with kind words and kind actions. The theme is being promoted at school meetings and in the newsletter.

School BBQ: This year's BBQ was a success. The teachers reported that more parents visited the classrooms including the library and support teachers. Father Peter was also pleased with the turn out and he spoke to many parents and students.

Teacher Support from CSC: This year the Kindergarten to grade 5 teachers have expressed that they would like support with funding Scientists in the Classroom. The grade 6-8 teachers would like support in Technology.

Me To We: St. Francis of Assisi School is one of two schools in the board who are attending the Me To We Event this year. We have 13 students attending the Sept. 27 event. Linda Bier reported that the students return from the event infected with enthusiasm in how to spread good deeds at home, school and globally. The CSC helps to fund part of the \$1500 it costs to attend the event.

School Choir: This year the school will have a choir led by Mr. Charette and Mr. Defoe.

BBQ Report: Although the BBQ was not meant to be a fundraising event, CSC made a profit of \$230. The event was a sell out. Maria reported that we had 15 student volunteers; however there is still a need for more adult volunteers especially during the hour the

teachers are in the classrooms. A suggestion was made to have \$1 vouchers available next year and to look into a community group such as the Lions Club to take care of the BBQ.

Motion: To pay \$218.09 to Pineridge Rental for the BBQ.

Moved by Lisa, Seconded by Susana, all in favour, carried.

Motion: To reimburse Maria \$571.06 from the general account for miscellaneous items.

Moved by Lisa, seconded by Susana all in favour, carried.

Motion: To pay King of The Castle for Jumping Castle rental \$683.65 from the general account. Moved by Lisa, seconded by Natalie, all in favour, carried.

Motion: To pay M&M Meats \$241.98 from the general account.

Moved by Lisa, seconded by Debbie, all in favour, carried.

Treasurers Report

Lisa reported that we have \$1573.85 going forward into this year. We have also received a \$500 pro grant from the board.

Parent Involvement Committee

Debbie reported that plans are underway for the St. Francis of Assisi School Community Mass and Luncheon being held on Sunday, Oct. 2. Debbie asked for volunteers to come out and help with set up and clean up. Linda reported that the students are working on posters that will put up in the church hall, CWL will present a prize to a winner in each division.

Fundraising Committee

Danette reported that the Magazine Fundraiser will begin on Oct. 4. The committee discussed what to do with the prizes that are offered from the company. Call Danette if you can help count money.

Motion: To enter students names into a raffle for each magazine subscription that they sell and select 10 prizes to be raffled at the end of the Magazine blitz.

Moved by Danette, seconded by Maria, all in favour, carried.

Pizza Report

Pizza forms are going out this week. In keeping with the new nutrition policy 410, this year's pizza will be on a whole wheat crust with no fat cheese and pepperoni.

Parish Report

Mass times for this year are; Saturday 5pm, Sunday 9am, 11am and Youth Mass at 6pm. Children's liturgy takes place at the 11am Sunday Mass.

The 2010/2011 Council was adjourned at 7:30pm and elections for the 2011/2012 Council followed.

Catholic School Council Meeting Motions - Monday, Sept. 26

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Motion: To pay \$218.09 to Pineridge Rental for the BBQ.

Moved by Lisa, Seconded by Susana, all in favour, carried.

Motion: To reimburse Maria \$571.16 from the general account for miscellaneous items.

Moved by Lisa, seconded by Susana all in favour, carried.

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St. Francis Catholic School Council 2011/2012

Council Chair	Susana Gomes (acclaimed)
Treasurer	Stephanie Barich (acclaimed)
Secretary	Debbie Di Lella (acclaimed)
Parish Representative	Cindy Pearce (acclaimed)
OAPCE Representative	Danette Crawford (acclaimed)
CUPE Representative	Linda Cormack
OEFTA Representative	Louise Martin
Parent Representatives	Pamela Knott, Natalie Ingram, Julie McCarthy, Kyla Cottam, Marie Suthers, Carissa Gibson, Maria Kraemer
St. Francis of Assisi Parish Priest	Father Peter Seabrooke
St. Francis of Assisi Principal	Linda Bier
St. Francis of Assisi Vice Principal	Guy Charette

NEW COUNCIL BUSINESS

MEETING DATES AND TIMES

The following dates were set for 2011/2012 meetings:

*October 17, 2011; November 28, 2011; January 16, 2012; February 27, 2012; April 16, 2012; May 14, 2012; June 11, 2012

* A tentative meeting date of March 26, 2012 has been set should it be required

* All meetings will take place at 6PM to 7:45PM in the school library.

POLICE CHECKS AND DECLARATIONS

Council members turned in their declaration forms and police checks. For those without police checks, they were provided with letters from the school and advise to apply for the police check as soon as possible.

COUNCIL GOALS

The Chair advised Council Goals will be set at the next meeting and requested all present to come prepared with ideas for our 2011/2012 goals.

Meeting adjourned 8PM.

Next meeting: Monday, October 17, 2011, 6PM to 7:45PM.