

St. Joseph's Catholic School Council Minutes
September 22, 2010

Present: Maria Arnott, Franca Beifuss, Kelly DiLapo, Kristin Grouchot, Lorrie MacKenzie, Lynda Petrie, Eileen Reidy, Maria Rosiana, Nicole Santin, Sandy Skingley, Heather Solomon, Helen Taylor, Sandra Waller, Beth Wood, Lisa Venzon

Opening Prayer read by Lorrie MacKenzie.

Adoption of Agenda was unanimous.

Review of Previous Minutes: The April 28, 2010 notes were read. Formal minutes were not submitted due to a lack of quorum.

Principal's Report – Lorrie MacKenzie

Election of Officers:

- Chair – Helen Taylor was self-nominated. Sandra Waller seconded this nomination. No other nominations were submitted after three calls. Helen Taylor was elected Chair by a unanimous vote.
- Co – Chair – No nominations were submitted. Position will remain open.
- Secretary – Kathleen Edwards was self-nominated. Heather Solomon seconded this nomination. No other nominations were submitted after three calls. Kathleen Edwards was elected Secretary by a unanimous vote.

Financial Report:

Balance as of 9/22/10	\$1,295.05
June Expenses:	
Grade 8 awards	\$706.53
Prayer Garden	\$630.00
Prayer Garden Student Lunch	\$160.00
Gifts and Supplies	\$388.97

Government Election Procedures:

A memo dated 8/24/10 from John Crocco, Director of Education was submitted. Essentially, Council Members must act in a neutral and ethical manner towards all candidates and parties seeking office. More details can be found in above mentioned memo.

School Fundraiser:

A magazine fundraiser has been distributed to the students. All monies raised will be used toward gym and classroom equipment.

Nutrition:

The nutrition program has started and is being headed up by Sandy Skingley. We have been approved for a grant but the amount has yet to be determined. Thank you to the

various mothers who are preparing and delivering a daily morning nutritious snack to our students.

Report Cards:

The format for Report Cards for this school year has changed. There will be a November progress report and 2 term report cards. One will be in January/February and the final in June. On-going communication between teachers, parents and students will continue to address any issues between these formal communications.

Grade 7/8 St. Donat Trip:

The Grade 7 & 8 students will participate in a school trip to St. Donat on March 2-5, 2011. A parent information night will be scheduled. There will be 21 students on this trip with a cost of \$515 per student. Various fundraising activities will help to reduce the student out of pocket cost for this trip. Mr. Rudachuk has agreed to run a Trivia Night as a fundraiser. Additionally Mrs. Muileboom is evaluating a garbage bag fundraiser.

Annual Chairs and Catholic School Council Opening Meeting at Monsignor Clancy School will take place on October 20, 2010. Chairs are asked to attend but this event is open to any Council Members who wish to attend.

Committee Reports

Bingo – Lorrie MacKenzie

A lengthy discussion took place regarding Bingo. Currently we have suspended our Bingo dates until we determine parent and Council support. No bingo dates are scheduled between now and December. Annually Bingo generated about \$5,500, which is used to offset funding for trip bussing, agendas, nutrition program, and yearbook. The balance in our Bingo account is \$9,026.52. Helen Taylor made a motion to send a letter to parents asking for support. This was seconded by Heather Solomon and unanimously voted as approved. There is a Training session on 9/28/10, which will be attended by Maria Arnott and Lorrie MacKenzie.

New Business

Spirit Ware – Kathleen Edwards

Various items were presented featuring embroidered school logo. Vendor is located in Welland and has a 2-week production time. Kathleen Edwards will submit a price list either at next month's meeting or via email to the Council.

Thanksgiving Lunch – Heather Solomon

The lunch is scheduled for 10/05/10 after the 11:00 mass. Lorrie MacKenzie will contact Father Ron to ensure that the mass doesn't run over the allotted time. Heather Solomon agreed to Chair this event. Letters will be sent out requesting turkey donations and requesting parent participation.

2010/2011 Bingo Budget Allotments

Agendas	\$ 600
Sport Transportation and Uniforms	\$1,000
Field Trips	\$3,500
Nutrition	\$ 400
Total	\$5,500

Media Literacy and Cameras

Media Literacy is now a strand in the Education Program. As such each classroom requires a digital camera to support this strand. Helen Taylor made a motion to purchase 7 cameras at an estimated cost of \$125 each. Franca Beifuss seconded this motion. A unanimous vote agreed to make this purchase. Lorrie MacKenzie noted she could get the cameras at a discount.

Policy Vetting – Lorrie MacKenzie

Proposed Policies regarding 1) Employee Violence 2) Equity and Inclusive Education and 3) Religious Accommodations were distributed to Council Members prior to this meeting. Any and all input is due to Lorrie MacKenzie prior to 10/15/10.

CSC Meeting Times:

After a discussion the CSC meetings will normally be held the 3rd Thursday of each month. An exception will be made for October due to a conflict. See below.

Next CSC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 14, 2010 at 6:30.