

St. Joseph School Council Minutes
October 14, 2010

1. Present: Franca Beifuss, Lorrie MacKenzie, Sandy Skingley, Helen Taylor, Kathleen Edwards, Sandra Waller, Beth Wood, Miranda Heaton,

2. Opening Prayer: read by Lorrie MacKenzie

3. Adoption of Agenda: was unanimous

4. Review of Previous Minutes: the September 22, 2010 notes were read. Lorrie changed the financial statement figures to get corrected numbers. Financial statement to be included in future meetings.

5. Finances:

Current balance in the CSC account is \$263.59

September expenses:

7 cameras	\$1031.46
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6. Principal's Report: Lorrie MacKenzie

Professional Development - reported of a very successful professional development day based on Assessment for, as, and of Learning. Assessment is used to drive instruction as well as to evaluate instruction. Schools are provided with the tools needed to provide this based on a book authored by Damien Cooper. Discussion of the many future changes which will be taking place such as the change in report card timing now just twice/year, and future workshops for teachers focusing on EQAO scores and school improvement. Both Miranda Heaton and Beth Wood discussed the workshops they attended and how beneficial they will be. They would be willing to pass on this information.

Holy Childhood Walk

Lorrie discussed how she was impressed on how St. Joseph held their walks and felt there was more depth to how the students expressed themselves.

Vision 20/20

There are now official copies available for parents to use which are located in the library as a resource. It's basically a report card on the Catholic School Board

which shows what's being accomplished and what's to be completed. There are areas of the board to be discussed such as Special Education and Ministry Education.

Director's Meeting

Lorrie discussed that in the future, funding for items necessary in the school may be up to the school to raise by holding fundraising activities. Schools may no longer be allowed to ask for outside funds from parents. The board will be looking at this new policy which may be in place for next year. This would be policy starting September 2011.

Media Literacy and Cameras

Lorrie purchased 7 cameras for classrooms which will show on the financial statement.

7. Committee Reports

It was announced that there are 12 families available to help with the Bingo. Sandy Skingley has volunteered her services as head organizer with the Bingos being held on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm for November and December.

Thanksgiving Lunch

Lorrie enjoyed this activity and was impressed that it was held in a very organized manner. It was stressed to keep the instructions to be included in the Parent Notebook: "How to Run Things".

Terry Fox Run

No financial figures available at time of meeting.

8. New Business

a) By-Laws have been sent out by the Board for review for 2010. Lorrie felt there were some items missing. All changes have been referenced and some items were discussed. A motion to vote to accept was done with Sandra S. accepting and 2nd by Sandra W.

b) Gift Card from St. Philomena School was unused at meeting date and Miranda Heaton offered to ask Mr. Louws to inquire what Mrs. Louws favourite flowers were so the card could be used to purchase such plants to add to the Memory Garden in her name. A bird bath donated by Emily Taylor was inquired about and will be put into place in the garden.

c) The Breakfast for Learning Grant: amounted to \$2,800. Lorrie recommended the use of gift cards for food purchases for the breakfast. Cathy Ginario was to inquire about the 2 for 1 sale on fruit coupons.

d) Policy Vetting: was discussed as being a sensitive area to respond to and were to be looked at seriously. All concerns will be taken into consideration by the Board. Any cares/concerns are to be sent to the Board or to the Principal before Nov. 15.

9. Correspondence

Nothing to report.

10. Old Business

a) Catholic School Council Resources in Library - a section for parental resource is now available in the library. Lorrie would like to see if parents would be interested in offering other services and thought advertising this in the newsletter would be a good idea. This would be an area could help with clubs such as chess, badminton etc. Beth wondered about police checks and was assured that if a teacher was involved then that would not be necessary.

b) Sports Jerseys - there are currently 14 team shirts available with 15 on order giving a total of 29. The cost is \$33.00 for a total of \$600.00 which is available through the Bingo Nevada funds.

11. Next Meeting

Plans for the next meeting on **November 18 at 6:30** will be to discuss the Christmas concert for the week of Dec 13, silent auction and budget for 2011. Sandra W. to set up letter for silent auction donations.

Important dates: Dec 10 for Family Pot Luck dinner, no Jan council meeting, Feb 17 Council Meeting @ Notre Dame High School in Welland, March 24th meeting after March break, no April meeting due to Holy Week with May 12 for last Council Meeting

12. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn - Christine 1st
- Franca 2nd