

St. Mary Catholic School Council
Wednesday October 29, 2014

*“Through the charism of faith, social justice, support and leadership, nurtures an enriching Catholic learning Community for all to reach their full potential
 And become living witnesses of Christ”*

1. Welcome and Opening Prayer : Steve Moran

Members	Affiliations	Present	Excused	Absent
Steve Moran	Chair	X		
Claudia Moran	Co-Chair	X		
Emma Fera-Massi	Principal	X		
Pamela Maia	Secretary		X	
Mary Beth Casucci	Teacher Representation	X		
Amanda Juby				X
Amy Duffy			X	
Linda Beaupit			X	
Jamie Roy			X	
Luisa Deluca		X		
Lori Krockner		X		
Jody Gravelle			X	
Evelyn McMaster		X		
Pat Wignall			X	
Sarah Elefante		X		
Barb Slowski		X		
Tamarinde Lampshire			X	

2. Approval of Agenda : Sarah E. and Claudia M.

3. Approval of Minutes: Steve M. and Sarah E.

B. Good News Report: Great turn out for Cross Country we had over 60 students Participate, Taylor N. in grade 8 came in first place in the county meet!

C. Principal's Report:

"Growing in WISDOM to WORSHIP and WITNESS."

Catholicity

- Discuss the Change in churches
- First Reconciliation date: Tuesday Feb. 24th at 7:00pm
- First Holy Communion: Sunday May 3, 2015 at 1:30 pm

We will be starting to go to mass every Friday Morning, communicated in the agenda, this will include ELKP.

Our grade 8's recently came back from Journey's, lots of positive feedback

Remembrance Day Liturgy will be on November 11th at 10:30 in the gym all our welcome. Our Grade 8 students have been invited to attend the service at the Gale Centre

Random Act of Kindness Day: November 7th: we are going to be selling Rafiki chains...made by a mama in Kenya....by participating in the "We Are Rafikis Campaign", we unlock a lifetime of change for a mama, her family and their whole community. Chains give us the chance to make an impact and support an Adopt a Village Community. (Council was very receptive to this idea, suggested we send home an order form.)

"We Act": a social justice program where we raise awareness about social justice needs locally and globally. We participate in a local food drive, The raft Program, Globally: Habitat for Humanity and We Act.

Nov. 19th: We act Speaker to address students in the gym.

Student Achievement

EQAO Results:

Grade 3: Reading 93, Writing 100, Math 87

Grade 6: Reading 84, Writing 92, Math 56

We are working with the Numeracy Coach Jaime Rootes, our primary Teachers are involved in a primary math inquiry project.

We are having a Primary Numeracy Night on November 3rd ELKP to Grade 3, syner-voice will go out as a reminder on Thursday October 30,2014.

We recently received a \$3000 grant specifically for music, and it is going to purchasing guitars. Mrs. Tham will be starting a guitar club.

School Climate:

We collected over 700 canned good for Project Share

We had an amazing response to our Habitat for Humanity initiative where we filled backpacks to send to Guatemala.

Students are looking forward to Our Halloween Dance-a-thon happening on Friday, the \$2 donation going to Holy Childhood.

Bull dogs Hockey game for our grades 4-6 classes on Nov. 4th

Bring your Kids to work Day is on Nov 5th...we have 10 former students joining us from St. Paul HS.

PPP the first seminar in on November 7th 12:30 to 2:00pm in our library, not very many parents have registered for this...please continue to encourage.

November 13th: Lock down, not to go home next week.

November 14th is a PA day, the staff will be involved in Professional Development Activities all Day at different sites.

Bullying Prevention Week November 17-23....the Friday of that week will be out of dress code we will be encouraging students and staff to wear Pink.

Parent Teacher Conferences happening on Monday November 24th , more information regarding times will come home. We are also having our Poinsettia Pick up on this day as well.

EFM.

D. Financial Report: Discussed, new balance \$2471.21

E. Goals for CSC: to assist the school in purchasing Smart technology and uniforms for sport teams. Mrs. FM to look into the cost of purchasing sport team wear. Council suggested a letter go home in regards to donating balls for outdoor play

New Business:

NNP: This is going very well, we are offering the breakfast program twice a week, all students enjoying it.

On November 10th at Dennis Morris Catholic Highschool they will be hosting the Catholic School Council Parent/Guardian Annual Meeting. Council members are invited to attend. Steve and Claudia both shared their experience last year. Sarah and Claudia will be attending this year.

Policy vetting: Concussion Protocol, all comments to be submitted to Jennifer Brailey by Nov.14.

Our Pasta Day will be postponed until February

Sarah E. brought up a fundraising idea having to do with Caesar's Pizza, she will bring the information to school and it will be on the agenda for the next meeting

Winter Wonderland discussion:

12 vendors confirmed

Face Painting confirmed

Magician confirmed \$200...EFM to call Calvin to compare prices

Charictures (waiting)...5 to 10 minutes per picture

Life touch confirmed (Santa Pictures and letters)

10 Themed Classroom Baskets, 12 prizes from vendors, Claudia looking into 2 door prizes.

Next Meeting Jan. 13th .2015