



MINUTES OF THE ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

September 17, 2014

Minutes of the Meeting of the St. Joseph Catholic School Council, held on September 17, 2014 at 6:30 pm.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Principal MacKenzie

AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Opening Prayer**

The opening prayer was led by: Mrs. MacKenzie

Roll Call

Attendance: Mrs. MacKenzie, Ms. Figliomeni, Franca Beifuss, Sandy Skingley, Karen Martens, June Watchorn, Carol Brunton, Maria Arnott
Regrets: Kelly DiLapo

2. **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by: Carol Brunton

Seconded by: Franca Beifuss

THAT the St. Joseph Catholic School Council approves the Agenda of the St. Joseph Catholic School Council Meeting of September 17, 2014 **-CARRIED**

Approval of Minutes of the St. Joseph Catholic School Council Meeting of May 28, 2014

Moved by: Carol Brunton

Seconded by: Franca Beifuss

THAT St. Joseph Catholic School Council approves the Minutes of the St. Joseph Catholic School Council Meeting of May 28 2014 as presented **-CARRIED**

3. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING May 28, 2014**

- **Election of Officers for 2014- 2015 school year:**

Principal MacKenzie called for nominations for the position of Chair

June Watchorn was nominated for chair by Franca Beifuss and seconded by Sandy Skingley. June accepted the nomination.

June Watchorn nominated Karen Martens for chair, seconded by Carol Brunton. Karen accepted the nomination. It was unanimously decided that June Watchorn and Karen Martens would be Co-Chairs of the St. Joseph Catholic School Council.

Recording Secretary – Carol Brunton self-nominated, seconded by Sandy Skingley. Carol was acclaimed as the Recording Secretary of the St. Joseph Catholic School Council.

Mrs. MacKenzie remains as the Treasurer of the Catholic School Council Financial accounts as per Board Policy.

Maria Arnott was acclaimed as the Bingo Treasurer of the St. Joseph Catholic School Council.

- Review of Bylaws

Motion to adopt the bylaws by June Watchorn, seconded by Franca Beifuss - **CARRIED** - Bylaws of the St. Joseph Catholic School Council for 2014 2015 were adopted.

4. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Current enrolment is 117 students with 12 new ELKP students and there will be 15 grade 8 graduates for 2014-2015 year.
- St. Joseph received Platinum certification for Eco-Schools
- 2nd hydration station was installed – purchased by Catholic School Council
- EQAO – results were posted. Grade 6 results were not posted due to low numbers writing the assessment. They scored 100% at provincial standard. Grade 3 – Math 55% for our school. Provincially the math scores were low. Our grade 6s did well in comparison. Our next step as a school is to look at the data in order to direct our school. Our school improvement framework will focus on math. Wording and communication will be a focus.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report was presented to the members of the Catholic School Council present. The accounts include the Catholic School Council account, the Nevada account and the E-Bingo account

CSC account - Grad composites were purchased as well as the hydration station.

E Bingo account – deposits were made

Nevada account – \$200.00 cheques were made out for each class for end of the year trips.

Nevada accounts and Bingo accounts operate at the same time. Proposals have to be put forward to obtain money from the Nevada account. Nevada is very lucrative. We pay a monthly fee, but we benefit a lot from it.

Our bingo profits have dropped. City of Fort Erie has given us extra bingos to make up for it. Our bingo is always on a Tuesday. We have 2 bingos in October and 2 in November. It was expressed that the EBingo is really easy to work. There is a dress code for bingo. White collared shirt, black pants and a name tag. The importance of Bingo was expressed.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Bingo – (Kelly DiLapo). Mrs. MacKenzie has forwarded names of volunteers to Mrs. DiLapo.
 - Kelly could not make the meeting. More volunteers are coming forward for Bingo. Bingo requires 2 volunteers from the school at each bingo.
2. Nutrition – as per Sandy Skingley
 - Starting next week. Carol Brunton, Jessica Diomin, Sandy Skingley, Laurie McLean, The Watts, and Karen Martens have volunteered. Mrs. MacKenzie has applied for a grant. Mrs. Skingley has a Costco card and will be going to Sobeys for fruits and vegetables.
3. Garden/Eco – as per Sandy Skingley
 - 2 yds of mulch in May and June. The school has taken on organic farming – with individual classes. The region will take away the binding and the stakes for the trees which were planted from the Canopies for Kids programme.
4. Staff Report – as per Ms. Figliomeni
 - NorCard fundraising for the grade 7/8 trip to Quebec began on Sept. 15, carwash (Oct. 11- 10pm-3pm), rummage sale (Nov. 22 in the gym 9pm-2pm) and pasta dinner (Nov. 27). Suggestion to ask Paul Colle to put school fundraising functions in the church bulletin. The fire hall will also post the car wash. The students will make signs. Mrs. Watchorn will put up flyers.
 - Snack Thursdays will begin to assist with grade 7/8 fundraising efforts
 - Terry Fox – Sept. 26. The school will have a rally in the gym with a walk/run to follow.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- i) School Fundraiser – Magazines: Replace school gym equipment and buy new jerseys.
- ii) Thanksgiving Lunch
 - Tradition for years. Our Thanksgiving mass is after Thanksgiving on Thursday October 16th. Mr. Brunton is not available for cooking the turkeys this year. Mrs. Martens will look into finding a restaurant that will cook 5-6 turkeys. Volunteers will be needed the day of the luncheon to help prepare and serve the lunch.
- iii) Hot Lunches
 - They were well received last year. Dilemma – On chicken finger day there are no volunteers to separate the chicken finger orders by class. Second Tuesday of the month – we need volunteers to separate orders. Mrs. Brunton volunteered to organize the chicken on Tuesday until January. Mrs. Martens will ask Anita's in Ridgeway if they could match the price and the order.
- iv) Bingo Budget Allotment
 - Budget allocation for this year is \$3300, a decrease of \$600 from last year. Categories are Nutrition (\$100), Athletics (\$1000), Publications (\$500) and Educational (\$1700).

v) CSC Meeting Dates

It was agreed upon that the meetings will take place on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Our next meetings:

Oct. 21, then Nov. 18, Jan. 20, March TBA, Apr. TBA

vi) Spirit Wear – Mrs. Watchorn asked about Spirit Wear orders. Mrs. MacKenzie informed council that our spirit wear can be ordered/picked up at Maddalena Sportswear in Welland. Short and long sleeve polos as well as zip hoodies and regular hoodies are available. Mrs. MacKenzie informed council will that the school will do a full order again.

8) NEXT MEETING: October 21, 2014

9) ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Sandy Skingley

Seconded by: Carol Brunton, June Watchorn, Karen Martens

THAT the September 17, 2014 meeting of the St. Joseph Catholic School Council be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at: 7:40pm