



MINUTES OF THE ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

January 20, 2015

Minutes of the Meeting of the St. Joseph Catholic School Council, held on January 20, 2015 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, Mr. Bernardi, Carol Brunton, Sandy Skingley, Franca Beifuss, Karen Martins, Stephanie Milberry (guest)
Regrets: Kelly DiLapo

2. **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by: Franca Beifuss

Seconded by: Sandy Skingley

THAT the St. Joseph Catholic School Council approves the Agenda of the St. Joseph Catholic School Council Meeting of January 20, 2015 -**CARRIED**

Approval of Minutes of the St. Joseph Catholic School Council Meeting of November 18, 2014

Moved by: Sandy Skingley

Seconded by: Franca Beifuss

THAT St. Joseph Catholic School Council approves the Minutes of the St. Joseph Catholic School Council Meeting of November 18, 2014 as presented -**CARRIED**

3. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING November 18, 2014**

- Food follow – up: to be reported later by Mrs. MacKenzie

4. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- New Sensory Room – construction occurred over the Christmas break. This room will be used for students with a sensory diet, need some sensory stimulation, or are on sensory overload.
- New Chapel – construction occurred over the Christmas break. We will have an altar built and seating put in. Teachers will be able to use this for instruction and students will be able to spend quiet prayerful time there. There is a parent who does woodworking and has volunteered to assist with the building.
- New Jerseys - \$750 came from the Nevada account and the school added another \$300 so that we could purchase 35 jerseys
- Policy Vetting – the following policies are currently up for review and responses due February 6, 2015
 1. Educational Field Trips Policy (400.2)
 2. Volunteer Driver Policy (302.4)
 3. Volunteer Recognition Policy (800.4)
- ELKP registration: 3 new children will be joining. We still have families who are already at the school and have a child eligible for ELKP. At least 15 would be required as that is the number of grade 8 students that will be leaving in June in order to retain our enrolment numbers .

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 – cheques written to pay for Subs, Chicken Fingers, CPR training for grade 7s, trays and wrap for Christmas Silent Auction baskets. \$517 was made with the silent auction.

Nevada account – Nevadaman expenses

Ebingo account – cheques written for bus for Sharon, Bram and Friends concert, and girls volleyball

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Bingo – as per Kelly DiLapo – 1 bingo this quarter – March 31
2. Nutrition – Sandy Skingley has resigned as coordinator, Karen Martins has taken over. Will see if more coupons could be obtained for the fruits and vegetables. Sandy will work with Karen to fully integrate her into the program.
3. Garden/Eco – We currently have a composting schedule for our Compost bins. Children in Eco club are responsible for emptying the compost bin. Mr. Mann does take care of the recycling portion of the garbage from the Nutrition programme.

4. Staff Report – as per Mr. Bernardi. Mr. Bernardi's class began Pathways (Cyberquest) last Thursday and will continue for four straight days. Every Thursday is still Snack day. Literacy and PJ day happening next Monday, skating will take place on Friday, Board Scrabble and Spelling Bee next week, and St. Donat trip is coming up. Report cards going home in next few weeks. Intermediate speeches will be taking place as well later in February.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

i) School Cash OnLine – we went live January 9. Current items available for payment on line include Spirit Wear, Chicken Fingers, Milk tickets. Moving forward, everything will be placed on line ie: end of year trips, new food days. Paper option will still be available for anyone who does not wish to participate in online program. There have been some issues with dates of birth for children, but the secretary is currently reviewing each student's record to ensure the date of birth is correct. Online will have the ability to send out reminders to parents regarding events and notices.

ii) Shrove Tuesday- February 17. Letter will be sent out shortly to request volunteers for parents to assist, to donate griddles, etc.

iii) Pita Pit. Rep (Kevin) came to school. He owns Pita Pit in Fort Erie and Welland. They will print out an order form and envelope for the type of pita that would be available for each student. Orders can be customized. Cost to the school would be \$4.00 but student would pay \$5.00. It would be once a month event. Would be delivered and sorted by Pita Pit. Trial would be until the end of this current school year and would be re-visited for next year. Are peanut free but not gluten free – if gluten free is requested, he simply removes the pita and it becomes a salad. Mrs. MacKenzie will be contacting Kevin to let him know that we are interested.

iv) Spirit Wear is available throughout the year at Maddalena's store – Welland.

v) Feedback from Past night with regards to the desserts. Some parents were not aware of the second seating and therefore were not able to obtain a pie/cake. Clarification is being requested for the desserts for next year.

8) **NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 14th**

9) **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by: Sandy Skingley

Seconded by: Carol Brunton

THAT the January 20, 2015 meeting of the St. Joseph Catholic School Council be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at: 7:20 pm.