



St. Patrick Catholic School Council

MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 02, 2007

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: School Library

Members Present:
 Nadia Luciuk **Principal**
 Gail VanderHolst **Chair**
 Bobbi Kaiser, **Vice Chair**
 Melissa Elliott **Treasurer**
 Janet McComb **Fundraising**
 Michael Jesmer, **Teacher Rep**
 Debby Gill, **Parish Rep**
 Eileen Harvey, **Secretary**

Parent Reps
 Rita Witjes,

Other Interested Attendees
 Valerie Irwin
 Miranda Roy
 Shannon Levee

Regrets: Donna Clarke-McMullen **Parent Rep**
 Kim Craig **Parent Rep**
 Vacant, **Community Rep**

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION/DECISION
1.0 Welcome and Prayer	<p>Debby opened the meeting with a prayer.</p> <p>Introduction of Michel Jesmer – will be our teacher rep and teaches Gr. 1 & 2.</p>
2.0 Review and Approval of Minutes	<p>Rita motioned that the minutes of May 29, 2007 be accepted. Michel seconded the motion. Carried.</p>
3.0 Parish Update - Debby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Children’s choir will now sing 2 songs every 3rd Sunday. The Parish will be coordinating events to match with the Children’s Choir Sunday. • The school will publish church events in the monthly newsletter.
4.0 Fundraising Report - Janet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plans for this year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. T-shirt and water bottles will be for sale throughout the year.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Nor card for sale Oct. 1 – 15 c. Halloween Fun Night Oct. 23rd 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. d. Breakfast with Santa – Sat. Nov. 24th or Sat. Dec 1st 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. e. February Fun Night – Feb. 26th – details to come f. Easter Basket Raffle – March 18th & 19th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that we have quite a few separated families and therefore the children in this situation could use 2 forms for some events. • Santa events – 4 x 6 picture of the child with Santa, craft – make a frame for the picture, breakfast - \$10:00 a person or \$20:00 for a family.
<p>5.0 Treasurer’s Report Melissa</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nadia requested a list of where Council money was spent in 2006. Melissa to provide. • The school has \$500 funding which is for Council use. It has been decided that this money will go towards the Bar-B-Q at the Open House usually partially funded by Council and the \$250 from Council will go towards something else. • Nadia is to find out what the swimming program transportation costs were for last year. She will also verify if this is valid use of Nevada account money. • Nothing has come out of replacing our Nevada vendor. The balance in this account is \$1,409.18. Money is tagged for 2006/2007 that has not had a cheque written.
<p>6.0 Teacher’s Report – Mike</p>	<p>School had its’ first school mass on Sept. 14th, children’s choir sang and all the children were well behaved.</p> <p>Teachers were pleased with the turn out and supportive comments at the Open House on Sept. 20th. Thank you to School Council and the many volunteers for the hot dogs and drinks.</p> <p>Some classes have booked and taken some field trips to support what is being taught in class.</p> <p>Health - Some presentations and screening are booked or have taken place, such as washing hands given by Public Health on Oct. 1st.</p> <p>The Terry Fox walk was held on Sept. 28th despite the rain and we raised over \$400.00. A \$50.00 cheque was received from a retired school principal from Toronto who was moved by our children walking down the highway.</p> <p>New staff members are already feeling at home and part of the team.</p> <p>Many teachers are already in the process of completing the first term literacy assessments as well as piloting a new one. CAT 4. We are part of a Norm study.</p>

	<p>Our Christmas concert is tentatively scheduled for Wed. Dec. 19th, 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Staff Requests: If Council is considering classroom support of \$100.00 per teacher, that funds be made available early in the year when expenses are usually incurred. (See New Business).</p> <p>For the playground, if a large sand box could be installed as the sandy areas are in great use by the children and the staff would like to keep it somewhat contained. – Primary Side.</p>
<p>7.0 Playground Equipment - Donna</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As Donna Clarke-McMullen could not attend this meeting, she sent an email to Gail on the investigation she has done in replacing the playground equipment. She received 2 quotes on two intermediate climber playgrounds. One was for \$9,685.09 and the other for \$12,000. She sent a brochure with smaller structures. She investigated with the health inspector on putting the structure on the tile bed, which can be done under certain conditions. He is willing to meet and review the yard to make a full and proper recommendation. Donna also spoke with Terry Sauve. Terry sent the school site plan drawings to Donna. Donna referenced a new Board policy on playground equipment that Nadia should have as well as a report on the audit of the current equipment. There is no warranty on the current structures. • The full email was distributed to those attending the meeting. <p>Discussion on this topic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board has the reports not Nadia as referenced in Donna’s letter. The new policy is on the website – Board decides what equipment and if and where it can go on the property. • If this is something Council & school wants to pursue, we need to setup a committee and include a Board member. • A quick round table was done: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Debby – concerned about school yard coverage, children go more for seasonal play such as soccer. Depending on the structure may need to keep the children off the structure in the winter. ○ Bobbi – her children are not lacking the use of a structure ○ Shannon – prefers sports ○ Valerie – her grandchildren talk more about cross country so assume they prefer more active play. ○ Janet - Outdoor classroom had lots of preparation issues and safety issues expect same or more for the play structure. Not as many children can use the structure. ○ Melissa – feels the structure can cause more accidents ○ Michel – sees lot of children playing lots of different games –

	<p>several soccer and football games.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rita – sees children more into sports, structure limits amount of children that can play. ○ Gail – structure not available to community due to our location. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tell anyone who might be interested in pursuing this to send a note to the school and to Donna via the school.
<p>8.0 Principal's Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 264 students this year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Primary classes at cap of 20 b. 3 / 4 split at 23 c. 31 is the highest number in the 7 / 8 class d. Expect to see split classes for the next several years. ● Flower beds at front of school were done by Kelly Calthorpe. The school provided her with a budget – a job well done! ● New sound system now plays O'Canada as a part of our Morning Exercises ● School website <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Board website has link to us b. Has tab for Council c. Will be posting minutes d. Will post all dates and the newsletter e. Will post all items of interest to parents. This will reduce photocopying costs. ● Will be posting and providing printed materials on the community board outside the office the Kindergarten classes. ● Let Nadia know if you want items sent to your email address. ● Paul Walsh was at the Bar-B-Q – he is the principal of Holy Cross. A couple of children that attended St. Patrick's will come back to speak to grades 5 / 6 in particular to encourage staying with the Catholic system. Many find it is not practical due to the time of the buses and the length of time on the bus. Many have to get a 7:00 a.m. bus to get to Holy Cross. ● EQAO – looks like results are lower, however, not comparing apples to apples. Need to compare Gr. 3 to where they are in Gr. 6 and then in Gr. 9. Additional information will be sent home. ● Gr. 6 individual reports have the Gr. 3 results on it. ● Changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -External doors are locked at all times from the outside in with the exception of the front door and the primary door. -There will be a lockdown drill before the bad weather arrives. -Orange pylons are now in parking lots to prevent cars going in front of the buses. -Field Trips are based on what is being taught or the grade program. For example the swim program for Gr. 4 and the Quebec trip for Gr. 8. -“Imagine... A School Without Bullying” – 6 modules of different aspects of appropriate behaviour. Ongoing program and commitment to a safe

	<p>school. This is part of the School Improvement Plan.</p> <p>-Facility Enhancement – request proposals are due early December. If School Council wants to put something forward, send it to Nadia.</p> <p>-Class Photos – Oct. 11. Photovisions gave us same days as last year even though we asked for different ones. Nadia to look into a different photographer.</p>
9.0 Follow-up on outstanding business	Gail to follow-up with Jan McLean on the grant for the Outreach program (learning disability). There is to be a talk at the school.
10.0 New Business	<p>Janet Brown is requesting more money for the basketball program to cover the insurance for Gr. 4 – 8. She is asking around \$226.00, the same as we provided last year.</p> <p>Gail motioned to approve the request, Rita 2nd. Motion passed. Exact amount to be confirmed.</p> <p>Todd Stewart, Librarian is requesting \$500. Last year it was \$556.00 based on \$2/student.</p> <p>Melissa motioned we continue with the \$2/student and provide \$538.00. Rita 2nd. Motion passed.</p> <p>Nadia to find out from Terry Sauve if he can remove the tether ball poles.</p> <p>Teachers have requested \$100.00 each (and \$50.00 for part-time teachers). Usually for consumables. On Hold</p>
11.0 School Council Meeting Dates	Next meeting - Tuesday November 20 th 2007 @ 6:30 p.m.
12.0 Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:22 p.m.