

Pope John Paul II Catholic School Council
Minutes of Nov 25, 2014 Meeting

*“To work whole-heartedly to foster the Catholic faith education of our school community in partnership with the Church, home and school;
To provide Catholic faith teaching and promote spiritual undertakings and assist our school community in delivering and protecting Catholic education.”*

Present:

Parent Members:

Juanita MacDonald
Cindy Shea
Charmaine Phillips
Susan Vinters

Members at Large:

Rachelle McBride

Board Staff:

David Kennedy
Grace McHale
Sylvie Roy

Regrets:

Tracy Sims-Newman
Leslie Roe
Deacon Rick Gervais
Michele Wahler
Natalie Dupuis Michele
Joanne Zuccherato

Parents

Jacqueline Crawford

Quorum was not established with 4 out of 9 CSC parent members present

This is an information only meeting.

- 1. Welcome and call to order:** Juanita M. started the meeting to order at 7:04 pm
- 2. Opening prayer:** by David Kennedy
- 3. Reports**
 - **OLDL report:** Nil
 - **Principal’s Report:**
 - Resiliency Surveys permission forms went home – anyone not responding will be contacted – surveys will be completed before Christmas
 - we have closed the structures for the winter due to safety concerns
 - we rolled out WITS for the students on Friday – there is a website with a section for parents to demonstrate the initiative and help us by using the strategies and language at home – demonstrate the web page to council www.witsprogram.ca

- **Chair's Report**

A few things we would like to bring up are as follows:

1. The hot lunch is in place. We are going with pizza days on Mondays and Hot meals on Thursdays. Traiteur Cayer has been wonderful to work with. Their new menu seems to be a hit. We have had to have them send the meals on alternate days with short notice. Each time they were extremely accommodating. This year the Thursday before Christmas they are serving a traditional Turkey dinner.
2. We are getting ready for the PJP Christmas store. Please start collecting nic-nacs and wrapping items. If volunteering to wrap, please make sure your police check is in.
3. If you know anyone interested in volunteering let me know. I am looking for people to help with hot lunch, set up and tear-down of events, when we are helping with the canteens....
4. A Health and Family life survey went out this month. I filled it out for StFx and Cindy for PJP.
5. Please keep emailing me your reports so they may be cut and pasted into the minutes

Mail/Correspondence:

It has been pretty quiet in this department.

Thanks Again

Juanita MacDonald
Cindy Shea

Submitted Nov 25th, 2014

- **Teachers Report:**

Events

1. Remembrance Day Service – was well attended by parents. Thank you.
2. The Volleyball tournament is at St.Pat's in Rockland on Monday, December 1.
3. Junior students' field trip to Canadian war museum is scheduled for December 4.
4. Book Fair – Wednesday, November 26th and through the week.
5. Grade 5/6 sold cootie catchers with positive messages as a fundraiser for Free the Children.

Other

Teachers did their best to schedule parent-teacher meetings so that families with several children at the school could have all their meetings around the same time. Meetings are

10 minutes long and subject teachers (ie: math, LA) will do their best to attend meetings with the homeroom teacher.

Teachers selected their gift basket choices for the council's fundraiser and submitted them to Juanita.

Classes are preparing for Advent Concert presentations.

Teachers will be meeting to discuss and prioritize the "Teacher Wish List" at the next staff meeting. Ideas will be presented to council at the January meeting.

- **Treasurer's Report: NIL**
- **SEAC Report:**
Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report

Upon review of the most recent SEAC meeting minutes from Oct. 29th, 2014 in Kempville several points were documented that I would like to note.

The Canadian Mental Health Association representative, Joanne Ledoux-Moshonas, talked about Mental Health Promotion in Schools. "Opening Minds" is launching a national campaign to help schools and communities reduce the stigma held by young people about mental illness through 2 Youth Anti-Stigma Summits expected to be held this school year.

Also, as we know, students between Grades 3-12 will be completing the Resiliency Survey between now and December 17th. It is expected that School Teams will be participating in a full day workshop designed around Resiliency School Action Plans, Resiliency Lessons and the relationship between Resiliency and Mental Health.

Further, there are 2 upcoming presentations on SafeTALK. This suicide prevention presentation will deal openly with the stigma around suicide, community awareness, and the question, "Should we talk about suicide?" This session will make one better able to understand how personal and community beliefs about suicide can affect suicide stigma and safety, appreciate how the steps taught can be used to help prevent, and choose better ways to help.

Dates for SafeTalk:

· Thursday, December 4th – Cornwall Board Office, 835 Campbell Street, Cornwall

· Thursday, December 11th – Smiths Falls Board Office, 385 Highway #29, Smiths Falls

Thank you for taking the time to read this report.

Sincerely,

Charmaine Phillips, parent

- **Community Rep Report:**
Mme McBride asked for the contact information for Le Reflet and stressed the importance of getting more exposure in the Limoges and Cassleman area

4. Old Business:

- Samko & Miko. This fundraiser brought us in \$241 in profit. Not bad for a fundraiser that need no real effort. Great Job.

5. New Business

a) Basket and Advent Planning

- Advent concert Dec 17th. We will need volunteers for set up, Tear down and manning the table.
- Dec 4th and 5th we will work on the baskets at PJP while waiting for pies to be picked up.
- Food Drive will be run by the ECO club.
- Check with Jillian's Husband on taking pictures during the event
- Advent Concert we will have:
 - 50/50 manned by Susan Husband
 - Bake Sale
 - Basket raffle
 - Water, Pop and popcorn

6. Questions and Answers: Sue Wilson was notified by Juanita that we were have an information only meeting. She was planning to come out to our meeting.

The E Cycle and Clothing drive will be Jan 17 9-2pm, & Jan 18th 9 to 12pm. We will ask for 2 bins.

7. Closing Prayer: David Kennedy

8. Adjournment: Adjournment at 8:25pm