

**Pope John Paul II Catholic School Council**  
**Minutes of Oct 28, 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  
Joanne Zuccherato  
Natalie Dupuis  
Charmaine Phillips  
Michele Wahler  
Tracy Sims-Newman

**Members at Large:**

Rachelle McBride

**Board Staff:**

David Kennedy  
Grace McHale  
Sylvie Roy

**Guest:**

Sue Wilson

**Regrets:**

Susan Vinters  
Leslie Roe  
Deacon Rick Gervais

**Parents**

Jacqueline Crawford  
Jillian Lush

**Quorum was established with 7 out of 9 CSC parent members present**

**1. Welcome and call to order:** Juanita M. called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm

**2. Opening prayer:** by David Kennedy

**3. Motion to excuse members:** Motioned by Tracy; Seconded by Michelle

**4. Approval of Agenda:** Motioned by Charmaine; Seconded by Natalie

**5. Approval of Previous Minutes:** Motioned by Tracy; Seconded by Cindy

**6. Reports**

- **OLDL report: Nil**

- **Principal's Report:**

- Hold and Secure on Wednesday as a result of the shooting in Ottawa. This was ordered by the OPP
- Progress Reports go home November 25<sup>th</sup>
- Parent teacher interviews on Nov. 26 – sharing the evening with St. FX
- There will be a spaghetti dinner fundraiser for the mission trip at the high school
- Nov 21 will be our Toonies for Tuition fundraiser

- Book Fair will be running the last week of November starting on the 26<sup>th</sup>.
- We will be resuming Reading Buddies during November
- We will also be rolling out the WITS program in November
- Resiliency Survey in Nov. see attached letter

- **Chair's Report**

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

1. The hot lunch is in place. Big thanks to Jillian Lush and the grade 6's for handing out the milk everyday and helping hand out the Thursday meals. So far everything is running smoothly
2. Thursday Oct 23rd the Parent Involvement Committee Summit in Kemptville took place. We had 3 members attending this year again. It was very informative.
3. We are getting ready for the PJP Christmas store. Please start collecting nic- nacs and wrapping items.
4. If you know anyone interested in volunteering let me know. I am looking for people to help with hot lunch, set up and teardown of events, when we are helping with the canteens....
5. Finally, please keep emailing me your reports so they may be cut and pasted into the minutes

Mail/Correspondence:

It has been pretty quite in this department.

Thanks Again

Juanita MacDonald  
Cindy Shea

Submitted Oct 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014

- **Teachers Report:**

- Thank you's:

Jean-Francois Major (Grade 5/6 immersion) and Mrs. Bournival (Grade 2 & 3) would like to thank council members and parent volunteers for their assistance at the soccer tournament last week.

Primary teachers would like to thank the council for their financial support with the pumpkin patch trip. It was a huge success.

- Events:

Tomorrow, Wednesday, October 29, students and teachers will be outdoors between 2:00-3:00 enjoying many traditional games as part of an initiative “Take Me Outside Day”.

A Remembrance Day service will be held in the gym on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Classes will be making presentations. All families will be invited to submit the names of family members who are currently serving or who have served in the past to be posted in the gym. This request will be made in the newsletter. The service will start around 10:15 with 2 minutes of silence at 11:00.

- Other:

Teachers are working on developing online resources for parents and students including websites (Kindergarten, Grades 3 and 4) and e-learning resources.

Teachers are putting together a “wish list”: Items include speakers for classroom and other technology for the classroom. Teachers also discussed the possibility of redrawing lines for games during recess. As the result of a class meeting, Mrs. Zylstra has learned from junior students that their priority is new soccer nets.

- **Treasurer’s Report: NIL**

- **SEAC Report:**

**Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report  
to  
Catholic Parent Council  
at  
Pope John Paul II Catholic Elementary School**

Upon review of the most recent SEAC meeting minutes from Sept. 24th, 2014 in Kemptville several points were documented that I would like to note.

The Association for Bright Children (ABC) of Ontario is holding workshops on Saturday mornings from Oct. 25 to Nov. 29 for children ages 6-14. More information can be found at: <http://www.abcontario.ca/ottawa/44/index.htm>.

The Office of the Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth is launching a website called: “*I Have Something to Say*” for children and youth with special needs. For more information visit the website at: <http://www.provincialadvocate.on.ca/main/en/ihsts>.

A presentation was given on Alternative Behaviour Learning Environment (ABLE) Programs by Pam Dunk, a Crisis Support Worker, who advised that there are three of these programs running, typically for students who are 12 years old+ who have been suspended from school for 6 days or longer. The program can engage the students in discussions on anxiety, drug prevention and awareness, healthy relationships and anger management.

Previous Meeting from Aug. 27th, 2014:

The department update documented that this school year, the classroom teachers will be transitioning towards completing any necessary IEP's. Supportive consultants and special software will be available to assist with this responsibility.

A presentation was given on current Mental Health Strategies and Supports available to students by Michelle Neville, CDSBEO Mental Health Lead. She advised that there is a focus on building a school culture that supports positive mental health and effective resiliency. The Resiliency Survey that is completed by students in Grades 3-12 allows schools to identify trends and areas of need.

Thank you for taking the time to read this report.

Sincerely,  
Charmaine Phillips, parent

- **Community Rep Report:**  
We should send pictures to the reflet about the school so that we can do more advertising for the school in Casselman and Embrun.

**7. Old Business:**

- Liability Coverage: Juanita Motioned an internet vote, Seconded by Joanne Z, The majority were in favour. Bev Guy issued a cheque to the board.

**8. New Business**

a) **Goals for 2014/2015**

- Raise funds for technology
- Raise funds for trips (supporting children in enriched activities)

b) **Fundraising Ideas**

- Samko & Miko  
Recommendation came forward to do Samko Sale All in favor, no opposed
- Electronic collection fundraiser
- clothing drive
- xmas gift baskets
- meat pies

Recommendation came forward to do these fundraisers. All in favor, no opposed

**c) Christmas Store and Advent Concert**

- Bring in your used wrapping paper, bags and nic nacs

**9. Questions and Answers**

- **Question was asked if Pope John Paul II will be changed? Was advised no as he will always be a Pope**

**10. Closing Prayer:** David Kennedy

As we close this meeting, Lord, we want to give honor to You. Thank you God, for the time we had today to discuss issues and make decisions. May You bless each person who took the time to gather here today and let Your hand of protection be on them throughout the rest of the week. Let the work done here tonight come to fruition and let it all be for Your glory. Help us each to do our parts to bring the plans discussed to life Amen.

**11. Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Cindy Shea; Seconded by Tracy  
Adjournment at 8:30 pm