



ST. MARY C.S.S. PARENT COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2016

<http://stmary.dcdsb.ca/index.php/2015-02-24-19-14-32/common-parents-council>

Executive Members	Name	Attendance
Principal	Mike O'Brien	P
Chair	Beatrice Povolo	P
Vice Chair	Nancy Sgro-Carpenter	Ab
Secretary	Anne-Marie O'Brien	P
Financial Secretary	Lisa Cairns	P
Fundraising Coordinator	Daniella Ortiz	P
Teacher Representative	Melissa Wilson-Clark	R
Teacher Representative	Vivian Riva	P
Parish Representative	Tomy Valookaran	P
Parent Representatives		
Parent Representative (Grade 9)	Julie Roberts	P
Parent Representative (Grade 10)	Louella DiFrancesco	P
Parent Representative (Grade 11)	Lisa Allison	P
Parent Representative (Grade 12)	Cathy Hadley	P
Parent Representative (French)	Frances Quinn-Ford	R
Parent Representative	David Dias	P
Parent Representative	Allison Jocko	P
Parent Representative	Lesa Joshua	R
Parent Representative	Kathy Miller	P
Parent Representative	Andrea Seivwright	P
Parent Representative	Jill Williams	R

Other Attendees:

Keisha Petrolo		
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CALL TO ORDER

- called meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Our Father T. Valookaran
Welcome and Introductions

Approval of November Minutes – Approved: L. Cairns Seconded: J. Roberts

NEW BUSINESS

Used Uniform Sale Q1 2017 B. Povolo

- usually held end of school year
- considering Thursday, February 9 as possible date
- need to confirm inventory
- discussed lack of kilts at sales (in past couple of years @ 10-15 kilts for any one sale
- discussed limiting number of kilts purchased by one person? difficult to monitor/limited volunteers
- issues with start time in past – confirm and commit to start time
- if February sale is confirmed, D. Ortiz will coordinate with Melissa re: advertising

Fundraising Update D. Ortiz

- D. Ortiz thanked those who replied to her email to solicit ideas for fundraising
- D. Ortiz also thanked T. Valookaran for his time in reviewing school focused/student led fundraising to ensure no overlap

Ideas for Fund Allocation:

- Statue of Mary \$2000-\$3000
- Sound System \$27,000 (gymnasium) – currently have 1 of 3 required quotes
- M. O'Brien confirmed \$5000 from Boyer Fundraiser will go towards this goal
- D. Ortiz stressed need for a "magic" number of fundraising goal
- next step would be to target fundraiser for that goal
- Potential goal \$10,000 – Sound System

Ideas for Fundraising

- discussed pros/cons of organizing one large fundraiser
- D. Ortiz felt not ideal, overhead cost – risk of losing money
- try smaller initiatives – possible tag along with other school fundraisers:
 - 1-Monarch Gear for purchase
 - 2-Designer Bag sale
 - 3-Consignment Sale
 - 4-Bingo Night
 - 5-Dance-A-Thon
 - 6-Mardi Gras Night
- reviewed calendar of school events currently going on or planned
- Colour Run –potential to coordinate efforts with a portion of funds raised to go to Council
- School Activity Fee – discussed if possible to add on additional fee for "school improvement"
- Notre Dame example - \$50 ask (N. Sgro-Carpenter had put forward in email)
- Non-Uniform Fee \$15 – consider increase to \$20, with additional \$5.00 set aside for Council

School Communications Process

- inquiry as to best way to connect with Teachers?
- M. O'Brien confirmed, some but not all Teacher's maintain webpage – this is not a requirement
- procedure to follow is: Teacher>VP>Principal

- encourage parents to call and leave voice mail for specific Teacher
- if message is left – Teacher gets an email notification

REPORTS

Principal's Report M. O'Brien

Athletics

Congratulations to Junior Girls Basketball – won LOSSA
Winter sports – strong showing overall

School Musical

Bye Bye Birdie was well attended
Excellent performance

Christmas Concerts

- Band
- Vocal
- Dance

Remembrance Day

- beautiful ceremony held in our gymnasium
- local dignitaries in attendance

Guest Speakers

- Jesuit Priests discussed First Nations Outreach
- Kenyan Priest - in charge of refugees service of east Africa
- Missionary Sisters - rehab with women and mental health

Growing Success

- deferred to next meeting

Alliance for Compassion (LGBTQ)

- Dec 16 – OECTA Speaker
- topic will be Catholic Faith and LGBTQ Issues
- will be attended by @ 50 students after school

Update on Financials L. Cairns

- current balance is: **\$14,890.62**

Significant Disbursements

\$300.00 for REACH Team approved last year but is still pending? COMPLETED
\$22.50 laundry supplies

Significant Credits

None to report

Staff Requests for Funding

1- TED-Ed Club – V. Riva

- explained TED in general and history of TED and Club at St. Mary
- proposing a TEDEd evening for parents and students

- talks & Q&A
- discussed \$5.00 fee – honorarium for speakers
- V. Riva was looking for feedback on whether such an evening would be something parents would be interested in attending?
- general consensus was positive

2-Microwave for Cafeteria

- quotes rec'd run \$435-\$625
- discussed viability of purchasing 2 additional units for student use in the cafeteria
- discussed issue with keeping current units clean – they are often filthy
- open discussion about who can take on responsibility of keeping them clean
- not the responsibility of those who work in the Café
- currently, our Custodial staff are handling
- discussed possibility of offering students volunteer hours to clean
- perhaps Student Council could coordinate this effort?
- before purchasing additional units, need to confirm we have appropriate electrical outlets in easily accessible area(s)
- M. O'Brien will follow up with Bill to discuss issue – cleaning and set up in Cafe

3-Christmas Outreach

- 65 families are supported (45 are St. Mary families, 10 from 2 community churches, balance from St Paul's On the Hill)
- last year Council provided \$500.00
- T. Valookaran stated we have granted more in past years
- confirmed students work hard to provide for these families
- Council approved \$1500 for this year's Outreach

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned 8:35 pm

Closing Prayer Hail Mary

Next St. Mary CSS Council Meeting

(January 2017 deferred)

Wednesday, February 1, 2017 @ 7:00 pm - St. Mary CSS Library

St. Mary CSS Parent Council meetings usually take place on the first Wednesday of the month, from 7:00pm – 8:00pm in the school library. All parents are welcome to attend the monthly Parent Council meetings and bring agenda items forward for discussion.