



ST. MARY C.S.S. PARENT COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2017

<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	P
Secretary	Anne-Marie O'Brien	P
Financial Secretary	Lisa Cairns	P
Fundraising Coordinator	Daniella Ortiz	Ab
Teacher Representative	Melissa Wilson-Clark	P
Teacher Representative	Vivian Riva	Ab
Parish Representative	Tomy Valookaran	Ab
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	P
Parent Representative	David Dias	Ab
Parent Representative	Allison Jocko	P
Parent Representative	Lesa Joshua	Ab
Parent Representative	Kathy Miller	P
Parent Representative	Andrea Seivwright	Ab
Parent Representative	Jill Williams	Ab

Other Attendees:

CALL TO ORDER

- called meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Our Father
Welcome and Introductions

Approval of December Minutes – Approved: J. Roberts Seconded: L. DiFrancesco

NEW BUSINESS

Update on Used Uniform Sale F. Quinn-Ford

- sale was held Wednesday, Feb 22, 2017 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- set up to took place from 5:00-6:00 pm
- Total Sales: \$400.00*
- very poor attendance
- thanks to all however for the great volunteer turnout!
- agreed sale was not advertised enough – synervoice was used, sale was also on website and on outdoor sign
- did not appear feeder school parents were aware of sale
- will reassess if there is a need to hold sale mid-year
- Frances advised that many of the clothing racks are broken as well as the bins – both were not the best quality to begin with
- Council agreed to purchase new clothing racks and storage bins
- Frances agreed to research pricing for both and report back to council
- pizza lunch was provided for those students in special education who helped launder uniforms
- Council agreed on date for End of Year Sale:

Tuesday, July 4th, 2017
6pm – 8pm

- Library is undergoing renovations and will be closed
- work is expected to start by June
- need to move out used uniform inventory and find alternative storage space prior to May long weekend
- agreed that Council will pack up any leftover inventory at end of our next meeting: May 3, 2017
- discussed alternative spaces:
 - storage room near gym?
 - Monarch Market?
 - Portable?
- M. O'Brien will follow up with Custodial staff and report back

Fundraising Update D. Ortiz

Deferred until May Meeting – D. Ortiz not present

Follow Up from Last Meeting:

- confirm with Tomy Valookaran that Council wishes to support and help run this year's event with some funds to be allocated for council use*
- list of ideas and tasks*
- confirm date and timing*

REPORTS

Principal's Report M. O'Brien

Black History Month

- several events were held to celebrate Black History and Culture
- “Taste of Black Culture” over lunches
- Sean Morrissette talk

Stand Up to Bullying Week

February 21-24, 2017

Retreat Leaders

- trained by Red Cross
- went to feeder schools to give seminars on Bullying prevention
- led Grade 9's

Staff & Students Hockey Game

Swim Team

- Congratulations to our Open Boys on winning LOSSA
- 11 students competed at OFFSA

NCAA/OUA Info Night

- Tuesday, April 11, 2017 7:00pm – 8:30pm
- presentation for students interested in university sports in Canada and the U.S.
- Keynote Speaker: Brenda Wesley

Mental Wellness Café

<http://stmary.dcdsb.ca/Modules/News/index.aspx?newsId=b1ff0159-8f98-4c4b-866d-2ad49cee2bb6>

- Wednesday, May 10th 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
- Keynote speaker: Jennifer Kolari, Child and Family Therapist
- Preregister through Eventbrite

School Dance

Thursday, April 27th, 2017 7:00 pm

Catholic Education Week – First week of May

- theme is “Walking Forward Together”

Colour Run

May 31st, 2017

- raising awareness and funds for various groups in our school

Mid Term Report Cards

- report cards will go home Friday April 21st

Holy Thursday Liturgy

OSSLT

- test went smoothly
- Ministry will be attempting to deliver this test online again for the 2017-2018 school year

100th Anniversary of Vimy Trip

-students and staff depart Thursday, April 6 for 1 week

St. Mary Band

- trip to Boston May 2-6, 2017
- Nationals Competition in Niagara

Update on Financials L. Cairns

-current balance is: **\$10,900.00**

Committed

- 1-Grad Gift from Council – Key Chains
@360 2016-2017 Graduates
- current supply of key chains is low
- Giselle will get quote

2-Bursaries from Council

Significant Disbursements

- Microwaves for student use in cafe
- Pizza lunch
- Niagara/Music
- Epipens – replacements for school supply

Significant Credits

- None to report

PRO Grant Submission B. Povolo

- B. Povolo briefly discussed past use of PRO Grant funds
- Newsletter has been funded for the past few years
- usually receive \$1000
- deadline is May 25, 2017
- suggestion was made to circulate to “Youngest and Only” to help reduce waste and cost
- this is done in Elementary schools and is a manual process
- M. O’Brien doubts this is possible at St. Mary, but will review process

Pathways Night

- discussed hosting and broadening scope of a Parent information night to cover:
 - Pathways
 - a more detailed review of Math pathways which provides more insight into math courses/curriculum
 - appears to still be a good amount of confusion
- discussed possibility of combining with Guidance Course Selection night?
- January date?

Distinguished Volunteer Award

- Congratulations to **Frances Quinn Ford** !!!
- B. Povolo thanked Frances on behalf of Council for her 5 years of volunteering at St. Mary as an active Council member, and her willingness to always help organize and support several Council initiatives including Used Uniform Sale, Fundraisers and other events
- Frances will attend the Board event on April 25th

Follow Up for May Meeting

- 1-Fundraising
- 2-Used Uniform Supplies – Clothing Racks & Bins

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned 8:30 pm

Closing Prayer Hail Mary

Next St. Mary CSS Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 3, 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.