



ST. MARY C.S.S. PARENT COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER, 2016
ELECTIONS

<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	R
Financial Secretary	Lisa Cairns	P
Fundraising Coordinator	Daniella Ortiz	P
Teacher Representative	Melissa Wilson-Clark	P
Teacher Representative	Vivian Riva	R
Parish Representative	Tomy Valookaran	R
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	P
Parent Representative	Allison Jocko	P
Parent Representative	Lesa Joshua	P
Parent Representative	Kathy Miller	P
Parent Representative	Andrea Seivwright	P
Parent Representative	Jill Williams	R

Other Attendees:

Tracey Casullo	Lisa Logan	
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CALL TO ORDER

- called meeting to order at 7:10 pm

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Our Father
Welcome and Introductions

Approval of June Minutes – Deferred

REPORTS

Principal's Report M. O'Brien

St. Mary Staff – Sad News of Loss

- Ryan, one of our Night Time Custodians, passed away following tragic accident over Labour Day weekend
- Maureen O'Reilly, new VP - lost her husband
- Brian English, former Teacher at St. Mary CSS, who celebrated mass for 14 years
- M. O'Brien asked we keep all of these individual in our prayers

Buick Drive For Students

- presented cheques to St. Mary for \$5,000.00 at Opening School Mass

Retreat Leaders

- attended annual retreat/training at Marygrove Camp in Penetanguishene

October - Aboriginal Month

- many events taking place at the school to celebrate and raise awareness of First Nations issues:
- Drummer while PET sworn in
- Cultural food
- Raising awareness
- Indigenous content into education

Parent/Teacher Interviews

- will be held evening of October 19th

Performing Arts at St. Mary

- this year's musical is "Bye, Bye Birdie"
- will run third week in November

St. Mary Educational Trips

-students have opportunity to take part in school organized trips that complement specific courses/programs/curriculum:

- Extended and Core French Students: St. Donat Winter Wonderland: February 8 - 12, 2017
- March Break 2017: Portugal and Spain
- 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge (Netherlands, France & UK Field Trip): April 6 - 17, 2017
- Instrumental Band Students - Boston: May 2 - 6, 2017

School Announcements

- a number of ways for students and parents to learn what is going on in our school
- TVs in atrium and back exit run daily announcements
- newly updated school website is full of up-to-date content on all aspects of school

-Master list of clubs/teams- [ACTION](#)> Melissa to look into further

Update on Financials

M. O'Brien & L. Cairns

-current balance is: **\$16,077.22**

-\$3,200 raised from June Used Uniform Sale

-\$5.00 per student for activity fee allocated from Ministry

-gave brief review of what Council has provided funding for in past years:

- Outreach program - various
- Graduation gifts & awards
- Law trip
- Band/Music trip
- Automotive equipment
- Microwaves – for student use in Cafe
- Compassionate funding - various

NEW BUSINESS

Overview of Council and Functions

B. Povolo

-reviewed functions of St. Mary council

-reviewed main events and fundraising run by Council:

Used Uniform Sale – usually held annually, end of school year

Student Pizza Lunch – usually held annually, on last day prior to Christmas Break

Teacher Appreciation Breakfast – held annually, end of school year on “Conflict Day”
discussed “Buick Test Drive” fundraiser held last year for first time

Call for 2016-2017 Council Nominations and Elections

-collected nomination forms for all positions

-members were elected unanimously as follows:

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Confirm Council Meeting Dates for Year

-2016-2017 meeting dates were confirmed, as discussed at June 2016 meeting:

Wednesday, September 21, 2016 Elections and General Meeting

Wednesday, November 2, 2016

Wednesday, December 7, 2016

Wednesday, February 1, 2017

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Wednesday, June 7, 2017

Open Q & A

-a number of questions items were brought up for future discussion:

- Fundraising: ideas, feedback, interests
- Ask teachers early for any needs or requests
- Status of purchasing new Sound system
- Busing issues
- Outreach program

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned 8:13 pm

Closing Prayer Hail Mary

Next St. Mary CSS Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 2, 2016 @ 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.