

# Sts. Martha and Mary School Council

Minutes of Meeting – Monday January 26, 2009

1. **Candle Lighting:** L. Arnett/S. Steer
2. **Opening Prayer:** Led by S. Steer
3. **Approval of the Agenda with 3 additions:** Under Chair's report add Annual Report, Under New Business add Marlies Update and High School Application

**Moved by:** S. Jones-Clark    **Seconded by:** T. Marano    *All in favour*

4. **Approval of November Minutes**  
**Moved by:** C. Gonsalves    **Seconded by:** S. Jones-Clark    *All in favour*

## 5. Committee Reports (General Updates)

### Pizza Committee:

- No update at this time.

### Fundraising – Halloween Dance-a-thon:

- The committee spent \$189.00 at the Scholastic Sales last week for prizes for next years Dance-a-thon. \$500 had been previously approved.

## 6. Treasurer's Report: M. Savaro

- General review of report (month ending Dec. 31, 2008) – opening balance, revenue sources, expenditures, standard outstanding commitments
- Projected remaining funds are \$6,063.10.
- Review of Scoreboard quotes and options from 2 different vendors. Discussion on size appropriate for the gym, graphics and service. Both vendors offer a five year warranty. All options are well under the amount that council approved in November.

Motion to approve the larger colour scoreboard with "Go Mavericks Go" from local vendor for approximately \$5200.00.

**Moved by:** J. Christopoulos    **Seconded by:** L. Arnett    *All in favour: 9*

## 7. Chair's Report: T. Messersmith

### Fundraising Opportunity from Joe Nail

- Joe is an agent for Krispy Kreme Doughnuts.
- Fundraising opportunity for school offering full value for the dollar.
- Purchase a dozen doughnuts for \$7.00 - \$4.00 goes to Krispy Kreme and \$3.00 profit for the school. Less than purchasing a dozen doughnuts at the store.
- Model is 5 dozen sales per student would be approximately a \$6,000 profit for the school.
- Gift certificates for a dozen doughnuts are issued.
- Typically a 10 day project organized by Joe with envelopes and instructions.
- Recommend that the school use 10% of profit to purchase incentive prizes – approximately \$500.
- One local Krispy Kreme location at the Heartland Mall.

- Doughnuts are peanut free and could be considered a “treat” at 199 calories in comparison to a Twix bar at 190 calories or a Caramilk bar at 260 calories.
- Thanks to Joe – the council will discuss and assess this opportunity.

**OAPCE Committee Update by C. Gonsalves**

- Cindy attended the last meeting which celebrates the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the organization.
- All parents of children at Sts. Martha and March Catholic School are members of OAPCE.
- Reminder that the Speaker Dick O’Brien – Raising Resilient Children is Saturday January 31, 2009 at St. Marguerite d’Youville Secondary School.
- We should all make sure that we support Catholic Education by registering on the Municipal Tax Roles. We can encourage family and friends in the Dufferin Peel area to do so too.

**“Virtues Tee Shirt” by C. Gonsalves**

- Cindy showed the committee a sample of this tee-shirt at \$4.00 a shirt with an additional \$0.50 for the school name.
- The shirt is good quality.
- She suggested that the council could buy a tee-shirt for every child and school staff to promote the “virtues” and promote school spirit.
- The council is interested and will consider under the “Wish List” review.

**Grants**

- The Dufferin-Peel CDSB through the Ministry of Education has provided all school councils with a \$500 grant to be used towards community events and getting parents involved.

**2008/2009 Wish List**

- The council reviewed the remaining wish list items as well as the option to purchase the “virtues” tee-shirt.
- The council identified these items as priority for this year:
  - Folding Bar-B-Que for community events \$600
  - Sofa for Library \$550 in leatherette (F. Costa to investigate)
  - High jump pit pads \$500
  - Sports uniforms \$1,000
  - Virtue Tee-shirts \$2,000
  - Literacy programs \$4,000

Motion to approve \$600 for the Bar-B-Que, using the \$500 grant towards this item.

**Moved by:** J. Christopoulos                      **Seconded by:** S. Jones-Clark                      *All in favour*

Motion to approve \$4,000 for the Literacy programs and \$2,000 for the Virtue Tee-shirts

**Moved by:** L. Arnett                                      **Seconded by:** C. Klein                                      *All in favour*

**8. Principal’s Report: S. Steer**

**Board Items**

- CCSAC: presentation, Joe Rich February 12, 2009, sold out. Tickets will be sent home.

**Staffing**

- Projections for 2009 is for 397 students. Currently 416 students.
- Primary classes capped at 20:1
- Junior Intermediate 25:1
- These projections may result in a slight change of losing the ½ time Vice Principal and will likely result in 1 less classroom.
- The reason for lower enrolment numbers is that the Dufferin Peel area does not seem to have as many Catholics moving in.

### **Catholicity**

- School liturgies: Advent Masses, Ash Wednesday February 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. and staff liturgies.
- Change for Change is moving slowly forward.
- Special Family Christmas – excellent response to the Christmas /Mitten Tree and Food Drive.
- Virtue of the Month – February is “Respect”

### **Program**

#### Coming up

- PA Day: Reaching Every Learner, meeting the diverse needs of our students
- Professional Learning Communities are developing instructional strategies based upon Teaching / Learning Critical Pathways
  - Primary Division:** Assessing Reading Comprehension, setting standards, teacher moderation and teaching to each child’s level of need.
  - Junior Division:** Teaching inferencing and critical literacy through the use of non-continuous text. Shared planning, moderated assessment
  - Intermediate:** School Climate, addressing the social norms of our intermediate students through the use of survey data, definition building, identification of behaviours, empathetic learning and culture building.

Intermediate Basketball – boys doing well.

Camp Muskoka Trip: June 15-17 Parent information night February 2, 6:30 pm. This trip is less expensive than Quebec and is only two hour bus ride for children.

PD Days: February 27, May 11  
Early Release : April 2

### **Finance**

- Spending is underway...thank you to School Council.
- Hush ups have been purchased and installed.
- Score Boards have been quoted.

### **Safe School**

- Weather Conditions: -18 C: modified recesses, -20 C: Students remain inside.

### **Transportation**

- Inclement days

### **School Council Annual Survey**

- Was reviewed at Oct. 08 Council Meeting. Mrs. Steer will complete the survey.

## 9. New Business

### **Marlies/Sts. Martha and Mary's Catholic School Family Game**

- J. Christopoulos reviewed a number of potential games.
- Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup> was selected. The tickets are \$10.00 including tax, parking is \$5.00.
- There will be skating after the game, kids must have helmets to skate.

## 10. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn.

**Moved by:** S. Jones-Clark    **Seconded by:** L. Wrobel                      All in Favour

**Council Members in Attendance:** – Tara Messersmith, Cindy Gonsalves, Maria Savaro, Sally Jones-Clark, Filo Costa, Laura Arnett, Jim Christopoulos, Teresa Holleran, Leslie Wrobel  
Tina Marano.

**Regrets:** ,Jennifer Roselli, Teena McKeon, Lisa Butler, Cathy Cochrane, Aida de Silva, Eva DiPede, M. Maxymiw.

**Parents in Attendance:** J. Nail, M. Mallia, L. Serrano, T. Nalkenc

**Administration in Attendance:** Mrs. Steer, Ms. Klein

**Teacher Representative in Attendance:** Ms. Ford

**NEXT MEETING IS: Monday, February 17, 2009 - 7:00 P.M.**