

**CARDINAL NEWMAN RCSAC
MINUTES OF MEETING**

October 9th, 2007

Meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

M. Drenters, N. Souter, M. Hicks, T. Barry, L. Hensen, D. Coelho, A. Burke, K. Basta, A. Clarke, A. Deo, F. Albi, L. Lynch, M. Guevara, K. Day, J. Borneman, D. Silva, R. Gorski, W. Cahill

REGRETS:

L. Jesso

OPENING PRAYER (D. Coelho)

OPENING COMMENTS: (J. Borneman)

Welcome to everyone attending

Minutes from September 13th meeting were circulated. A motion to accept the minutes as circulated was made by K. Basta, seconded by D. Coelho, accepted by council members.

TREASURER'S REPORT (D. Silva)

Balance as of October 9th, 2007 is \$1,266.31

A vote was taken and Council approved continuing to pay the passbook record keeping fees of \$2 per month. This is the most convenient record keeping option for the Treasurer.

DANCE-A-THON UPDATE: (N. Souter)

Kick off assembly was held on Friday, October 5th.

The main prizes have already been purchased. Any other donations of prizes or cash is welcomed. Please include name & business card of donor if possible so they can be thanked accordingly in the Dance-A-Thon summary & thank you letter.

Mrs. Maronovic's son has volunteered to DJ the dance for free. He will work with our AV student D. Smith.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS: (J. Borneman)

❖ Update on Christmas Fundraising Sale on November 24th:

Need to meet again to further solidify planning. Meeting set for Wednesday, October 17th at Jack Astors.

Will probably need to set up sub committees i.e. choir, refreshments, decorating etc. and ask those interested in helping to sign up via e-mail if necessary.

"Christmas Traditions" has indicated that they can provide trees and a few staff to help out with our decorating efforts.

PRINCIPALS COMMENTS: (Fred Albi)

- ❖ Thanks to Council on behalf of all staff for the gift of flowers on World Teacher's day October 5th.
- ❖ Thanks also to D. Coelho & her husband for providing the dessert.
- ❖ Choir meets on Thursday nights. We have approx. 32 eager voices.
- ❖ 30 students have signed up so far for piano lessons.
- ❖ 45 students enrolled for Dance Movement lessons (\$2 per lesson)
- ❖ Bounce Basketball will be starting on Tuesday nights beginning October 16th.

- ❖ Discussions continuing to enable The Justice Mentors (2nd year students from Police College) to begin their “Iron John” program soon – for boys who would benefit from mentoring with an emphasis on literacy, etc. Grade 3 – 4 students will be able to drop in from 4 – 6 pm for free. Grades 6,7 & 8 will be set up for another week night.
- ❖ Over \$850 as raised for the Terry Fox walk.
- ❖ Grandparents Day is set for Friday, October 12th..
- ❖ A Raptors basketball game evening has been set up for January 30th. Tickets are \$32/ ticket with the bus transportation included. \$26 without bus transportation. There will be an early bus departing from the game again this year. Kids in the choir must pay for their tickets.
An enquiry was made about the photos of the choir for each student who participated in the choir at the Blue Jays game last year. Photos will be forthcoming soon.
- ❖ Superintendent Alex Tucciarone will be visiting Cardinal Newman on October 30th. This is a good opportunity to start the process to enquire about getting rid of the 2 “storage” portables and moving the remaining 2 portables to a more ideal location on the school grounds.
- ❖ The Healthy Food Committee will meet at 4pm on October 10th. A Public Health Nurse, Board Caterer and 4 staff members will attend. Parents are welcome to attend.
- ❖ There will be a meeting for all parents of grade 7 & 8 students at 7 pm on October 24th to discuss the trip to New York city.
- ❖ The grade 5 teachers want to start a breakfast program. Can we get involved with the Canadian Living Breakfast For Learning nutritional program? Studies show that a child who is well nourished in the morning (and throughout the day) performs better in school yet statistics indicate that an alarming number of children do not eat a nutritious meal before starting their day.
- ❖ The next Parent Council meeting will be held in Mr. Hurley’s classroom to enable him to make a presentation on Cardinal Newman’s Integrated Arts Program to Council.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- ❖ Is there a Musical Production in Cardinal Newman’s future? No musicals planned. The evening of song and dance at Lester B. Pearson theatre last year was well received and will probably be done again this year.
- ❖ Can Teachers participate in the Christmas Fundraising sale this year? F. Albi to enquire.
- ❖ Can the student choir perform a few selections at the sale as well? K. Basta is unsure if they will be ready by then but will confirm if this is possible.
- ❖ More concerns regarding the safety of the back playing field with respect to the older students monopolizing the use of the field. They play more aggressively than the younger students and there is concern that younger students may be injured when sharing the playing field. F. Albi to set up a rotating schedule to allow for equal access to the field.
- ❖ Sprinklers have been used during the day by Earncliffe to get the new sod established but this leaves the field wet, slippery & muddy for students using it during the day. F. Albi to approach the city to request they irrigate the sod at a more appropriate time.
- ❖ Students have been climbing the fence near the arena and also climbing onto the school roof to retrieve balls. F. Albi to address this in an announcement to the school.
- ❖ There have been incidents of broken glass on school property. F. Albi indicated that Mr. Damiani performs a school grounds check as part of his regular duties. If any broken glass is spotted please bring it to the attention of the teacher on playground duty.
- ❖ Will there be funds allocated for each classroom to purchase balls, etc. for recess use? F. Albi mentioned that this is possible with the understanding that inevitably some/all of these items will be lost over the school year and have to be purchased again the following year. Sports bags containing

similar items were given as prizes for the winning divisions of the Dance-A-Thon last year and this could be arranged for this year as well.

- ❖ The grade 8's would still like to be involved in the distribution of pizza on food days. We are currently using Luca Pizza but a lot of students prefer 2-4-1. R. Gorski has contacted 2-4-1 Pizza at the plaza and they will beat our current price by 20¢. Luca pizza will have to be contacted as the original price agreement has not been adhered to (price has increased) and also we are now being charged GST (not part of the original agreement).
- ❖ We will still collect pop cans to raise money. It was decided that students should only bring in their pop cans on Fridays. Pop cans are to be dropped off in clear plastic bags at the entrance to the school (same location as Campbells labels drop off location).
- ❖ The United Way holds a climb the CN Tower fundraiser every year. (Climb the staircase to the top of the tower. Kids need to raise a minimum of \$20 in sponsor donations to participate. Adults must raise a minimum of \$50) F. Albi expressed that Cardinal Newman would be interested in being involved with that next year.
- ❖ D. Coelho to look into & provide further information on students growing their hair to donate for wigs for cancer patients.
- ❖ A. Clarke indicated that there was information regarding the provincial election and funding for Catholic Education to be found at www.oapce.on.ca
- ❖ A. Clarke also asked that her brother, who is battling cancer, be remembered in our prayers.
- ❖ K. Basta thanked everyone for their heartfelt thoughts and prayers after her daughter was struck by a car recently. She is recovering slowly and is now attending school in a wheelchair. Flowers were sent to the family on behalf of the Parent Council.

NEXT MEETING DATE

- ❖ Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at 7 p.m. in Mr. Hurley's classroom.

MEETING ADJOURNED- 8:05 p.m.