

**CARDINAL NEWMAN RCSAC
MINUTES OF MEETING**

November 13th, 2007

Meeting began at 7:04 p.m.

PRESENT:

M. Drenters, T. Barry, A. Burke, K. Basta, A. Clarke, A. Deo, F. Albi, L. Lynch, J. Borneman, D. Silva,
R. Gorski, W. Cahill, S. Langan, L. Jesso, A. Creighton
Student Representatives: M. Agyarko, N. Pessotto

REGRETS:

D. Coelho

OPENING PRAYER (K. Basta)

OPENING COMMENTS: (J. Borneman)

Welcome to everyone attending

Minutes from October 9th meeting were circulated. A motion to accept the minutes as circulated was made by L. Jesso, seconded by A. Clarke, accepted by council members.

D. Coelho recently had surgery. J. Borneman will get flowers. M. Drenters will create a flower arrangement and get a card to be sent from the Parent Council.

IRONJOHN PRESENTATION: (Tim Onyschuk from Sheridan College)

Iron John is a program run by 2nd year students and graduates of the Police Foundation from Sheridan College.

They work with young men needing mentoring, role models and access to sports through the use of literacy, recreation and fellowship.

The program is in its infancy. Cardinal Newman is the first school to open their doors to the group.

The program runs two times during the week: Wednesdays for grades 3-4 and Thursday for grades 6-8.

It is also run at 12pm at school and in the classroom.

Tim shared some startling statistics regarding gangs and suicide rates in Canada.

Tim also provided statistics and discussed how having access to participation in sports and recreation only one day a week can make a dramatic difference in a young man's life.

TREASURER'S REPORT (D. Silva)

Balance as of November 13th, 2007 is \$10,959.82

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS: (J. Borneman)

- ❖ Thanks to the Dance-A-Thon chairpersons Nancy Souter and Michele Pessotto for all their hard work. Nancy & Michelle could not attend tonight's meeting. We will ask them to present their feedback on this year's effort. What worked? What should we change for next year?
- ❖ Only 36% of the student population participated in raising funds for the school. We need to brainstorm to determine ways to get all students to participate. How do we raise funds without asking parents for money? Some suggestions for future fundraisers included a "Wake-A-Thon" and a "Starve-A-Thon".
- ❖ Anyone with submissions for the Council Newsletter can send their information to Gena DiGiovanni. Fred Albi also submits items from students in each grade.
- ❖ The professional development focus of staff this year is on writing in the classrooms.

- ❖ Update on the upcoming Christmas sale on November 24th: Entertainment in Gym 2 will feature the choir, rock band and performances by Mr. Hurley's students. We are now able to start setting up on Thursday night. Please show up at 6pm if you are able to help. Christmas Traditions will be loaning two Christmas trees to help with the marketing of the products. Many items were purchased at large discounts. Alison Clarke to get a hot chocolate machine from Tim Horton's. We will also offer a gift basket among the raffle items. Sale will be open on Friday from 3-5 pm for School staff. Product purchased this year will be priced on November 19th. Those wishing to help out on the day of the sale are asked to show up at 8:30 am.
- ❖ A concern was raised as to whether the school grounds are actually being patrolled before school for safety hazards. A parent has noticed broken glass on school property that has been there for several days. There was also a concern about the goose excrement on the school grounds. Fred Albi will follow up with the Custodian.

DANCE-A-THON UPDATE:

- ❖ FINAL TOTAL RAISED \$11,057.65

- ❖ TOP 5 CLASSES:

- #1 = Ms. Krawczyk's Grade 1 - \$699.00
- #2 = Ms. Vlastic's Grade 5 - \$697.00
- #3 = Mr. Amodeo's Grade 4 - \$675.50
- #4 = Mr. George's Grade 8 - \$670.00
- #5 = Ms. Katoris Grade 4 = \$616.50

- ❖ TOP CLASSES FOR DIVISION BREAKDOWN:

- JK – Zubac
- SK – Zubac
- Grade 1 – Krawczyk
- Grade 2 – Caputo
- Grade 3 – West
- Grade 4 – Amodeo
- Grade 5 – Vlastic
- Grade 6 – Salameh
- Grade 7 – Hurley
- Grade 8 – George

- ❖ TOP STUDENTS:

- #1 - Alishia Stevens (Grade 8) \$255.00 (Platinum Raptor tickets \$344.00 value)
- #2 - Gabriela Cortez (Grade 2) \$246.00 (\$50.00 WalMart gift card)
- #3 - Sydney Simoes (Grade 4) \$206.00
- #4 - Damon Martin (Grade 8) \$200.00
- #5 - Jordan Bahen (Grade 8) \$183.00

- ❖ EARLY BIRD PRIZE WINNERS:

- Ginger Moran (JK) - Platinum Leaf Tickets
- Damon Martin - Platinum Raptor Tickets

- ❖ GRAND PRIZE WINNERS:
- ❖ Nintendo Wii and SportsPack - Christopher Kearney (Grade 5)
Nintendo DS - James Osmond (Grade 4)
iPod Nano 4GB - Raquelle Ross (J.K.)
- ❖ LUNCH & BOWLING PARTY W/Ms. Deo - (8 winners)

Other prizes given/donated:

\$100 Bramalea City Centre gift card, 2 pairs of Leaf tickets, Claire's gift cards, Blockbuster gift cards, Chapter's gift cards, Battalion tickets, The Pottery Place party package for 4, Brunswick Bowling Family package, Playstation games, Minolta cameras, Hockey Hall of Fame passes for 4, Pizza Pizza meal vouchers, etc. and all participants received a poster for their efforts.

PRINCIPALS COMMENTS: (Fred Albi)

- ❖ The Healthy Food Committee has had several meetings and is ready to start to make changes to the foods offered at Cardinal Newman. A Breakfast program is being discussed. The committee would like to explore the possibility of obtaining free milk as well. A question was raised about getting rid of the beef patties sold at the snack shack. Mr. Albi explained that a number of students purchase them for their lunch every day and that they should not be removed from the Snack Shack unless an alternative is provided. Options are being explored for food days. A future food day offering would be rice bowls from the Chinese restaurant in the plaza next door. The bowls would consist of rice, chicken and peas. Cost would be approximately \$2.00 per bowl. The possibility of using Tupperware bowls and the school's dishwasher will also be explored as a greener way to hold Food Days. Problems with the milk machines still exist.
- ❖ Cardinal Newman will be receiving a Safe Schools Award from the Canadian Safe School Network at the Royal York hotel.
- ❖ Cardinal Newman was included in a TV series dealing with 10 virtues. Each episode is a half hour long. Cardinal Newman is highlighted for the empathy displayed by its teachers. November 27th is the launch date of the series on the Salt & Light Network.
- ❖ Fred Albi requested that some of the Council funds be used to provide air conditioning for the 3 portables. Thomas Aquinas got a deal through Rona for window units with cages. Cost was \$1,000 per unit. 3 portables would cost \$3,000. R. Gorski will also get a quote on 3 units for the portables.
- ❖ \$4,000 was also requested for books for the Library and Literacy Room. More books are needed, especially non fiction books that would appeal to boys. A question was raised if it would be possible to download books or solicit book donations from families. Perhaps families could donate books to the classroom instead of a Christmas gift for teachers?
- ❖ Council was impressed by the Iron John presentation and the benefits they offer to kids in the Cardinal Newman school community. Council would like to show their support of the program in the form of a \$1,000 donation.
- ❖ The request for allocation of funds for air conditioning, books and to support the Iron John program was approved by voting members of the Council.

NEXT MEETING DATE

- ❖ Tuesday, December 4th, 2007 at 7 p.m. This will not be a regular Council meeting. We will be decorating the lobby. Fred Albi will be providing food.

MEETING ADJOURNED- 8:37 p.m.