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Bishop Scalabrini Catholic School Council, 2008/2009:

Nadia Dermit - Co-Chair	Vittoria Serapiglia - Co-Chair
Angie Almeida- Secretary	Lydia Struminikov- Treasurer
Nancy Almeida- Parish Rep	Mary Monardo ,Vita Macerola - OPACE Rep
Marzena Robaszek- Community Rep	Georgina Mlinaric - Communications Officer
J. Butler- Parent Member,	Eddie Castelletto- Parent Member
Sara Taccone - Principal	
Doug McKnight - Vice Principal	J. Roy- Teacher Rep

Date: November 4, 2008 7:00pm

Treasurer Report:

- ◆ Pizza Day - \$310.40 collected to date (excluding November 4, 2008)
- ◆ Entertainment books -169 books sold
 - \$10.00 per book = total \$1690.00
 - 36 books still outstanding
 - Every child that sold a book will receive a bike wheel reflector & PJ fish coupon. As well, an I pod was raffled off, \$ 50.00 Square One gift certificates were awarded and a pizza lunch was presented to the top selling class.
 - **Account Balance: \$16,061.15**



Lydia extended her thanks to Ms. Milidoni for all her support as she transitioned into this new role.

In addition, Vita brought back information from the October 25th meeting where Lydia can review to better manage the Treasurer position.

Principal's Report:

Board News:

- ◆ October 16 – Central Committee for Catholic School Council Meeting
 - First family school councils meeting
 - Family school chairs (Members from Mississauga East, Chairs & Principal) picked a representative to join the Central Committee for Catholic School Council.
 - The Family Rep is responsible to bring any issues to the meetings with the CCCSC, and later report back to the Family School chairs with outcome and meeting discussion topics.
- ◆ Submitted Catholic School Council Annual Report to superintendent
- ◆ October 25 – CCCSC had WEAVE session and Mass for Volunteers
- ◆ Will be some school closures this year

- ◆ Two new secondary school will open – still in a growth position
- ◆ Enrollment on a small decline overall
 - Cap of 20 in primary (JK –Grade 3)
 - Combined classes more of a reality
- ◆ The question was raised on how students are selected to be placed in these split classes. There are many elements to consider such as:
 - Principal meets with the teacher to review the criteria
 - Review and consider parent's correspondents where they identify concerns
 - Students are assess on how well they work independently
 - Balance boys and girls
 - Consider literacy levels of each student
 - Students must be rotated (you cannot have a student is a split class back to back from the year before)

E.g.: There are 46 grade 1 students = 2 class of 20. 6 students would be sent to a split class.

A suggestion was presented to provide information to the Parents on the selection process for split classes via the newsletter or website.

Wish List:

Special notes:

- ◆ The items in blue print will go forward regardless if the School Council cannot provide funds to the school.
- ◆ Lydia will present at our next council meeting the exact balance we have in the back after considering all our fixed costs. E.g.: computers once the balance has been established, prioritization with the wish list will take place.
- **Walk to school Routes Program – incentives**
 - **Need larger prizes for every five weeks – 3 prizes**
- **Choir Vests – approximate \$37/vest**
 - **Embroidered logo**
 - **Total with taxes is approx. \$2190**
- **Big Kid Entertainment – Snow White \$572.**
 - **Cyber bullying presentation K-6**
- **Independent Reading Books for Primary – list from ELSAT**
 - **Lower level reading books for primary**
 - **Total cost \$2044.15**
- **Books for T. Mayo's Class - \$355**
 - **Not included in board ordering for grade two this year because of grade ½ combined**
- **Intermediate guided reading books - \$ 3000.**
 - **No financial resources have been spent on intermediate literacy**
 - **Guided reading is critical to instruction in literacy**
- **Mosaic Quilt - \$500**
 - **Visual symbol to celebrate the many cultures that represent BSCAL**
- **Print Classroom Libraries - \$250/class X 10 = \$2500**

- To support self selected independent reading in those grade levels
- **Advent Wreath**
 - Symbol of Catholic faith for a special liturgical time of year
 - \$ Unknown
- Gym Score Board
 - To support the many sports teams of BSCAL
 - Will have to research price
 - Approx \$2000-\$5000
- Numeracy Assessment Program by Nelson
 - Available only for grades 4-8
 - \$250 each
 - Total \$1250
- Teacher Classroom Resources
 - Proposal for \$50/teacher
- Phys/Ed and Drama Equipment for Planning time teacher
 - \$4320

Lunch Programs:

- ◆ Pizza Nova is charging \$9.25 for a large pizza with 6 slices.
- ◆ Nancy Almeida will research different pizza options, along with details from Subway and will present the information at our next meeting.
- ◆ Council is looking at adding an additional pizza day or Subway day, as long as the volunteers can support the program.
- ◆ There were mixed opinions with The Lunch Lady, so no formal decision was made. To be discussed at our next meeting.

Other Fundraiser Ideas

- ◆ Movie night – Nadia and Vitorria will investigate the feasibility of this option.
- ◆ Father & Son night out
- ◆ Toronto Maple Leaf coaster fundraiser will take effect immediately. From the cost of \$10.00 for the coasters, the school keeps \$7.00. This fundraiser is only available during the months between November through to January.
- ◆ Marzena will lead this fundraiser.
- ◆ ANY Ideas are welcomed.

Community Event - Giving back to families

- ◆ A suggestion was put forward that we could have a family mass, following a celebration with cake and refreshments for the families in the church hall. The proposed time would be to organize this event in February, as it will support the Family Day Holiday.

ROUND TABLE and OPEN DISCUSSION

- ◆ The book drive was a great success and will be an ongoing initiative.
- ◆ Ottawa Trip - A question was raised if council provides any support for this event. It was advised that fundraisers organized by the school should offset some of this cost. The school usually sponsors 1 to 2 students, but it is too soon to determine the need. The cost per student is \$450.00.

REMINDER:

KEY ACTION ITEMS before our next meeting:

1. Principal's Wish List – several items for consideration were presented to council. Approx. \$7,000 has been given the OK by Ms. Taccone (the wishes have been granted). How much can Council support? We need to better understand the status of the budget and what fixed costs are for council. ACTION: Lydia to provide report for next meeting so we can let Ms. Taccone what we can immediate provide support for.
2. Pizza lunch – Feedback from parents and council members is that pizza is arriving too early and served cold; quality of pizza is down (burnt) and price of pizza is up; \$9.25 for a large (cut into six slices). ACTION: Nancy to look into other pizza places (Pizza Pizza). Group also discussed adding another pizza day or possibly a Subway day.
3. Maple Leaf Coasters Fundraising event – Council (with Ms. Taccone's support) agreed to do this event for November / December (great Christmas stocking stuffers). ACTION: Mary to work with supplier to see how we can set this up. Nadia can help during the day (works from home Monday and Friday).
4. Christmas Movie Night – Further to Ms. Taccone idea on holding a community event, Council suggested we hold a Christmas Movie Night for parents with kids. Need to communicate and promote with parents to draw in the crowds. Suggestion was to hold different movie for different grades. ACTION: Nadia and Vittoria to run with the event and present a plan to Ms. Taccone.

Next Team Meeting: December 2, 2008.

Bring in treats