

# Saint Mary's Council | MINUTES

Meeting date | time 9/14/2015 6:30 PM | Meeting location: School Library

Meeting called by Sandra Bauer Heinz

Minutes Taken by Sarah Caswell

Attendees: Cathy Vanclieaf, Ron Rawlins, Lynda Cranney, Cheri Webster, Neil Long, Grace Urbanski, Sarah Caswell, Greg Avdeeff, Sandra Bauer Heinz, Vicki Perentesis, Mabelle Claer, Katie Rowe

## AGENDA TOPICS:

Welcome & opening Prayer by Cathy

Motion to approve June Minutes was made by Sandra and approved by Ron.

Introduction of Kim Newberry, Public Health Nurse.

- Kim discussed her role and some of the programs she is involved with in connection with the schools, for example Healthy Eating and PALS (Leaders who are in grades 4-6 run games for students in grades 1-3)
- A discussion of playgrounds occurred....Large stencils are available at no cost to borrow, such as checkers, snakes and ladders, hop scotch, for painting onto pavement. Greg to pick up in North Bay, the following week.
- Suggestions for activities..."Girls on the Run" / "Boys on the Run"
- Suggest we look at "Natural Playground", other schools have had great success. She could connect us with a nurse who is focused on setting these up.
- She offered to meet with nutrition program, along with a dietician and health inspector
- Has ideas for wellness programs
- Will start up the morning coffee meetings with parents again soon.

Took a short break in our meeting for a "walk-a-bout" outside, to take a look at the work that had been done over the summer and how the grounds now looked.

## REVIEW OF OUTSTANDING ACTION ITEMS:

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
• Funding for Accessibility Swing - \$880 received from the Knights at end of June. Thank you card will be sent by Sandra.	Lynda	-
• Nordic Ski Needs – approx. 8 sets of size 4-6 boots, 8 sets of taller skis (66") and 8 sets of taller poles	Cathy	-
• JumpStart Funding for Skis – Lynda will put in request	Lynda	Next meeting
• Investigate needs for sport jerseys – will look into	Cathy	Next meeting
• Additional Sports Pinnies – price check- confirm with Anthony Asturi (Huntsville Soccer Club)	Sandra	Next meeting

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• Purchase of speakers for classroom use - Done	Cathy	-
• Chocolate Fundraiser – unanimous vote to go ahead, will kick off at school BBQ next week with World Famous Chocolates – better profit margins	Sandra	-
• School Communication Sign – Lynda to price	Lynda	Next meeting
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#### FINANCIAL REPORT:

Vicki estimates that there is approximately \$12 000 in the bank but will reconcile for next meeting

Vicki

#### ELECTIONS FOR 2015/2016 COUNCIL:

##### Council Positions:

- Chair - Sandra Bauer Heinz
- Vice Chair – Grace Urbanski
- Treasurer – Vicki Perentesis
- Secretary- Sarah Caswell
- Teacher Representative – Cheri Webster
- Non – Teaching Representative – Mabelle Claer

##### Committee Positions:

- Social – Greg Avdeeff will commit from Dec – March
- Fundraising – Katie Rowe & Sandra Bauer Heinz
- Property – Lynda Cranney
- School – Parish Partnership – Cheri Webster
- Political Action – TBC
- Head Checks – Catherine Zacal
- Hot Dog Program – Sue Brown

Committees to have updates & plans for the 2015/2016 year      All Chairs      Next Meeting

#### COUNCIL OBJECTIVES:

**-Playground: Need a few quotes on equipment, to vote on at our next meeting, as the aim is to complete this fall in the sanded area that has been prepared. Then Board will need to approve our preferred choice, and choose board approved contractor.**

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| • Lynda has chosen one at Henderson’s, need to check space that’s been allotted. Price approx. \$18 000, not including installation – to be confirmed at next meeting. | Lynda  | Next Meeting |
| • Sandra had looked at Crozier, for some independent climbing equipment. Need quotes in writing.   | Sandra | Next Meeting |

## **CHAIR REPORT:**

- A ton of correspondence received over the summer
- Submitted an application for a Grant to hold a Health and Wellness Night this coming year. Waiting on response.
- Staff Survey was completed in June on the Fundraising Auction that was held. Will follow up at next meeting.
- Discussed parent reps for each grade, to try and reach out for new council members. Cheri will run by staff to see if they feel comfortable asking this of parents.
- Sandra will create a postcard for handing out at School BBQ to generate interest in new council members.

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

- **School registration is 195. Maintained a 12.5 teacher/student ratio.**
- **Welcomed 2 new teachers: Mr. Howard and Mrs. Wilson**
- **Mrs. Bastedo Retired – wondered if council would like to do something for her, as has been done with past teachers who have retired.**
- **School received new windows, new pavement with all the work that was done in the summer. Portables are gone.**
- **No date yet for first school mass.**
- **Continue to focus on Catholic Virtues**
- **Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> the Knights of Columbus will be running the BBQ for meet the teacher and book fair**
- **Snack Program is looking for someone to help coordinate the program, menu planning, purchasing.**
- **Terry Fox Run is Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> for the school date. Coordinated by Patty Payne**
- **Basketball and cross country running are starting**
- **Mabelle is doing another musical and talent show this school year.**
- **Winter electives: Looking at other options to replace the dance and bowling. Possibly Curling & Swimming**

## **MEETING DATES FOR 2015/2016 YEAR:**

October 5

November 2

December 7

January 4

February 1

March 7

April 4

May 2

June 6

Sandra asks that when the agenda has been distributed, that all members RSVP to her whether they can attend the meeting or not. Thank you.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.