

School Council Minutes  
October 2, 2017 6:31 pm  
Saint Mary School -Huntsville

Note taker: Ellen Cowden  
Facilitator: Sandra Bauer-Heinz

Attendees: Ron Rawlings, Chantelle Armstrong, Sandra Bauer Heinz, Barbara Heeneman, Ellen Cowden, Cheri Webster, Mabelle Clear, Catherine Zacal, Anthony Asturi, Chris Maw, Jeanie Fuscaldo, Greg Avdeeff

**Welcome and Prayer:** Barbara Heeneman

**Approval of September minutes:** discussion regarding the May minutes. May minutes were approved. September minute changes include typo in name, Greg and Chantelle to take on social duties, removal of question mark. Motion to approve from Sandra with Ron seconding the approval.

**Outstanding Action Items from previous meetings:**

Nordic Skis/Jump Start – Sandra sent an email and had a response this afternoon. Sandra will look up the submission number required. Communication has started.

Approved vendor process- Barbara spoke last month re: approved vendor at plant and superintendent level. They agree that it is beneficial to have local businesses on the tenders. The Board as not gotten back to Barbara regarding the process.

Equipment lease options (iPad) –Barbara has a scheduled call with Ab on October 3, 2017 in which she will follow up.

Music enrichment request – sent to Barbara this afternoon from Sandra

Breakfast program – Katie has taken this on. She will be attending training through the health unit. Barbara has been trying to set up an account at Frescho. They are still looking for volunteers for this program.

**Students report:** none at this time

**Financial report from Vicky Perentesis:**

Vicky unable to attend. Information was provided to Sandra prior to meeting.

\$13.50 from Mabels Labels

\$ 183 from hot dog sales

\$403 for October

No expenses listed at this time from Vicky

Chocolate prizes \$114.00 spent in update provided from Katie

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

*Social from Greg Avdeeff/Chantelle Armstrong:* movie nights last year worked well. September BBQ went well. The games were a good addition to the BBQ. Science North night coming up. Family night ideas were for a winter fun night again. They will tweek some of the ideas for this year. February date to be determined.

Conclusion: Greg/Chantelle to discuss an event in December possibly? They will also explore another restaurant fundraiser night that is better organized/staffed better from the restaurant end.

*Fundraising from Summer McCabe:* Summer unable to attend. Summer sent another fundraising proposal to Barbara. Barb needs to ask for deadline and what it entails. Historically two major fundraisers and other minor ones.

Update from Katie for chocolate bar sales. Only 19 cases left to give out which are mostly spoken for. Only 40% of families are participating. A visual has been set up in the school to encourage classes to participate in the sales.

New ideas for fundraising include eco lunch boxes as well as Fresh from the farm. Summer to present fundraising options to council for vote, and then prepare fundraising proposal for Barbara.

*Property from Chris Maw:*

Update re: interactive playground wall- It is in progress and almost complete. One will go up and then get feedback before starting the second interactive wall.

re: grass cutting for habitat and outdoor classroom.-Barb spoke with the person cutting the lawn. Barb to liaise with Kevin regarding the contract put in place last year. At this time Chris cannot cut the grass in that area.

Chris has a few things that seem to be smaller projects to have the school look better kept. These include edging the grass around the playground/baseball diamond, grade the baseball diamond and put fresh gravel down. The concrete footings have eroded. The benches around that area are also looking rough. The metal soccer posts need to be straightened and painted. The school sign on the road is looking faded. Barbara has asked for a specific list in a priority basis. Chris will submit proposals to Barbara who will in turn submit to the Board.

Mabelle has asked if the hill on the kindergarten area is able to be opened this year. It was closed last year. Barb to be shown the area that Mabelle is speaking about and find out why it was closed.

Conclusion: Chris to submit proposals to Barbara who will in turn submit to the Board. Council funds going toward property maintenance up to \$1000.00 approved at October 2 meeting.

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*School- Parish partnership from Catherine Zacal:* Father Sercely not going to be doing a family mass. Fathers position is that mass is for everyone. Childrens liturgy will be lead by Rosey Downey on Sunday mornings. First communion meetings have started to happen. There are not enough kids at mass for a family mass but Father is willing to discuss this. Discussion had by council in regards to encouragement of children and families attending mass. We will invite Father to a meeting to discuss with him how we should accommodate and encourage kids to be part of the church community. Father did attend the school welcome BBQ in September.

Conclusion: Sandra to extend an invite to Father for our next parent council meeting to discuss family mass as well as family engagement in church community.

*Pediculosis prevention from Jeanie Fuscaldo:* Jeanie would like to be less intrusive on classes. She will speak with teachers and look to do two classrooms at a time. Jeanie to find out when teachers are available and then put a call out for volunteers.

### **Council objectives for the year:**

Reviewed list from staff provided to council

1. sound system and spot light
2. Smart board for kindergarten
3. More cross country ski equipment
4. Outdoor bin for balls –bring in and out – other one is not weathering well –
5. Proper storage for skis and poles – right now in garbage bins –looking for a rack for skis on wheels  
50-60 skis
6. Appropriate size basketball in primary area –
7. Author and musician visit
8. Fix posts and baseball diamond
9. Ipads, chromebooks – getting 10 chromebooks

1. Mabelle and Ron to look into spot lights, sound system and bulbs for the stage/gym area. They will compile a list of pricing and prioritize that list and provide to council next meeting.
2. suspend smart board for kindergarten for now
3. scratching cross country ski equipment as the Jump Start program will provide more equipment.
4. Barbara to explore a bin on wheels.
5. Chris and Cheri to look into building a rack for the skis and poles. Approval for \$400.00 for this project.
6. discussion held around basketball nets in the new design of the playground. May lose anything new to the daycare space.
7. Anthony was approached by a performer for grade 5-9 Jowi Taylor who talks about Canadiana. Cost is \$420. He is committed to coming to Huntsville for another school may be able to cost share. He was to contact Cheri/Barbara. An eblast will go out asking for parents in the community to share their talents as musician visits.

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8. discussed already amongst council. Anthony to price out soccer nets through the soccer club. Barbara to also price this out through a school board approved vendor. Hockey nets were brought to the garbage this morning. Teachers will bring out two pop up nets that were purchased.

9. scratching iPad and chromebooks

### **Chair Report from Sandra Bauer-Heinz:**

ProGrant/science night was approved. Science North is flexible with the date. Looking at Monday November 13, 2017 from 6-7:30pm. Will need to see how long it goes, setting up rooms ahead of time, stations, refreshments etc. to be explored with Science North upon confirmation.

### **Principal report from Barbara Heeneman:**

Our enrollment is holding steady at 202.

#### School Events:

- Community BBQ and Scholastic Book Fair on September 21 was successful. The event was extremely well attended. The addition of the "Minute to Win It" games was well received and the students raised approximately \$390 towards the 7/8 trips. The Book Fair made approximately \$1100. The BBQ made approximately \$400 after all expenses. We are thankful to the Knights of Columbus for all of their support.
- The school participated in the Annual Terry Fox fundraiser on September 28. We thank Ms. Payne for organizing this event. The students were very enthused about supporting this cause. We offered incentive prizes again this year (i.e. basketball time, breakfast with the principal etc...). We will provide an update in the newsletter once all the donations have been received.
- Our next Mass will be held on October 4 in our gymnasium at 10:45 am in our gymnasium. We are trying to incorporate some new songs and everyone is invited to celebrate with us!
- Friday October 6 is a scheduled P.A. Day. Staff will be reporting to St. Dominic that day for professional development.
- Photo Day is scheduled for October 16. Re-takes are scheduled for November 6.
- October 25 Catholic School Commissioning – SMCDSB book launch "A History of the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board and Its Predecessor Separate School Boards."

#### Friday October 6 Muskoka & Parry Sound Community of Schools P.A. Day

- Just a reminder that there is no school on Friday October 6. All staff will be reporting to St. Dominic for professional development with a focus on numeracy.

#### Parent Reaching Out Grant:

- The Ministry has approved our Parent Reaching Out Grant as of today. This is great news for the council.

#### Special Education

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- Individual Education Plans will be sent home by October 13. We are asking parents to please sign and send them back into the school this month.

Athletics/Co-curricular/Clubs:

- Mrs. Godard and Mr. Foxcroft are coaching intermediate basketball.
- Congratulations to Mrs. Webster and Mrs. Baumgart for an outstanding job with our cross-country athletes. The students are to be commended for excellent behavior and sportsmanship.
- Drama and Eco Clubs are ongoing.

EQAO results:

- Individual EQAO results will be sent home this week with students who wrote the assessment last May/June.
- Print out of results provided and discussion. Grade 3 & 6 results in math have declined which is in keeping with the province and will be a focus in our school improvement plan as we analyze the data and determine needs.
- SMH is part of the SMCDSB Math Strategy. Our school will be receiving a math coach. Our upcoming P.A. day will have a focus on our numeracy goals and school strategy.

Adjourned 8:36 pm

Next meeting: November 6, 2017