

**St. Mary Catholic School Council
Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2018**

Attendees

Ashley Fulton
Sherri Devison
Laura MacDonald
Karen McCormack
Krista Minifie
Megan Dekeyser
Jennifer Fraser
Patti Ainsworth
Liz McNair
Student Representatives

Regrets

Fran Schissler
Megan Dekeyser
Niki Calvert

1. Welcome Prayer

Sherri Devison called to order the St. Mary Catholic School Council meeting at 6:00pm on May 17, 2018 at St. Mary Elementary School, Grafton. She welcomed everyone to the meeting. Student Representatives led us in prayer.

2. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of April 17, 2018

Amendment needed to April 17, 2018 minutes regarding the cost of busing students to Trent. Cost of \$105.00 was recorded in error. Vote was actually for \$295.20. Motion was made by Sherri Devison and seconded by Megan Dekeyser to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 17, 2018 as amended. Carried.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Sherri Devison and seconded by Jennifer Fraser to approve the agenda. Carried.

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None declared.

5. Business Arising From Minutes

a) Garden of Reflection

Sherri spoke to Connie Campbell about the Garden of Reflection for meditation and learning. Willow Naturalists hasn't responded yet. Sherri will provide an update over the summer.

b) Mindfulness with Connie Campbell

Connie will invoice in the coming weeks for the \$1000 voted on. Anything else is to be voted on by email after the Fun Fair.

c) Logo/Banner

Sherri reported that Willow Publishing can do grommets on the banner. They can also do gym logos. Since we have the banner we could just put hooks up in the gym and hang the banner from that.

d) Storage

CSC Members have checked out our storage area in the former boys change room. Would like the CWL items moved from the back wall. Karen will speak to the CWL about the storage concerns.

e) Picnic Table

Jennifer and her husband picked up the picnic table that Patti had got donated and delivered it to the school. Karen advised since there are 12 sections to the picnic tables they are looking at each class painting a section of it.

f) By-laws

CSC members requested that a change be made to the section regarding members missing 2 consecutive meetings. Would like the words added "without legitimate notification". By-laws to be passed by email vote.

6. Student Representatives Report

Student Representatives provided a Report on various school events/activities:

- Talent show was a success – lots of talented students at the school
- Lockdown Drill was conducted and students and staff did well
- Graduation – plans are under way for a Winter Wonderland theme going to Grafton Inn
- Grade 8's are going on their Grad trip to Ottawa
- Upcoming sports – track and field, baseball and Jr. Basketball
- New computers arrived – 16 Google Chrome Books for the School

7. Treasurer's Report

Unavailable.

8. Fundraising/Goals

a) Fundraising/Events for 2018-2019

Discussions were had about possible events for next year

- Dance-a-thon with prizes – last year made \$817
- Lunch Days – should do a survey to see what students/parents want
- Poinsettias – last year made \$214
- Empire Cheese – last year made \$490
- Christmas Bazaar – last year made \$483
- Boston Pizza Night – last year made \$250
- Christmas Lunch – last year made \$202.21
- Open House
- Paint and Create – last year made \$395
- Shrove Tuesday – wasn't a success, next year conduct during the day for students
- New ideas were presented:
 - Fundscript – gift cards, more materials to come in September
 - Zoo 2 u – would be a fun event – CSC to gather costs for September
 - Water bottles from Staples – Sherri has costing and information materials
 - Christmas Bazaar – November 18th date

b) Goals for 2018-2019

- School would like proper lightning for the stage and a green screen for use for Deep Learning (where students go deeper beyond surface learning) and would be using the stage for this purpose. Would like strip lighting up top of stage with varying colours. Karen will provide particulars and costing.
- More playground items to fill in the new used playground school is receiving
- Balls for Sensory Room Ball pit (Patti request)
- Robotics

9. School Communications/Events

a) Fun Fair

Preparations are well under way. Subcommittee is continuing to meet regularly. Sherri requested more funds to complete the evening. She will compile an estimate of money required to complete the payments for the evening including a monetary float and will email a figure for voting on by CSC members.

10. OAPCE Update

Jennifer emailed everyone the OAPCE updates.

11. Community Report

Laura MacDonald spoke affectionately about her growing grandchildren and the great weather. First Communion will be held next Saturday and Confirmation is this Saturday.

12. Staff Report

No staff member in attendance.

13. Principal Report

Karen reported that Fran Schissler is back in her class. Suzanne DeLong will be off for the remainder of the year and Tracy Powers is filling in for the remainder of the year in that class. The school will be gaining another EA next year. EQAO is next week for the Grades 3 and 6.

14. Next Meeting – Sherri will look to book CJ's on June 27 at 6:00pm and will advise.

15. Motion to Adjourn – Motion to Adjourn made by Sherri Devison at 8:00pm, seconded by Jennifer Fraser.