

St. John the Baptist
Catholic School Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 18, 2014
St. John the Baptist School Library

MINUTES

- Attendance Mr. A. DeTullio, Ms. A. Zampini, Father P. Ciallella, Denise Burke, Janin O'Donnel, Lisa White, Rosanna Bozzo Fielding, Bill Warnick, Carla Underhill, Natalie Colville, Michelle Weaten.
- Opening Prayer Led by Carla Underhill
- Call to Order Carla Underhill Chaired the meeting and called it to order at 7:00 p.m.in the school library.
- Approval of Minutes The minutes of October 2014 meeting were approved via email correspondence, by the CSC, with a revised method agreed upon, for future meetings, of editing and distributing the minutes among the CSC members. 1st from Recording Secretary, 2nd Principal, 3rd Chairperson(s), finally to all CSC Executive and Directors.
- Discussion Our guest speaker, Michael Riest, has been scheduled to give his motivational speech on April 8, 2015 at 7:00pm.
- Lifetouch, our school photo provider, has kindly agreed to supply the CSC with a free outdoor sign, to notify parents and guardians of our upcoming council meetings. Thank you, Lifetouch! Lifetouch has also been booked for this year's Communion class.
- Bill Warnick presented the council with a prototype of a CSC Newsletter, to be given to parents and guardians, as an example of the involvement the CSC has within our community. The aim of this newsletter is to initiate interests amongst our parents and guardians, with the result of more school community involvement.
- Motion A motion was made by Lisa White, to initiate a CSC Newsletter 4 times throughout the school year. The focus will be: Opening of the school year, Pre-Christmas, Pre-Easter, and the Closing of the school year. Members of the CSC should be highlighted. The motion was seconded by Janin O'Donnel, and was carried by the CSC council.
- Discussion CSC Members discussed the possibility of acquiring a separate or joint (with the HWCDSB) email address for direct correspondence with our school community. Mr. DeTullio will be consulting with Mr. Hubbard, our superintendent, on this item of discussion, and will notify us of the results.
- Mr. Warnick gave a report detailing his personal views regarding the HWCDSB Uniform Policy. The CSC did not object to his statements and encouraged him to advocate for change at the Board level.

Discussion	Treasurer's Report:	
	Balance as of August 31, 2014	\$5,590.72
	Deposits from Sept.1, 2014-Nov. 18, 2014	\$2,664.92
	Expenditures from Sept.1, 2014-Nov. 18, 2014	\$8,712.45
	Balance as of November 17, 2014	\$ - 456.81

The CSC has projected earnings from pizza days and the Valentine's Day move-a-thon that will generate sufficient income to support future activities.

Discussion Principal's Report included a note from Mr. D. Martin, regarding the St. Vincent de Paul "Angel Tree", planned for this coming Christmas season with a note being sent home as a reminder to families, of the support needed to help those in need. For more information, please contact Father Peter or Mr. DeTullio.

A school sign positioned on St. John the Baptist Church property, is currently being discussed by the CSC, with importance being placed on installation during the 2015/2016 school year. Budget, priority, purpose, etc. are included in the planning of this joint endeavour with St. John the Baptist Church.

A big "Thank You" to Mr. John Rocchi, from the Blessed Sacrament's Basketball Association, for donating \$1,500.00 to offset the cost of our new backboards.

Mr. DeTullio brought to the attention of the CSC, that the December Newsletter will be addressing parent behaviour on the school yard and surrounding streets.

Planning of the Advent Celebration, scheduled for December 2, 2014 was discussed at length including spiritual readings and prayer, craft displays, preparation of treats for the evening, etc.

Mr. DeTullio introduced to the CSC, the new School Improvement Plan, brought forth by Mr. Gus Hubbard, Superintendent for the HWCDSB, which compliments the goals set out by the CSC of 2014-2015 of St. John the Baptist School. Mr. De Tullio summarized the efforts and plans to be made at the school in each of the pillars below.

The plan is grouped into 5 pillars:

- Learning with Faith- Our Catholic School Identity
- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Pathways
- Catholic Community Culture and Service

