

St. John the Baptist  
Catholic School Council Meeting  
Wednesday, February 17, 2016  
St. John the Baptist School Library

MINUTES

- Attendance Mr. A. DeTullio, Ms. A. Zampini, Janin O'Donnel, Lisa White, Rosanna Bozzo Fielding, Bill Warnick, and, Cathy McDowell, Heather Skulnick, Carla Underhill, N. Martini, Julie Capretta, Tammy Mongiat.
- Regrets Father Peter Ciallella
- Opening Prayer Merciful Like The Father, with special intentions mentioned.
- Call to Order Bill Warnick chaired the meeting and called it to order at 6:00pm in the school library.
- Approval of Minutes The minutes for the January 20, 2016 meeting were approved at the meeting, and were passed by council.
- Discussion Banner for Meetings -is available from Vista Print, at a promotional cost. It will be purchased with school funds; and the original sign will be returned to the school.
- Wall of Fame -Father and Bill will be sourcing various designs of plaques, which will showcase names and dates of former St. John the Baptist students, who followed a religious calling.
- Feb. 5, 2016, Meeting with Mr. Hansen -Bill informed us that Mr. Hansen did not receive Bill's emails, concerning recognition of the Parent Council. The meeting confirmed Bill's agreement with Mr. Hansen, on the issue of parent's involvement in their children's education, fund-raising's place as a goal for the CSC and board processes important to the CSC. Please see Appendix A below - a report from Bill Warnick re meeting with Mr. Dave Hansen on Feb. 5, 2016. Overall, Bill was satisfied with Mr. Hansen's responses.
- Email to Parents-a discussion on whether or not to include a prepared agenda, with the CSC meeting date announcement to parents, via email, was brought forward.
- Motion Lisa W. made a motion to include the meeting agenda in the email reminder to parents. Heather S. seconded the motion, and the motion was passed.
- Discussion Upcoming CPIC Meetings -Parent Involvement Committee, open to all, will be at the board office, with a 6:30 pm start time on March 8, and May 31.
- Spirituality- March 19 -12 hour fast for grade 7, 8 and older students wishing to participate. There will be a Mass and a dinner celebration at the end and students who participate will earn community service hours, based on their involvement.

Spirituality-April 3- St. John's Church will be hosting a Concert, to raise funds in support of the refugee sponsorship. The CWL will have a membership drive, as well. More information will be announced, in the Church bulletin.

Fundraising- May 4, St. John the Baptist School Pasta Dinner-Will be held at the Knights of Columbus, on Queeston Road. Carla needs volunteers from the CSC, and the grade 7 and 8 students will assist with the event. More information to come. Please contact Carla Underhill (chairperson of sub-committee) or Mr. De Tullio, for more information.

Social Committee-Pancake Day Report. The event did not go as smoothly as in former years. We may need to purchase more griddles; and make the amount offered to the students, the same for all (not able to purchase extra pancakes), as it became a bit confusing to fill classroom orders. It was also discussed if we should consider offering the pancakes at an earlier time in the day.

Treasurer's Report-The CSC account has a positive balance of \$1,439.00, with funds coming from our weekly pizza sales, and our Valentine's Cake Raffle.

Discussion

**Principal's Report:**

- Restorative practices- Next CSC meeting will focus on the method of conflict resolution, being practiced at St. John the Baptist School.
- Uniform Supplier update-we will honour the agreement with Bombarieri, regarding the old style uniforms, available for sale to our students.

Motion

Carla U. put forth a motion that would require that St. John the Baptist students to wear the re-designed crest (designed in 2015), as uniform by September 2018; with the previous design being allowed in the 2016/2017 school years. Janin O. seconded the motion, and it was carried.

- Spirit Wear Sales-will be postponed, as there is a lot of events and activity happening within the school at this time.
- Summer School Update-will be last two weeks of summer from Aug. 22, for 9 days. There has been a funding cut, but our school is committed to providing the same quality of learning, as last year.
- Ottawa Trip for grade 7 and 8-A question about whether CSC should endorse the trip tentatively scheduled for 2017. Surveying the community will gauge interest and give them a parents a chance to plan for upcoming expenses.

Motion

Lisa W. put forth a motion to consult CSC as to whether a 2017 Ottawa trip is endorsed by CSC. Rosanna B. seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

Motion

Janin O. motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm, and it was seconded by Lisa W. The motion was carried.

## **Calendar of Events**

March 3	School Mass-9:15am, Parents welcome!
March 9	Jr. and Sr. Hockey Tournament/Confessions for Grade 3-8
March 10	Bag2School Bags sent home
March 11	Confessions for Grade 3-8/Spirit Wear Day
March 14-18	March Break-No School
March 19	Youth Group Event in School Gym
March 24	Holy Thursday, Stations of the Cross, in the school gym (1:30 parents welcome)
March 25	Good Friday
March 26	Holy Saturday
March 27	Easter
March 28	Easter Monday
April 1	Tiger Cat visit-Black and Gold Day/Civvies Day

Secretary/rbf

## Appendix A

Before I tell you anything, I must say that I am completely satisfied Mr. Hansen did not receive the emails I sent and mentioned to you at our last meeting. Once he knew about them he immediately set up the following meeting. Sorry for any confusion. My apologies to David!

On February 5, 2016, David Hansen, the Director of Education for the HWCDSB and I had a meeting which lasted approximately an hour and a half following the annual School Council Breakfast. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and hopefully resolve a number of concerns I had regarding three board sanctioned committees. They are:

- Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC)
- Catholic School Council (CSC)
- Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

It was agreed that if we were unable to resolve any issues and I felt it necessary to get confirmation of the Ministries intent I would contact the appropriate ministry department for clarification.

Two very positive results came immediately:

- School councils are **now able to make recommendations** to their principals and school boards on *any* matter. Principals and school boards, in turn, **must** consult with school councils on a variety of matters that affect student learning. They **must** also consider recommendations made by school councils and report back to the councils on how they plan to act on their advice.
- **Selecting a new principal or vice-principal.** While school councils **must** be consulted about all the areas that are identified in the regulations and legislation, many have expressed great interest in being involved in establishing the criteria and process for the selection and placement of new principals and vice-principals. School councils can provide important advice to boards about the key skills a new principal or vice-principal can bring to the school community. The decision to hire and place each principal or vice-principal **is still up to the board**, but the board **must** consult with the council about the process and the selection criteria applied.

Not only did Mr. Hansen agree to inform the principals of all the schools of these matters, he went on to say he would be sure to make mention of them at the Boards introductory gathering of council chairs and co-chairs in September 2016, but he deputized me to stand up and inform him he had forgotten to mention them if he failed.

Bill Warnick