

St. John the Baptist
Catholic School Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 21, 2014
St. John the Baptist School Library

MINUTES

- Attendance Mr. A. DeTullio, Ms. A. Zampini, Father P. Ciallella, D. Burke, Janin O'Donnel, Chantel Trowbridge, Lisa White, Rosanna Bozzo Fielding, Bill Warnick, Carla Underhill.
- Opening Prayer Led by Bill Warnick.
- Call to Order Mr. Bill Warnick, Chaired the meeting and called it to order at 7:00 p.m.in the school library.
- Approval of Minutes The minutes of September 2014 meeting were approved via email correspondence, by the CSC.
- Introduction of Guest Bill Warnick introduce our guest speaker, Mr. David Ferguson, C.E.T, Superintendent of Traffic Engineering for the City of Hamilton. Mr. Ferguson was asked to address road safety concerns around the school Perimeter and did mention that this past August 2014, his department did carry out a review of School Zone Safety, throughout the city. The discussion included possibly enhancing school zone safety with special crosswalks; and he did understand our parents' concerns about student's safety during traffic jams around the perimeter of the school at 9am and 3:30pm. Mr. Ferguson did mention that we should anticipate the possibility of a school zone flashing light on King Street (40 kmph) during the 2015 budget year.
- Discussion **School Guidelines**-There was an introduction of the Catholic School Council Guidelines for 2014, with a copy available for review, in the school office and on our website at: www.hwcdsb.ca.

Discussion about the role of the Treasurer, with the goal of electing a CSC member for 2014-2015 school year.
- Motion A motion was made to elect Denise Burke as a CSC member in the role of Treasurer. The motion was moved by Janin O'Donnel, and seconded by Lisa White. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Discussion **CSC Charitable Donation**-The CSC chose to support, after much discussion, the CYO and Angela's Place, as our 2 charitable donations(10% of all raised funds) for the year 2014-2015, with donations to be split 50/50 to both organizations.
- Motion A motion was made for our CSC to pick two charitable organizations to support. The motion was moved by Carla Underhill, and seconded by Rosanna Bozzo Fielding. The motion was carried unanimously.

- Discussion **CSC Awareness**-The Catholic School Council of St. John the Baptist School, would like to raise its image within the school community, with a goal to attract more members to join the council. We will consider signage, sending emails to parents, incorporating photos of council members in action and posting them on our website, etc.
- Guest Speaker**-The CSC will be inviting a motivational speaker, Mr. Michael Riest, to speak to our parent group in the month of April. We will be notifying everyone with the exact date.
- Parent Engagement Fund**-The council has decided to spend the amount of \$500.00(amount allowed) on crafts, in preparation for the Advent Craft Night. The craft night will be held on Tuesday, December 2, 2014. Mrs. Zampini will guide in the organization of the evening, and we will request 1 canned good as a donation for the event.
- Motion A motion was made by Carla Underhill, to allocate \$500.00 towards the cost of craft supplies for the Advent Craft Night. The motion was seconded by Denise Burke. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Discussion **Council Goals**-The council reviewed and adopted the CSC goals of 2012-2013, as our goals for this coming school year.
- Motion Father Peter Ciallella moved that the CSC goals from 2012-2013 school year be adopted as the goals for 2014-2015. Carla Underhill seconded the motion, and it was unanimously carried.
- Discussion **David C. Onley Award for Leadership in Accessibility**-Mrs. Carla Persia nominated Mr. DeTullio for this award, on behalf of our school. Mr. Gus Hubbard, Superintendent of Education and grantor of the award, has received the application for nomination. We wish Mr. DeTullio a very deserving chance at this special award, focusing on the diversified needs of our school community.
- New Gymnasium Equipment**-Mr. DeTullio informed the CSC that new back boards and volley ball post and nets have been purchased, so as to enhance the school's athletic program for all students.
- Social Awareness and St. John the Baptist School**-At the end of September, and into October, St. John the Baptist School participated in two wonderful events. The Terry Fox Run, in support of Cancer Research, and the Pilgrimage, in Support of those less fortunate in the Dominican Republic, Haiti and El Salvador. The events were very successful, and enjoyable for all those who took part in the events. Over 4,000 students from our board took part in the 8 km Pilgrimage walk from Cathedral High School to St. Daniel's School.
- New Lunch Option-Pita Pit Days**-Once a month we will be offering a varied selection of healthy lunch options from Pita Pit, to be organized by Ms. Jessica Cardarelli.

Discussion **Disbandment of Inactive Committees**-Bill Warnick suggested that in order to make things flow more smoothly, CSC disband all current committees and as needed restart those that serve a purpose. Much discussion took place on this, but in the end it was decided to go forward with leaving the existing committees, set in place by the previous CSC.

Motion Rosanna Bozzo Fielding put forth a motion to carry on with existing committees for the school year 2014-2015. This motion was seconded by a CSC member. The motion was passed by the CSC.

Bill also made the point that in his judgement, an ideal committee would include a chair-person, presumably from our executive. This person would meet with other interested parents separately and report back to CSC, rather than having to perform all duties for that committee on their own

Discussion **Additional Information from the Principal's Report**

- A reminder to please attend the Parent Conference to be held at Bishop Ryan High School on Saturday, November 1, 2014.
- Rosary bracelets have been ordered by Mr. DeTullio as birthday gifts for our students.
- Ottawa Trip will take place June 10-12 for our grade 7 and 8 students, at a cost of \$425.00 plus HST (estimated cost based on number of students travelling).
- Grade 8 Graduation celebrations will take place at Carmen's Banquet Centre.
- The Angel Tree request of gifts are needed by November 30th, so that the St. Vincent de Paul Society can organize what gifts need to be collected by our church community.

Motion Carla Underhill put forward a motion to give \$200.00 to help reduce the CYO bus cost of participation to \$5.00 per student. The motion was seconded by Denise Burke and was carried unanimously.

November Calendar of Events

Parent Conference	Nov. 1
Book Fair	Nov. 20-21
St. John the Baptist Bazaar	Nov. 13, 14, 15
P.A. Day	Nov. 14
Catholic School Council Meeting	Nov. 18
St. John the Baptist/ Hockey Tournament	Nov. 26

Motion A motion was made by Carla Underhill to adjourn the meeting at 9:14pm, and was seconded Denise Burke. The motion was carried unanimously.

Secretary/rbf