

**St. Marguerite Bourgeouys Catholic School - Catholic School Advisory Council Meeting - January 12, 2015**

**Meeting started at: 7:15pm.**

In Attendance:

Roy Chubb	Principal
Madhavi Tom Yew	President/vice-president/treasurer
Michael Pedrosa	President/vice-president/treasurer

**Agenda:**

- Approval of minutes from Dec. 3 meeting
- CSAC Financial Statement -- Santa photos and sales
- Friendly reminder note #3 to parents for Student Activity Fee
- First Commander Ice Rink full school morning skate Wed. Jan. 14
- Newsletter and TAPCE and OAPCE
- School permit concerns for Sat. Jan. 17, 2015
- Survey for new principal characteristics
- Nutrition program for school
- Next CSAC meeting

**Meeting Minutes:** approved

**Prayer:** Roy Chubb

- **CSAC Financial Statement** - Santa photos cost \$187 but Ms. Ying from the PLAC provided Mr. Chubb with a \$40 cheque, bringing the cost down to \$147. There have been three deposits to the account: \$191 from Santa photo sales, \$198 from pizza, and Student Activity Fees from two families. Mr. LaFace has a Scientist in School on Jan. 13 at a cost of \$170. That will bring the total in the account to about \$5,100.
- **Friendly reminder note #3 to parents for Student Activity Fee** - These will be personalized letters that will be posted soon. This approach yielded results last year. Last year, the payment rate was about 60 per cent. This year, we're at 80 per cent, so far.
- **First Commander Ice Rink full school morning skate Wed. Jan. 14** - Skate borrowing went well. About 40 pairs were available to start and about 8 pairs are now left. The bus for all three ice skating outings will cost about \$500. This will be billed after the third skating event in early February. Mr. Chubb will buy cookies from Dad's, cups and hot chocolate and bill CSAC. The students really enjoy the skating events and these build a sense of school community as students in grades 7 and 8 help younger children.
- **Newsletter and TAPCE and OAPCE** - Mr. Chubb highlights speaking event put on by the TCDSB featuring guest speaker Alyson Schafer in January on Bullying. Mr. Chubb explains that SMB has a positive school climate and has done several surveys in the last three years among teachers and students that focus on safety and student harmony. The school safety plan is posted online through SMB's website. Mr. Chubb distributes OPACE and CPIC newsletters to the meeting.
- **School permit concerns for Sat. Jan. 17, 2015** - Kevin Xu has asked for a Saturday permit for an event Jan. 17. He had asked for the permit in December for a Christmas party but now the flyer says the event will feature "Direct conversations with the Conservatives on the Liberals Sex Education and Bathroom Bill." Xu seems to be an official Tory candidate for the upcoming federal election. Mr. Chubb has written to the Board communications department for guidance. Mr. Pedrosa notes that the discussion seems inappropriate for a school setting. Ms. Tom Yew notes that the initial permit application seems misleading in light of the actual purpose of the event. Mr. Chubb says that he can – and plans to – ask the permit department to deny the permit. "It gives me a feeling of unease," Mr. Chubb says.
- **New principal characteristics** - Mr. Chubb advises that CSAC may be surveyed by the school board on what characteristics we would like to see in a principal. He advises that he is planning to work three more years or so before retirement and thus may be transferred this year or next. The school board tends to transfer principals about every five years or so.
- **Nutrition program for school** - The City of Toronto has embarked on a nutrition program for schools. Under this program, the city will send some type of fresh food such as broccoli, celery, or apples, as snacks for the students. Mr. Chubb advises that SMB must figure out how to deal with the cost of the food, as well as preparation. The cost will depend on the neighbourhood income, how many students attend the school, and the number of days per week for the snack program. Mr. Chubb notes that SMB is in a low income area. He will provide updates as he receives them.
- **Next CSAC meeting** - **The next CSAC meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Mon Feb. 23.** The group will discuss plans for the Spring Dance-a-thon at the next meeting.

**Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:20 p.m.**