



**St. Mary of the Angels
Catholic School Advisory Council**

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Date Meeting Minutes

CSPC Meeting Attendees:

Executive: Paul Matos (Chair), Olivia Almeida (Treasurer), Cindy Matos (Secretary)

Voting Members: Lina Gikas (OAPC Rep), Nancy Teves, Silvia Mendonca

Staff/Admin: Colleen Pontello (Principal), Alice Tamburro (Teaching Staff), Filomena Silva (Support Staff)

Members at Large: Joe Vargas, Gus Gikas

Regrets: Gina Pereira

Meeting Commenced at: 6:20 p.m.

Opening Prayer:

By Paul Matos

Presentation from Pita Pit

Phil Hutchison

- From the Stockyards location.
- Services other schools in community both Catholic and Public.
- Orders can be customized to our school.
- Families get an order form with an envelope.
- \$5 for pita which includes \$1 for school fundraiser.
- \$6 for pita, juice box with cookie which includes \$1 for school fundraiser.
- All meats are not processed and veggies are cut freshly.
- No allergens used in products.
- Lunch program for staff as well, more options, not a fundraiser option.
- Each class has its own bin labelled with the room number and teacher's name. Each individual order will have the child's name written on it.
- Extra pitas sent for emergencies.
- CSPC will have to determine how often we want to place orders for our school.
- Order forms are picked up weekly at the school.
- Very flexible with times of order forms delivered and will accommodate i.e., last minute orders the morning of delivery can be accommodated.

Presentation from CultureLink

Celia Cruz-Hew

- Settlement Worker in Schools. Celia also has a background in social work and is currently in school taking immigration studies.
- Wants to offer services to our school community.
- Objective is to bring connection between the school and community.

- Goal is to provide mentorship to a newcomer in order to feel welcomed and valued in the community.
- Multiple services available for newcomers/parents to access.
- Assistance in filling out government forms available.

Review and Approval of Previous Minutes:

- The minutes of September 28, 2015 were approved as circulated.

Chair's Report:

Review of By-laws postponed until next meeting.

- Chocolate fundraiser discussed.
 - Two companies researched (1. World's Finest Chocolate, 2. Lamontagne)
- Committee's goal for monies raised to be determined.
- Committee agreed to use World's Finest Chocolate, used by the school in the past.
- Chocolate fundraiser dates established for February 5 to 19, 2016.
- Committee was in agreement to sell chocolate covered almonds.
- If each child sells a full box of chocolates (totaling \$60) the net profit for the school fundraiser will be \$26.78 per box sold.
- Each child will get a box of chocolates; families may obtain more boxes of chocolate to sell during parent teacher interview night in February.

Treasurer's Report:

- The board has not yet approved the roll overs. Once approved financial report to be shared with parent community.

Principal's Report:

- Two printers purchased, each floor will have their own printer.
- Dragon box math game purchased to improve math learning in school. Numeracy is still a challenge in our school.
- EQAO coming in November. Tests are completed.
- CAT4 is a test that shows your child on a continuum of learning for numeracy and literacy. It is a multiple choice style test. Tests are done in grades 2, 5 and 7. Families get a copy sent to them and a copy is kept in the students education file.
- Families are encouraged to support problem solving in their children's learning i.e., encouraging them to do their homework independently.
- Grade 8's are assisting with pizza lunch, great learning opportunity and supporting their problem solving skills.
- Students are doing a great job at helping to keep the school and school yard clean.
- **Looking back on October**
 - Communion and Confirmation class have started for our students at the church.
 - Police presentations brought great discussion from students. Police will be attending our next scheduled lock down in November.
- **November**
 - Grade 8 workshops; visiting high schools.

- Parent teacher conferences.
- Work to Rule for support staff occurring presently. Possible rotating strike to come.
- **Christmas Concert**
 - Format still to be decided i.e., split, primary grades to have Christmas concert and spring concert for older grades or a whole school event.

New Business:

- Lunch lady was discussed as an option – order online (best option) or paper form
- Cost - \$4.25 to \$6.25 per entrée.
- Up to 35 cents per sale would go to CSPC for fundraising.
- Lunch lady provides personnel that will handout food to children at the school.
- Hot lunch option will be revisited in the New Year.

- Subway lunches
 - 3 dollars a for a six inch sub
 - Subs come with child's individual name per class.

- Decision on lunch program
 - Continue with the Worry Free Wednesday
 - Pizza alternating Wednesdays
 - Subway and Pita Lunch to be offered on alternative Worry Free Wednesday days.
 - Dates to be determined at our next meeting for each option.
 - To be launched in the New Year.
 - Based on results, committee will determine best option for our school.

Label Fundraiser

- Oliver's labels and Mable Labels were presented as options
- Oliver's Labels is the most affordable option for families and therefore the committee decided to go with them.
- The school receives 20% commission of all sales.
- Committee agreed that all funds raised will be allocated to classroom funds
- Committee to advertise information to parent during parent teacher conference night in November.

Next Meeting:

November 25, 2015

Adjournment:

8:45