



**St. Mary of the Angels  
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October 17, 2018 Meeting Minutes

**CSPC Meeting Attendees:**

**Executive:** Paul Matos (Chair), Olivia Almeida (Treasurer), Gazelle D'Souza (Secretary)

**Voting Members:** Gina Pereira (OAPC Rep), Cindy Matos, Joanna Dubak, Jenniffer Gagage

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

**Members at Large:** Claudia Fernandes

**Regrets:**

**Meeting Commenced at:** 6:30 p.m.

**Opening Prayer:**

By Paul Matos

**Review and Approval of Agenda and Previous Minutes:**

Agenda approved as circulated. Edits to the AGM meeting minutes were discussed and will be re-circulated at the next meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Opening balance for the year was \$8,689.13 (see attached).
- Thank you Lunch for the Teachers was \$193. Current balance as of October 17, 2018 is \$8,496.13. Teachers thanked the Parent Council for Teacher Appreciation Day Lunch.
- The council discussed and were in agreement to fund the following for this year:
  - Approximately \$2,000 for Scientists in the School;
  - \$1,300 for school supplies; teachers can put forward a request for additional if needed.
  - \$376 for the Little Red Theatre
  - \$1000 for new instruments for the school.
  - A budget for school yard toys to be established; Parents to share catalogue with school and investigate equipment.
  - A budget for storage cabinets for both yards to be established. Principal to get estimates.

**Chair's Report:**

Consultation: Education in Ontario:

- Chair shared consultation invitation to parents, teachers, and students for education in Ontario. Online surveys are available in English and French. Parents can get more information by visiting [fortheparents.ca](http://fortheparents.ca) (see attached memo). Memo can be included in the newsletter or on the CPSC or school website.

#### School Yard:

- See note under Treasurer Report.

#### Fundraising initiatives:

- The Council discussed that the QSP cookie dough Fundraiser can be done by the Grade 8 students. Students would then donate a portion of the funds to the charity of their choice and the remainder of the funds would be used towards a plaque and purchase of something at the school as a memory in their name. Their classroom teacher will talk to them about it.
- The council agreed to the Chocolate Almond Fundraiser in February.
- The council agreed to a bake sale fundraiser on Parent Teacher interview nights – November 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> from 5-7:30 p.m. Cindy will touch base with Nova Era for donations. She will also look into the Portuguese donuts as well. Consider drinks like coffee, espresso and hot chocolate for parents and children. Parent Council members are welcome to donate food items for the bake sale (baked or bought).

#### **OAPCE Report:**

- On October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018, there is a workshop for all parent council members from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at the board office. There will be a light breakfast.
- The next OAPCE meeting is on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

#### **Principal's Report:**

- Spirit Wear posters went out to the school students the week of October 15<sup>th</sup>. It is optional for anyone who would like to purchase it. There is an option for the grade 8 grads and teachers as well.
- With respect to cannabis legalization, nothing will change for elementary schools. Same rules apply as alcohol. Anyone smoking cannabis has to do it 20 metres away from the school. There is a protocol in place if any student or staff need medical cannabis.
- The safe school plan was reviewed at the meeting. Will be posted on the school website.
- The principal discussed the hazards of inappropriate foot care and requested that parents send appropriate shoes to school. Reminded parents to label clothing items and shoes.
- Given Cold and Flu season, the school has taken necessary precautions to disinfect everything and parents are encouraged to have their kids get the flu shot.
- The school is looking at an equity action plan for the school. The theme is 'We Belong'.
- The Secondary School Learning Network (SSLN) is looking at the achievement categories for assessment with Knowledge, Thinking, Communication and

Application (KTCA) to determine if there are gaps in preparation of grade 8 students for high school. St. Mary of the Angels students scored similar in grade 8 and high school math.

- The Principal noted that the Professional Learning Form (PLF) and School Learning Improvement Plan (SLIP) for the year are in. The focus is on students seeing themselves as problem solvers. The school's SMART goal is centered around the PLF. For this year the focus is on using real life application in relation to problem solving.
- For EQAO, the grade 3 girls scored better than grade 6 girls. Grade 6 boys performed better than grade 6 girls. All information will be available on the public website.
- Report Cards will be sent home on November 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Parents are asked to dress their children appropriately for the weather. The school has bought 15-20 hats and mitts that the kids can borrow. Parents are requested to kindly wash them and return them back to the school.
- The international language survey will be sent home with students in November. All surveys are to be sealed and results are confidential.
- Swiss Chalet sent a request to the school for lunch meals. Principal to ask for combo option, payment options, how it is delivered. Council discussed and agreed upon trying it for one Friday a month.
- Principal to talk to Pita Pit to have two options of payment for parents online and cash.
- The principal noted upcoming events:
  - Halloween on October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018.
  - Backward Dress Down day is on October 19, 2018. Funds raised to go to Our Lady of Lourdes for food cards, etc.
  - All Saints Day Mass is on November 1<sup>st</sup>, all parents are welcome to attend mass.
  - On November 2<sup>nd</sup> an author is coming to present to the school.
  - Parent Teacher Interviews will take place on Nov 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Next Meeting:**

November 21, 2018 at 6:15 p.m.

**Adjournment:**

8:00 p.m.