



St. Charles Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes

MEETING:	St. Charles Catholic School Council Meeting
DATE:	Thursday September 28, 2017
TIME:	6:00 P.M.
LOCATION:	St. Charles School Library

IN ATTENDANCE:

REGRETS:

Cassie Medve-Racine, Principal
 Melissa Kanyo, Teaching Rep
 Jaimee Bonigut
 Liz Toffelmire
 Frederica Harvey
 Tonia Fortini-Pitocco
 Melanie Orlando
 Galina Pislazi
 Oxana Nastas
 Izabela Haptas
 Shameran Yousif

SUBJECT

1.	<p>Call to Order - Cassandra Medve, Principal, chaired the first meeting of the new school year. The meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.</p> <p>Opening Prayer – Autumn Prayer</p>								
2.	<p>Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>The group reviewed the minutes of the last meeting dated May 11, 2017. The minutes were received and approved as circulated.</p>								
3.	<p>CSCC Election</p> <p>Nominations and Elections took place for the 2017-2018 CSCC. The following are the results and appointments.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Cassie Medve-Racine</td> <td>Principal</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jaimee Bonigut</td> <td>Chair</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Liz Toffelmire</td> <td>Vice Chair</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Frederica Harvey</td> <td>Secretary</td> </tr> </table>	Cassie Medve-Racine	Principal	Jaimee Bonigut	Chair	Liz Toffelmire	Vice Chair	Frederica Harvey	Secretary
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	<p>Shameran Yousif Treasurer</p> <p>Jaimee Lamb Parish Representative</p> <p>Frederica Harvey Community Representative</p> <p>Izabel Haptas Teaching Representative</p> <p>Alyssa McCardle Non-Teaching Representative</p> <p>All meetings are open for all parents to attend. Only those on the executive get to vote on motions.</p>
4.	<p><u>Principal's Report</u></p> <p><i>Start-up:</i></p> <p>Ms. Medve advised the group that the start of the school year went very smooth. She reported that the enrollment of students currently is larger than our spring projections – projected 177, and we are currently at 184. Grown from 5 to 8 classes and are now using 3 portables. Our enrollment will continue to grow as families move into the subdivision across the street.</p> <p>Ms. Medve advised the group that they had a shuffle that impacted 29 students.</p> <p>SK/1 turned into a JK/SK and we hired an additional DECE (Ms. Trotta). This is a very positive change as we were able to split our 20 JK students into 2 groups of 10. We had large numbers in the junior grades – Gr. 5/6 where there are 27 students and Gr. 6/7 28 students with a small Gr. 8 class of 19. In order to meet ministry standards and bring our averages down the Gr. 8 turned into a 7/8.</p> <p>Currently St. Charles has the following:</p> <p>JK/SK – 23 JK/SK – 23 1/2 – 20 2/3 – 21 3/4 – 23 5/6 – 25 6/7 – 25 7/8 – 24</p> <p>Announcement of new staff at St. Charles:</p> <p>Ms. McCardle DECE Ms. Rae Kindergarten Teacher Ms. Trotta DECE Mr. Harris Gr. 1/2 Ms. Hilton Gr. 2/3 Ms. Guest Gr. 6/7 Ms. Haptas Gr. 7/8</p>

Ms. Horton	EA
Ms. Carr	EA
Ms. Walker	EA
Ms. Francisco	Arts, SERT

Co-curriculars are alive and well with the current activities

- We Day (Ms. Gallo, Ms. Kanyo)
- Sr. Boys Soccer (Mr. Harris)
- Sr. Girls Soccer (Ms. Hilton, Ms. Francisco)
- Jr. Boys Soccer (Mr. Harris)
- Jr. Girls Soccer (Ms. Hilton, Ms. Francisco)
- Cross Country (Ms. Kanyo, Ms. McCardle)
- Choir beginning (Ms. Gallo)
- Spirit Club beginning soon (Ms. Gallo & Ms. Medve)

Status of new building:

Awaiting the road and services to be put in to the east of St. Charles. Once this occurs then the building should be able to start. Once building starts, barring any significant delays it should take approximately 13 months from start to end.

School Open House/BBQ:

Thanks to all members and parents who helped! Went extremely well! Great turn out.

Calendar Updates:

- September 21 - Open House & BBQ
- September 22 - Terry Fox Run
- WE Day – September 28
- PA Day – September 29 – no school for students
- October 3 - Sr. Girls Soccer Tournament – Mel Mitchell Field
- October 4 - Sr. Boys Soccer Tournament - Mel Mitchell Field
- October 5 - Cross Country Meet – Earl Rowe Provincial Park
- October 5 - Goodbye Assembly to Sister Jean @ 2pm - Gym
- October 9 – Thanksgiving – No school for students
- October 12 -School Picture Day
- October 13 - Holy Trinity & Feeder Schools PA Day
- October 17 - Jr. Boys & Girls Soccer Tournament
- October 17 - IEPs Home
- October 25 - SMCDSB History Book Launch @ 6pm

Board Theme “Our Story ~ Our Journey”:

Every year, the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board chooses a spiritual theme, which serves as our inspiration and spiritual focus. The theme for the 2017 – 2018 school year, is Our Story ~ Our Journey.

As Christians, stories are an important way for us to communicate who we are and what we believe. The stories passed on through our Catholic faith tradition remind us of God's love and our responsibility to share that love with others. These stories are the foundation for Catholic education in our province and in our region. We know Catholic education is a special gift to be cherished and protected. We are on a journey in Catholic education to share our sacred stories through the faith-filled work we do in our schools.

This year's theme is especially fitting as our country celebrates its 150th anniversary. Our nation's story is one filled with the journeys of so many different cultures, races and religions. Our faith calls us to learn from these diverse journeys as we continue to grow together as one nation.

EQAO Results:

Primary: 69%/85%/69%

Junior: 73%/80%/47%

Results indicate students achieving at a level three or four. Students at a level two are "approaching grade level" and are moving in the right direction.

13 Gr. 3 students = 7.7%

15 Gr. 6 students = 6.7%

The marks reflect ALL students in grade three and ALL students in grade six, even those who did not write the test. Students who were exempt are factored into the average as a mark of 0.

Math marks are down across the province. EQAO is reviewing the test, as there may be a disconnect between how students are asked to show what they know and how they are taught in the classroom.

In classrooms we know that students learn best when they can work together, collaborate, talk, use manipulatives, struggle and persevere. I am proud of the efforts of our staff and students – the teaching and learning that is happening in our classrooms is in line with what we know to be best teaching practice.

For more information, please reference this website:

<http://www.eqao.com/en/assessments>

Book Launch and Mass:

Mr. Beal is pleased announce the launch of a new book, which documents and celebrates the rich history of Catholic education at the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board (SMCDSB). A History of the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board and Its Predecessor Separate School Boards, authored by renowned historian Dr. Robert T. Dixon, examines the struggles and successes of "our" collective stories in Simcoe, Muskoka and Parry Sound. We are planning a mass and official book launch on October 25th at

	<p>Holy Spirit Parish in Barrie. The participation of our parent community is an important part of this celebration.</p> <p>CSCC Liability Insurance: The School Council liability insurance coverage is a General Liability Policy that provides protection for School Councils when they participate in events/activities that are not under the direct control of the school board, and therefore are not covered under the board’s insurance policy (e.g., fundraising activities including fun fairs, socials, skating evenings, etc.) The cost is \$140.00 plus PST - %151.20</p> <p>Motion Moved: Jaime Bonigut Seconded by: Frederica Harvey “That the School Council approve the expenditure of the Liability Insurance for the 2017-2018 school year.”</p> <p>Attending Mass: We are blessed to be able to attend mass at the church five times over the course of the school year. Bussing for each student is \$2.50 a round trip – a total of \$11. We have asked for \$5/family, in the hopes that council will be able to cover the other \$6/student – a total of approximately \$1000.00.</p>
5.	<p>CSCC 2017-2018 Ms. Medve advised the group that a minimum number of meetings that is required is 4, but that does not seem enough. Ms. Medve suggested that we have a meeting approximately every 6 weeks.</p> <p>Suggested upcoming meeting dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Meeting: November 23, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. St. Charles School Library <p>General dates and timelines for future meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 18, 2018 • March 1, 2018 • April 12, 2018 • May 17, 2018 • June social (to be determined)
6.	<p>Treasurer Report Last year’s council voted to use all fundraised money (\$1,142.40) to update technology:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 iPad – ordered and waiting to be delivered • 7 computer batteries – ordered and arrived <p>Two sources of monies for a school:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ministry of Education (GSN). 2. School Generated Funds (SGF).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pizza, milk and subs – providing a service to families while also generating revenue • This money comes in from the community and flows back out to the school in a variety of ways – bussing, trips for students who can't afford, augment resources (guided reading books), technology & accessories, phys. ed. equipment, library books, etc. • Breaking bread, building community and celebrating together is an important part of being a part of a Catholic Learning Community and some of the monies generated from hot lunches will be used for this purpose. For example, volunteer lunch, Senior's Tea (Remembrance Day), providing teachers' dinner during parent/teacher and/or concert evenings, etc. "Lunch and learns" – teachers and principal gather for professional development during the school-day lunch hour.
7.	<p><u>Parish Report</u> St. Charles will participate in 5 masses at church this school year. The cost associated with bussing students to Holy Martyrs of Japan cost \$11.00 per student for five return trips to the church. Families have been being asked to pay \$5 per child. CSCC is being asked to pay the balance of the cost of \$6.00 per child to offset the cost.</p> <p>Motion Moved: Jaime Bonigut Seconded by: Frederica Harvey</p> <p>"That the School Council approve the expenditure of \$6.00 per student as the remainder of the cost for bussing students to the church for mass."</p>
8.	<p><u>Other Discussion Items: Fundraising</u></p> <p>Fundraising ideas were brought forward to the group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Silent Auction • Rummage Sale • Movie Night – School has Criterion Movie Licence • QSP – last year made just under \$1000 for a school of 150 students, most sales came on-line as more was offered • Baskets
9.	<p><u>Next Meeting</u></p> <p>Next meeting to be held on Thursday November 23, 2017</p>
10.	<p><u>Adjournment</u></p> <p>"Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m."</p> <p><u>Closing prayer - Our Father</u></p>