

**CHRIST THE KING
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 9, 2005**

Attendance: Les Storey, Maria Buczek, Lisa Kiviranta, Carmen Cutajar, Lynda Nahirniak, Louise Aube, Anna Pietrantuono, Kim Kearney, Shirley Simpson, Janet Kitson-Ferretti, Anna Melino, Megan Wilks-Filicetti, Natalie Chong Tai, Goretti Stinson

Regrets: Mona El-Khoury, Wendy Posella, Sandra Baldin

Guests: Joanne Lopez, Carol Knoll, Bibi Khuna, Mary Beth Tonnelly

1. Opening prayer – L Aube.
2. Agenda approved with the addition of “Jump Rope for Heart” in Section 5.

Approval of minutes delayed to next meeting due to some missing facts.
3. Announcements & Courtesies
In service Nov 17 & 19 for School council chairs, treasurers, secretaries and OAPCE Rep
4. School Administration Update – Principal’s Report, Les Storey
 - Thanks for all the work with the fundraiser.
 - EQAO RESULTS – 2004/2005: Grade 3 – Reading 60%, Writing 70%, Math 60%. Grade 6 – Reading 80% (2001-2002 Grade 3 results, 54%), Writing 73% (Grade 3 results, 55%), Math 80% (Grade 3 results, 75%). Above in all areas in comparison to Board/Provincial results except for Gr. 3 Math. Boys are below the girls in reading in primary but gap closes by grade 6. Focus/emphasis will continue to be on reading and motivating boys to read more.
 - PALS program is being lead by Ms Gizzi. It includes grade 7& 8 volunteers who are trained to lead the younger children in games at recess time. Mr. Storey suggested that council may want to consider recognizing these children for the leadership role they are taken by maybe giving them bright coloured t-shirts to wear so they stand out and can be easily seen by the other children.
 - New math text books arrived for grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7.
 - The security camera is expected to be installed by the end of the month.
 - “Fun to Sing” a professional recording studio has approached the school to sing three Christmas Carols that they will record and put on a CD, that can be sold to the parents. Mrs. Kemp & Miss Whittaker have agreed to lead this. The whole school will participate. The three songs will be “What Child Is This”, “We Three Kings” and “Ode to Joy”. They will also sing the national anthem, which will then be used each morning.
 - A bullying presentation called “Snow White – the Anti-Bully Show” has been booked for January 12, 2006 to be presented to the entire school.

- Emergency procedures are practiced throughout the year. Lockdown procedures will be practiced Nov 18. Our local police officer will also be in the school that day.
- Council has been asked to re-examine the school mission statement and provide input.
- Mrs. Tonnelly reported that Operation Christmas child has been a wonderful success. 95 boxes were filled to send to needy children around the world. Special thanks to council members who helped pack and wrap the boxes and deliver them to Sheridan Park Alliance Church.
- The junior and intermediate books purchased with School Council funds last year are on backorder but expected soon. Mrs. Watson could use help entering the new books into the school database.
- At home reading program is in progress.
- Bathrooms are all fixed.
- Mr. Storey took the “Principal for a day” winner to lunch at Montana’s for all you can eat ribs.
- Anaphalactic Society has sent videos and info to the school. Students with allergies are made known to all staff and staff is trained in the use of an epee pen.

5 School Council Organization and Management – Lisa & Carmen

- Members are asked to review our constitution and bring any questions to the next meeting.
- Thanks for help with the fundraiser. Sold over \$10K from Innisbruck and \$5K of batteries. Returned more batteries than actually sold. Prizes have been distributed.
- Please email ideas to Lisa or Carmen on how you think the funds raised should be used to benefit the children in the school.
- Because school goes right up to December 23rd this year, it was suggested that council may wish to provide funds to purchase craft materials and/or popcorn & movie afternoons. A motion was forwarded and approved to allocate up to \$1500 towards this purpose.
- A motion was brought forward and approved to fund the bullying presentation in January.
- The Learn Not to Burn program spearheaded by Council was to have a kick off assembly this week, but it was cancelled at the last minute due to shortage of personnel. The program itself however will still run, with fire and safety prevention being taught in the classrooms by the teachers. The “Smokehouse” trailer will be coming to the school which will provide a visual, hands on experience for the children to identify fire hazards in a home.
- A new sound system has been ordered.
- Peel Health presentation earlier this week was not successful. Only 8 people attended, all council members. The police presentation at the end of the month will go on as planned, hopefully with a better response from the community.
- A flyer for CTK Home of the Lions clothing will be going home this week. The sale of this clothing will be ongoing throughout the year.

- Suggestion box was empty. Council members are asked to encourage parents to raise any issues or concerns they have by dropping them in the box
- Mrs. Tonnelly brought forward the idea of selling “Terra Cotta Cookies”. It is nut free frozen cookie dough. Council will work with the Student council on this endeavour. If there is enough interest from the community we will place an order.
- Mrs. Kemp will be co-coordinating the Jump Rope for Heart this year along with Mr. Celeste. There is a Hoops for Heart option being offered to the grades 6-8. Council passed a motion to receive its share of the proceeds from this fund raiser in the form of a cheque.

6 CCCSC Update – Lisa
Nothing new to report.

7 OAPCE Update – Natalie

- This group represents parents in catholic education.
- They are looking for input into the “Parent Voice in Education”. Council responded to this last year.
- They want to ensure that all parents are properly registered as Catholic School supporters. Spread the word to grandparents and other relatives that do not have children in school.

8 Treasurer’s Report – Mona and Anna

Opening balance Oct 3/05	\$11,741.64
Total Revenue	15,577.36
Total expenses	<u>5,809.48</u>
Balance Nov 8/05	\$21,509.53
Balance of funds for Literacy room	4,690.47
Expense committed But not spent	<u>9,970.41</u>
Balance available	\$ 6,848.65

9 Parish Representative’s Report – Louise

- RCIA program has started but Fr John is still willing to let any interested parties join.

- Children's Liturgy looking for volunteers for the 5:00 mass. Contact Mrs. Yee through the church or the school.
- Meeting for Sacrament of Reconciliation was held Oct 6. If you know anyone who missed the meeting have them call the parish office as soon as possible. Sacrament of Reconciliation will be January 10, 2006
- Meeting for parents who have children in Grade 2 or up who would like to prepare for their First Communion will be held Thursday February 2, 2006 at 7:00pm in the church. First Communion weekend dates are April 22/23, April 29/30, May 6/7 and May 20/21, 2006
- Meeting for Sacrament of Confirmation for young people in Grade 9 and up, together with their parents will be on Thursday March 2, 2006 at 7:00 pm in the church. Confirmation weekend will be June 3 & 4, 2006
- Sunday missals, religious articles, advent candles and wreaths, spiritual books and 2006 religious calendars are available in the Holy Shop.
- The Book of Life is available for parishioners to enter the names of their deceased loved ones who will be prayed for at every mass during the month of November.

10 Date for next meeting is Wednesday December 14, 2005
Set-Up/Clean-Up: Lisa, Carmen and Sandra

11 Closing prayer - Natalie