

# **St. Benedict Catholic Elementary School School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes First Meeting of the School Year**

Date: October 3, 2011

Location: Staff Lounge

Present: Dawn Chodowiec, Courtney Halkett, Wendy Brooker, Brenda Albanese, Helen Kostuch, Tina Hinsperger, Debra Vani, Mauro Testani, Michael Cockburn, Lisa Longstreet, Sonia McNally

Regrets: Paulina Moniz, Rosalie Fitzpatrick

1. Welcome – Sonia McNally
2. Opening Prayer – Michael Cockburn
3. Elections

Chair	Position not filled
Co-Chair	Dawn Chodowiec
Co-Chair	Sonia McNally
Secretary	Courtney Halkett
Secretary	Wendy Brooker (back up)
Treasurer	Position not filled
Debra Vani	Parish Rep
Parent Reps	Wendy Brooker Brenda Albanese Helen Kostuch Tina Hinsperger Mauro Testani
Newsletter	Tina Hinsperger

#### 4. Approve Council ByLaws

- ❖ A copy was not available for review
- ❖ Deferred to next meeting

#### 5. Snack Program

- ❖ First Day October 4th
- ❖ Program has enlisted 5 new volunteers, but lost 4 volunteers from last year
- ❖ Require 3 – 4 volunteers for each snack day
- ❖ Snack Budget deferred to next meeting as previous year's financials were not available

#### 6. Treasurer's Report

- ❖ Previous year's financials and opening budget not available at this meeting, budget review deferred to next meeting, including commitments made last year for curtain project
- ❖ Suggestion that Council take over offering Pizza Days that meet PPM150 regulations
  - Michael will provide results from the Lunch Lady program after the initial 8 week phase
  - Viability of Pizza days will be reviewed based on popularity of the Lunch Lady Program
- ❖ Presented historical funding commitments:
  - Student agendas
  - Anti bullying presentation
  - Music fees and production expenses for Christmas play & bi-annual production
  - Transportation to Christmas mass
  - First Communion & Confirmation celebrations

- Retreat & Luncheon for 6's & 7's
- Grade 8 grad luncheon
- ❖ Ideas for future funding
  - Playground/playbins
  - Small donation to each classroom teacher for items such as incentive stickers, Mrs. Longstreet to discuss with staff their ideas/needs
- ❖ New Funding Requests
  - From Mr. Serafini, Miss Armstrong, Miss Weir \$400.00 for mulch and soil for school gardens
  - No decision made, deferred to next meeting when budget has been reviewed
  - Recommendation from staff for previously allocated Arts Funding "Ray Kingsmore Drum Clinic", \$1,200.00 for all three divisions
  - No decision made, deferred to next meeting when budget has been reviewed
  - \$33.00 for double dutch skipping ropes for Faith Ambassadors ( to be used to help include kids in recess activities)
  - Request approved

## 7. Dance Committee Report

- ❖ Fundraising goal of 10K
- ❖ Review pledge form, approved
- ❖ Review subjects in letter to parent community, approved
- ❖ Introduce Grand Prizes
- ❖ Review upcoming volunteer needs (Pep Rally, Money Counting)

- ❖ Investment in “best costume” ribbons with school logo approved – Option 2
- ❖ Mauro to initiate order, dance committee to finalize ribbon details
- ❖ Mrs. Longstreet to review with staff use of ribbons for recognition of students’ participation on various school teams

#### 8. Principals Report

- ❖ Information regarding curriculum will be deferred to the next meeting
- ❖ EQAO results from last year are in, will be shared with staff at this week’s meeting. Individual results have been distributed
- ❖ Thank you to all who contribute to the school community
- ❖ First school Mass October 12 @ 11:30, all parents always welcome
- ❖ School community will be participating in the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Rick Hansen Journey of Hope, cheering on participants - December
- ❖ Central Committee meeting at St. Francis Xavier on Thursday October 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30
- ❖ Family of Schools meeting on November 24<sup>th</sup>, location to be announced
- ❖ Annual School Council Survey due November 30<sup>th</sup>, will be reviewed at next meeting

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm

Next Meeting Monday November 7, 2011

