

SCHOOL COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 25th, 2008 @ 6:15 pm

<p><i>Present:</i></p> <p>Aanastasia Myers (<i>Student Council Rep</i>)</p> <p>Cassandra Russell (<i>OAPCE Rep</i>)</p> <p>Denyce Braithwaite (<i>Secretary</i>)</p> <p>Fiorella Di Rubbo (<i>Chair</i>)</p> <p>Helen Tighe (<i>Vice Principal</i>)</p> <p>Kirsty Fenwick (<i>Vice President</i>)</p> <p>Mary Palazzo</p> <p>Silvia Major</p>	<p>Bryan DeSousa (<i>Teacher Rep</i>)</p> <p>Debiiey Dunn</p> <p>Diana Lobo (<i>Treasurer</i>)</p> <p>Hazel Ignacio</p> <p>Kevin McGuire (<i>Principal</i>)</p> <p>Laura Genoway (<i>Non-Teaching Rep</i>)</p> <p>Natalie Addai (<i>Student Council Rep</i>)</p>
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Next Meeting: Tuesday, **February 25th** @ 6:15 p.m. in the school's library

I. Opening Prayer Lead by Hazel Ignacio, recited by all
 o The Lord's Prayer

II. Approval of the Minutes (October 21)
 Amendments to previous meeting minutes are as follows:
 o In the 'Treasurer's report' it should be noted that money raised by fundraising is for elementary feeder school

Minutes approved by Bryan DeSousa and second by Cassandra Russell

III. Student Representative Update Natalie Addai & Aanastasia Myers
 o Alternative Halloween – October 31, 6:00 – 8:30 pm was a great success and well received by the community. The event was well organized, fun & engaging. Thank you to everyone involved.
 o Wild Out Wednesdays [WOW] will be every Wednesday for the month of November
 o Christmas Campion will be held on December 13, 2008

IV. Treasurer's Report Diana Lobo
 o There is a balance of \$247.00 in the account.
 o A suggestion was made by Diane to conduct free seminars on budgeting, saving and credit, etc. for parents and students
 o School will look into presenting 'Funny Money' next semester
 o Council would like to have a bake sale on December 18 during the Arts Christmas Coffee House. Fiorella will send email to council members to solicit contribution

V. Non-Teaching Representative Update Laura Genoway
 o A new stain glass project has started in the chapel, for the big glass behind the cross.
 o Previous stain glass tells a story, every child that took part has signed it.
 o The chapel is will used by the students and community
 o Service on Saturday and Sunday



VI. Teaching Representative Update

Bryan DeSousa

- Brampton Guardian wrote a very nice editorial for the Alternative Halloween, will be posted on the Campion website
- Athletic Council
- Congratulation goes out the student who participated in the 'moc trial', they won the championship
- 2 new clubs have been established
 - A morning running club
 - Comic book club, to promote literacy and low level reading
- The new bus for alternative education and career path is being used on a daily basis
- Arts Christmas Coffee House will be December 18 at 6:00 pm tickets will be sold at lunch and the door for \$5.00
 - Arts club is still looking for vendors for gift items
- Badminton club on Thursdays nights in the gym at 6:00pm. All are welcome.
- The French club is having a Sainte-Catherine celebration after school on November 25 in room 120
 - Spanish Night will be on November 28 from 6:00 – 9:00 pm to subsidize the students' trip to Nicaragua
 - \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children
 - Music vocal class (grade 9 & 10), Campion Concert band and Guitar club will participate
 - Music department will have a display on December 10 for the grade 8 students presentation
 - For the past 8 weeks students have been learning about the importance of diversity in the schools through an after school workshop put on by the Harmony Movement.
 - Students will share this information, in the form of workshops, on Thursday, December 4 with grades 7 students at local elementary schools - St. Aiden and St. Bonaventure
 - The entire Career Path program attended a seminar at the Toronto Centre for the Performing Arts to hear Barbara Coloroso speak about Bullying and Genocide

VII. OAPCE Representative

Cassandra Russell

- Nothing to report, rep has not attended a meeting
- OAPCE is looking for a school to hold the meeting, previously held at St. Marcellinus Secondary School

VIII. Principal's Remarks

Kevin McGuire

Summarize the status of school/department.

- Request from the major office to keep the community alive—student involvement
- **November 3, 2008 Brampton Youth Activity and Club**
- Level of involvement of staff and students in the school is tremendous, accent the positive
- 2nd annual Girls Night Out was held on November 21 was a great success
 - Two guest speakers – a co-anchor from Global who talked about being a woman of colour and the signs of depression and a plus size model who spoke about being comfortable with your size
 - Workshop kept the girls busy
 - Would like to do something for the boys next semester

- The meeting held on October 23 to determine the impact on the school due to the opening of St. Roch Catholic Secondary School indicated that there would be no impact.
 - ↳ Lose 2 feeder schools, however population will not shrink
 - ↳ 2 additional portables
 - ↳ Survey will be handed out to students for flex boundary
 - ↳ Anticipate 2275 students next year
 - ↳ Move from 5 to 4 periods a day with 76 minutes per period, therefore less time for students to run free and less strain on supervision
 - ↳ Create a 40 minute lunch period (period 3 with rotating schedule)
 - ↳ Shop area will switch to retail base to ensure employability, experimental learning, will free up shop. Advantage will be a jump for employment compared to other students
- Newsletter posted on school website for review
- SEARCH program will be going on the dog sled expedition for a week.
 - ↳ Students attended ROPES course prior to the dog sled and can see the change through team building
 - ↳ Kids will graduate because of program
 - ↳ 1 teacher full day and 21 kids that may have dropped out
- February meeting will show the results of school overall over the last three years. Well above the most other schools
- Prom and Grad update
 - ↳ Prom will be the Thursday after Victoria day (approximately 400 kids)
 - ↳ Last year prom and grad on the same night, too much work
 - ↳ School first focus is to have the kids graduate from high school
 - ↳ Grad will be on the last day of final exams, there may be a few kids writing on that day, look at the fewest kids writing
 - ↳ Grad will be held at the Powerade Centre in Mississauga (same as last year) to accommodate the number of people that will attend the event
- Grade 8 Information Night will be on December 10.
 - ↳ A debit card system will be implemented
 - ↳ Catholic feeder school students can register at the information night, then open registration later
 - ↳ When courses are verified will ask for money
- Presentation "Ganging Up On Gangs" by the Region of Peel will be held in the school Cafetorium following the council meeting. The presentation is free for all parents and members of the community.

IX. Other Business

Fiorella Di Rubbo

- Waiting for a response to the application for the Parent Council grant.

Meeting adjourned at 7:11pm

