

**OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL SECONDARY SCHOOL  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL**

*“Our mission, based on the values of Christ through the guidance of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, is to involve family, parish, community, and members of the school community in fostering a positive, caring and Catholic environment by providing input, advice and support.”*

**Minutes of meeting held Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2007**

**Meeting called to order:** 7:00 PM

**Welcome & Introductions:** Ehretia O’Hearn

**In Attendance:**

Ehretia O’Hearn, Elaine Lord, Sandra Fernandes, Anita Koczekan, Susan Ksiezopolski, Mary Magri, Geoffrey Smith, Lorraine Stockdale, Trish Murphy, Mary Griffith, Sharon Long, Lee Ann Lizon, Sandra Kranics, Dennis Corrigan, Alice Goetz, Patricia Romero, Shawn Clarkin, Dan Compagnon, Mike Kenny, Cathy Kwiatkoski

**Regrets:** Judy St. Louis, Trustee Ester O’Toole, Chantelle Santos, Jason Frittaion

**Opening Prayer:** Mary Magri

**Approval of January 18<sup>th</sup> 2006 minutes:** Corrections noted on Trustee’s Report “10% cut announced before new board of trustee’s were elected”. “Ombudsman complaint filed by SEAC Special Ed Committee”. Accepted G. Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> L. Stockdale

**Student Council Report** – Chantelle Santos: Jason Frittaion - regrets

1. Guest speaker 1<sup>st</sup> week in March – Making Choices
2. Carnival – first week in June
3. Elections - mid April (overlap of 2 months with existing Student Council – to allow for knowledge transfer to new Council

**Literacy Test Preparation:** Patricia Romero

Presentation was made on Literacy. Grade 9s given sample tests and gaps were identified and letters sent out to parents with offer of workshops if students needed additional assistance. Literacy test will be held on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Brochure was handed out “Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test- Role of the Parent”. Workbooks are available for students at a cost of \$2 – which goes back into Literacy Programs. Weblink to EQAO website will be posted on OLMC website. Tests will be conducted in groups of 30 per classroom – in alpha order (not in home room). Success tips: make sure get enough sleep night before, have a good breakfast, read question and only write down what ask for (don’t do more as no extra points awarded).

**Treasurer’s Report:** Trish Murphy

	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Opening Balance – Jan 18, 2007			\$2,962.76
Closing Balance at of Feb 22, 2007			\$2,962.76

**Approval of Treasurer’s Report:** Accepted by E. Lord, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Fernandes

**Parish Representative Report:** Mary Magri

- 1) We had a very successful Shrove Tuesday Sharelife Pancake Support at OLMC this Tuesday. Thanks to everyone for their support.
- 2) There will be a Women’s Lenten Retreat at Queen of Apostles Retreat Centre on the weekend of March 2-4. The theme is “Exploring the Grace of the Cross.” If interested please call 905-278-5229.

- 3) Mission Information day for those interested in becoming lay missionaries will be held on March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:15am – 2:30pm at the Scarboro Mission Centre. Contact the church for registration information.

**OAPCE Report:** Susan Ksiezopolski

Spiritual retreat held on Jan 20<sup>th</sup> St. Elias Church from 9-12. The group participated in a traditional mass followed by discussion on the history of the Ukrainian Catholic church and also topics regarding Catholicity and ensuring traditional catholic values are reflected through our behaviours that we model to our children.

OAPCE Meeting – Jan 31<sup>st</sup>:

1. Upcoming Meeting with Board Assessment Officer to discuss Catholic tax dollars and supporters – looking to ensure proper allocation of catholic tax dollars
2. Re-acquainting adults with Church and Faith – Alpha Program Presentation planned for Feb 28<sup>th</sup> meeting
3. Strategy to increase High School OAPCE representation
4. Annual Conference in Peterborough June 1-3<sup>rd</sup>. Mark Hilburger Special Guest Speaker also Kathleen Wynne Minister of Education will be there. \$160 to register.

Next OAPCE meeting Feb 28<sup>th</sup> at St. Marcellinas SS Room 216 @ 7pm

**Community Representative Report:** Anita Koczekan

Police Community Liaison Committee Information shared. Meeting to be held Feb 21. Purpose of group is to increase community awareness and to promote crime prevention.

Drug Education Unit Session Mar 21<sup>st</sup> 7-9pm 3030 Erin Mills Parkway – Panda Room

Police Open house Sept 15<sup>th</sup> from 1-2, BBQ with displays and proceeds donated to Toys R Tots, Safety Village. Cram a cruiser food drive event raised 7,000 lbs of food.

LRA would like to thank parents for support on Save-Tennis Courts petition. Meeting was held with Councillor to not support the proposal.

Fire Services Training Centre proposed N or tracks between 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Line. Community has 30 days to comment. Article was in Mississauga News Feb 21<sup>st</sup> edition.

**Teaching/Non-Teaching Staff Report:** Mike Kenny

- 1) **Update on sports**
- 2) **Math** – need to buy textbooks. Requesting letter lobbying for money. Sample to be provided

**Chair's Report:** Committee Updates: Ehretia O'Hearn

- 1) **Budget and Funding** – handouts from Board Committee and letter from Trustees outlining discrepancies on funding of schools.
- 2) **CCCSC** – Feb 15<sup>th</sup> Dr. Shapiro presentation was well attended by OLMC parents. Sister Clare presentation on Catholic Education was also informative and inspirational.
- 3) **March 31<sup>st</sup> Catholic School Council Inservice Conference** – 8:30am – 2:30pm Minister of Education – Keynote Speaker. Sessions/Seminars and marketplace at St. Francis Xavier
- 4) **School Advocate Newspapers** - handed out to parents in attendance
- 5) **Police Liaison or new Health Care course**– possible speakers for March meeting
- 6) **PED Policy** – new policy banning these from schools

Dinner/Theatre Event- Co-Chair Report: E.Lord

- 7) **Dinner Theatre** - last year buffet at 6:30pm, flyers were created by Grade 12 Art students. Tickets were sold for \$10 with \$5 going back into the drama program and rest to pay for meal. Profit of \$61.57 for last years Dinner Theatre event. Looking for volunteers to assist.
- 8) **Banner** – JK signs selected to do banner work. Displayed Banner.

**Principal's Report:** Cathy Kwiatkoski

1. PED – no cell phone anywhere in school. Posters are up regarding new policy.
2. Black History Month – had Harmony Movement Speakers

3. Europe – spring break trii[ (Spain/France/Italy)
4. OLMC hosting Law competition
5. Grade 8 Parents Night – Apr 16<sup>th</sup> (Used clothing sale and Parent Council to attend)
6. PA days – faith and virtues workshops. Grade 7/8 transition
7. Semester 2 underway
8. Summer School – July 5<sup>th</sup> starting. Forms available in April and will be due end of May
9. Hosting Curling competition (16 regions attending)

**Q&A and New ‘Mystery Questions’ Draw: none**

No questions in mystery draw

Suggestion regarding handing out Literacy Brochure at grade 8 info night

Discussion regarding lockdown procedures. Students have been trained and drilled on procedures.

**Closing Prayer:** Mary Magri

**Adjournment and Tour of new Science Labs 9:07:** Accepted M. Kenney, 2<sup>nd</sup> G. Smith

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007 at 7:00pm