

**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, Mar 22nd, 2007

Meeting called to order: 7:00 PM

Welcome & Introductions: Ehretia O’Hearn

In Attendance:

Ehretia O’Hearn, Elaine Lord, Marg Griffith, Colomba McAlary, Mary Henderson, Sandra Fernandes, Linda Haffey, Geoffrey Smith, Mary Magri, Mary Palmateer, Susan Ksiezopolski, Lorna Cornacchio, John Cornacchio, Philip Wong Too Yen, Kathy Stavroff, Ravenne Villanueva, Cathy Kwiatkoski, Mike Kenny, Anita Koczekan, Trustee Esther O’Toole.

Regrets: Trish Murphy, Kenneth Richards, Judy St. Louis

Opening Prayer: Mary Magri

Approval of Feb 22nd 2007 minutes: Accepted G. Smith, 2nd S. Fernandes

Student Council Report Ravenne Villanueva (Chantelle Santos: Jason Frittaion - regrets)

April – competitions for next years Council start

Mar 6th Presentation to students re Impact of Drinking and Driving and Impacts of Drug Use

Mar 7th – Spring Fling

Mar 22nd – Civics Day proceeds to MADD

June 8th – Carnival

Presentation, “Global Issues Group ”: Grade 12 Students

May 1st there will be a Global Issues Conference-Awareness to Action to help raise awareness: Inviting students from Grade 11 and 12 local high schools from both Boards to attend. It will be held at St. Joan of Arc in lecture hall and aiming for 200 students to attend. There will be break out sessions, booths are lunch will be included. This will be an annual and hosting will rotate at different high schools. The Group is looking for sponsors to help fund the event and help pay for 3 keynote speakers. They requested \$500 donation from Council. Copy of donation letter will be provided. Council will discuss and respond to the Global Issues Group.

OLMC Health Care Course Presentation

New Health care classes have been added to OLMC course offerings. Parents were given a tour of the new health care class and students were present to demonstrate techniques learned in class. This was a great opportunity for the parents to experience what the students are taught in this class.

Treasurer’s Report: Elaine Lord (on behalf of Trish Murphy)

	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Opening Balance – Feb 22, 2007			\$2,962.76
Grant Funds		\$500	
Banner	\$205.20		
Closing Balance at of March 22, 2007			\$3,257.56

Approval of Treasurer’s Report: Accepted by G. Smith, 2nd by L. Haffy

Parish Representative Report: Mary Magri

- 1) \$70,000 raised for Share Life

- 2) May 5th Funding Raising event – “Taste of Nova Scotia” 6:30-10
- 3) Mar 24th Fish and Chips Event \$10 for Adults and \$6 for Children
- 4) School Tax Receipt have been mailed
- 5) Parish Reps had meeting – attendance was low. Questionnaire was distributed to reps to address “Why Choose Catholic Education”. Responses are being collected and to be forwarded to Board and then to ICE.
- 6) Parishioners asked to pick up their offertory envelopes. If this is not done soon, your numbers will be given out to new parishioners. Tax receipts will be available shortly after Jan. 30th.

OAPCE Report: Susan Ksiezopolski

Feb 28th Meeting:

1. Presentation from Alpha Program – 10 week course on Christianity. Catholic version is available for both student and adults.
2. Discussion regarding grants. Most grant applications were accepted. Maximum amount was \$3,000. Grants specific to increasing parent involvement were generally granted.

Next meeting March 28th @ St. Marcellinas SS Room 216 @ 7pm

Community Representative Report: Anita Koczekan

Report update to be provided at next meeting

Trustee’s Report: Ester O’Toole

Read article from Ottawa Citizen “Schools Victims of Liberal Fantasy”. The article shows that Ottawa board also having difficulty with balancing budget. Funding issues faced by our Board are not unique. With new schools in the area, boundaries are being reviewed with intent to balance the numbers. Public meetings will be held.

Ministry of Education is developing school closing procedures and further information to follow as it becomes available.

Teaching Staff Report: Mike Kenny

- 1) **RIDE** – indoor bike race, 10 minutes on stationary bike, 6 people per team. Team that does longest distance wins. There is a registration fee and also have some sponsors. Funds going to Cancer Camps.
- 2) **Summer School** - Course forms available in April, summer school July 5th – Aug 3rd
- 3) **Calendars** – still available
- 4) **Sports update-** Curling event going on, Jr. Girls Hockey won Silver
- 5) **Reach for the Top** – OLMC team came in 12th place overall
- 6) **Social Science** – planning trip for next year. Requested to show how many parents would support Egypt Trip (½=Y and ½ =N).

Chair’s Report: Ehretia O’Hearn

- 1) **Conference March 31st** – circulated information material related to conference. Encouraged parents to attend. Minister of Education will be there. If interested in attending advise Ehretia by March 23rd.
- 2) **Reaching Out Grant** – received maximum allowable grant amount - \$3,000, this will be used for Flags and Welcome Centre. Committee will be established, if interested in participating let Ehretia know.
- 3) **Grade 8 Information Night Apr 16th** – 7-9pm. Council will have table and be collecting email addresses. Currently have 475 addresses of parents (in total school has 1100 families).
- 4) **Apr 2nd Speaker** - Blessed Trinity School – Dr. Sturdy Hurried Adult, Hurried Chiled

Co-Chair Report: E.Lord

- 5) **Dinner Theatre/ Social** – would like to hold an event for parents tied school activity. Kathy to provide list of events occurring in May that Council can consider.

Principal's Report: Cathy Kwiatkoski

1. EQAO testing March 29th Grade 10 in the morning and Grade 9's also writing as practice and review to identify weaknesses. Afternoon Grade 9 and 10's will be watching "Inconvenient Truth" documentary
2. Skills Canada Technical Programs – OLMC sending teams to attend sessions next week to help boost trades. This will be held at Gonzaga
3. May 1st – Write for Rights – Amnesty International Speaker
4. Cathy to request Peel Police Liaison Officer to attend next Council meeting
5. OLMC Grade 12 student won \$1000 Fireside Award. Wrote 1000 Word essay on "Why Catholic Schools are Different". Kathy to bring to next meeting and share with Council
6. Mar 22nd – OFFSA Curling Banquet

Q&A and New 'Mystery Questions' Draw: none

A suggestion was made that for the Grade 8 Information night – the video that was done by the students on the 5 Technology Programs be played.

September marks 20th anniversary of OLMC.

Closing Prayer: Mary Magri

Adjournment 9:10: Accepted E. Lord, 2nd S. Fernandes

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 19th at 7:00pm