

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

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Minutes of Meeting Held Thursday, September 27th, 2007

Meeting called to order: 7:10 PM

Welcome & Introductions: E. Lord

In Attendance:

Elaine Lord, Linda Haffey, Sandra Fernandes, Lee Ann Lizon, Pat and Barb Leckey, Cathy Kwiatkoski, Toni Renzone, Shawn Clarkin, Mike Kenny, Ravenne Villanueva, Philip Wong Too Yen, Rose Pingatore, Evana Wasik, Mary Anne D’Souza, Susan Ksiezopolski, Andre Vorauer, Geoffrey Smith, Diane Mejia, Maureen Harrison, Trustee Esther O’Toole

Regrets:

Trish Murphy, Ehretia O’Hearn, Anita Koczekan, Judy St. Louis

Approval of June 7, 2007 minutes: Motion - G. Smith; Second - S. Fernandes

Student Council Report - Ravenne Villanueva Regrets: Matthew Arias

Last Friday – Grade 9 social to welcome and get to know one another

Civics Day – will pay \$5 per semester

Elections being held for grade 9 Council members – encouraged students to join

C. Kwiatkoski complimented Council for involvement with school activities

Treasurer’s Report: deferred to next meeting

T. Murphy, E. Lord and E. O’Hearn to sign-off for year end

Presentation to “Graduating” Parents appreciating dedication and work over years for Council

Presentation of a token gift of our appreciation for their dedication and work over the past several years was made to Geoffrey Smith and Elaine Lord.

Election of Catholic School Council 2007/2008 – C. Kwiatkoski

2 Co-Chair positions

Past Chair Position – attend Board meeting

Secretary – email interest to Chair

9 nominations received

Motion to defer for Nov. 1st meeting for 10th position (possibly Ken or Lorraine)

2008 Council Members:

Trish Murphy - Co-Chair, acclaimed

Sandra Fernandes - Co-Chair, acclaimed

Ehretia O’Hearn - Past-Chair, nominated by E. Lord and acclaimed

Rose Pingatori

Evana Wasik

Mary Anne D'Souza

Diane Mejia – Parish Rep – delegated from Parish, acclaimed

OAPCE rep – Susan Ksiezopolski, acclaimed

Community Rep – Defer to Nov. 1st – Sandra to follow up with Lisgar Association

Treasurer – defer to Nov 1st, Motioned by S. Ksiezopolski, 2nd G. Smith

Secretary – defer to Nov 1st, Motioned by G. Smith, 2nd S. Ksiezopolski

Adjournment 7:55 p.m.: Motion - C. Kwiatkoski, Second - L. Haffey

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First meeting of 2007/2008 School Council called to order – 8pm:

Treasurer’s Report: Defer to Nov.1st

Parish Representative Report: Diane Mejia

- 1) - Sacramental Preparation started for First Communion – baptized children in Grade 2 and above
 - First Reconciliation – baptized children Grade 2 and above parent meeting Sun Sept 20th at 2:30pm or Tue Oct 2nd at 7:30pm
 - Confirmation – Grade 8 and above – information meeting for parents and candidates: Sun. Sept. 30th at 7:30 p.m. on Mon. Oct. 1st at 7:30 p.m.
 - Pre-Confirmation for Grade 7 and above for those attending non-Catholic Schools contact Kate Watkiss at the parish office by Nov. 1st
- 2) Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux – Oct.1st at 7:15 p.m. mass, with rosary at 7:00 p.m.
- 3) Knights of Columbus – Tex-Mex Night Sat. Sept. 29th at 7:00 p.m.
- 4) Church looking for volunteer or volunteers to help with parish library, either high school student or adult
- 5) Looking for volunteers to help with Liturgy of Word with Children for Saturday 5:00 p.m. mass or Sunday 8:00 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. masses
- 6) Book calendars for Presentation on Gospel of Matthew by Gregory Beath, Mon. Nov. 26th at 7:00 p.m. at Church. Advent wreath making session Sat. Nov. 27th at 9:00 a.m.
- 7) Information also available on the Parish website

Community Representative Report: G. Smith

Planning Mississauga future and want suggestions from residents – meetings to be held April/May. Geoffrey encouraged people to make sure they get involved.

Teaching Staff Report: Mike Kenny

- 1) **Teams** up and running
- 2) **Clubs, Council, Year Book** up and running
- 3) **Trips** – being planned

Non-Teaching Staff Report: Deferred

Chair's Report: E. Lord

No Board meetings until Oct. 16th

Proposed Council meeting dates: Nov. 1st, Dec. 5th, Jan. 24th, March 27th, April 24th, May 29th

- 1) **Grant Proposals** – Welcome banners displayed – Many faces of Mount Carmel
- 2) Requested \$3000.00 for 3 projects. (Welcome Banner in multiple languages; Flags of the World; Tools for Success, A Parents Guide” brochure translated and printed in multiple languages). If we are not approved for all the money we may amend our proposal. If we receive the grant then a sub-committee will be setup. Decisions to be made and money to be transferred to Board by Dec 22nd and then to schools. Proposal asking for money for Flags and cross was discussed.

Trustee: E. O’Toole

1. Welcome for 2007
2. Board meetings held to hire new Director
3. Provincial Elections upcoming
4. Board received \$7Million from province – which eliminated deficit and balanced budget
5. Municipality collects taxes, issue with parents not able to split taxes if have children in Separate and Public board, funds go automatically to Public in this case. Lobbying to change the Act to allow splitting of taxes.
6. Due to requirement for small class sizes, this is resulting in some children being moved from classes
7. Bargaining Unit accepted offer – no strike

Principal's Report: Cathy Kwiatkoski

1. Welcoming Toni Renzone, new VP
2. Schools 20th anniversary
3. This years theme is Youth Helping Youth
4. Literacy Test planning for Grade 10's
5. Terry Fox Walk coming up – funds to go to Covenant House
6. Oct. 4th – Grade 9 retreat – St. Volodymr’s Cultural Centre
7. Retreat for Grade 11 and 12 will be held in 2nd semester
8. Parent Teacher night Oct. 25th – early this year to help students have more time to recover if experiencing problems with marks, forms went home with students
9. Science Lab permit approved Jan. 1st
10. Received letter from Sue McFadden regarding complaints of students loitering and littering at Hasty Market over the summer. This is a community issue not just school issue. City has put garbage bins out.
11. Enrollment this year is 1838 students

Q&A: none

E. O’Toole expressed appreciation for Elaine and Geoffrey’s contribution to Council over the years

Closing Prayer: Diane Mejia

Adjournment 8:35: Motion - C. Kwiatkoski, Second - L. Haffey

Next Meeting: Thursday, Nov. 1st, 2007 at 7:00 p.m .