

**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 November 1st, 2007

Meeting called to order: 7:10 PM

Welcome & Introductions: Sandra Fernandes

In Attendance:

Sandra Fernandes, Ken Richards, Mike Kenny, Judy St. Louis, Cathy Kwiatkoski, Matt Arias, Ravenne Villanueva, Rose Pingitore, Mary Anne D’Souza, Diane Mejia, Maureen Harrison, Linda Haffey

Regrets:

Trish Murphy, Susan Ksiezopolski – OAPCE, Ehretia O’Hearn, Anita Koczekan, Judy St. Louis

Opening Prayer: Diane Mejia

Approval of September 27th 2007 Minutes: Deferred to next meeting.

Student Council Report - Ravenne Villanueva, Matt Arias

- 1) Council was informed that all Student Council reps were voted in by acclamation.
- 2) “School Rocks Canada” an organization that promotes music contacted the Student Council and performed their first concert at OLMC before going to high schools across Canada. The concert was a big success. The organization also contributed \$1,000. to the Student Council.

Treasurer’s Report: Deferred to next meeting. However, Linda Haffey reported the current balance (as at November 1st) was \$2,417.32

Parish Representative Report: Diane Mejia

- 1) St. Vincent de Paul “Bundle Up” Sunday is/was the weekend of Nov3/4 where gently used clothing & linens would be collected after each mass.
- 2) “Knowing God Better” series of 6 evenings at St. Joseph’s Parish every Wednesday Oct.24th to Nov. 28th.
- 3) The Church is looking for sponsors for the RCIA program for adults wanting to become Catholics.
- 4) St. Martin of Tours Church presenting The Toronto Mass Choir Sun. Nov. 4th at 7pm (\$20. for adults, \$10 for children under 12)
- 5) The 2008 “Living with Christ” missals will be available for sale starting this weekend - \$5. each
- 6) The Adult Faith Formation Group is having a Family Advent Wreath Prep session Sat. Nov. 17th at 9am. All are welcome.
- 7) A presentation on the Gospel of Matthew by Gregory Beath is being held Nov. 26th at the Church.
- 8) Eden United Church is holding their annual bazaar/craft sale Sat. Nov. 10th.

OAPCE Report: Deferred to next meeting

Community Representative Report: Council still has a vacancy for this position. Sandra Fernandes will be speaking to the LRA for possible representation.

Teaching Staff Report: Mike Kenny

- 1) Girl's Flag Football team lost in quarter finals to Mayfield.
- 2) Sr. & Jr. Boys Football teams on to the playoffs.
- 3) Field Lacrosse, Curling and Hockey teams starting up.
- 4) 2 golfers from OLMC have moved onto OFSAA.
- 5) Washington D.C. student trip planned - \$695. for 5 days.
- 6) Two Remembrance Day services are planned for Nov. 10th.
- 7) Auditions have begun for "Our Town" – lots of student interest.

Non-Teaching Staff Report: Judy St. Louis

- 1) "Soap for Hope" drive to assist Dr. Simone going strong. Over 3600 bars of soap collected so far by staff and students.
- 2) Ms. Kwiatkoski "look-a-like" contest held – winner was amazing!
- 3) Haitian Dancers performed for the school and enjoyed by all.
- 4) "Terry Fox Walk" took place with great weather, followed by a BBQ and double header football games. About \$17,000. was raised with half going to the Terry Fox foundation and the other half going to Covenant House.

Co-Chair Report: Sandra Fernandes

- 1) Used uniform sale was held the night of Parent/Teacher interview. Very successful sale with approximately \$1,300. raised.
- 2) We are planning to do Christmas Baskets again this year. Help will be needed for a couple of weeks in December.
- 3) Future "Guest Speakers" planned include; Anne Brisbois-Abbot, Donna Porter (literacy program, EQAO, AR program), Police Liaison officer (no date yet decided).

Past Chair Report: Sandra Fernandes (Ehretia O'Hearn unavailable)

- 1) School Council Executive Member in-service training Nov. 24th.
- 2) Central Committee for Catholic School Councils update provided.
The CCCSC celebrated it's 10 Year Anniversary as a board committee, on October 18th. This was a huge success. The Mississauga North family representatives are Alice Pinder for Elementary, and Ehretia O'Hearn for Secondary.
- 3) The next CCCSC meeting will be held on November 1st, at the Board Office.
- 4) Kids are Worth It! – Speaker Barbara Coloroso, February 12th, 2008.
- 5) In-Service and Vendor Market Place, March 29th, 2008.
- 6) For more valuable information including the annual report and annual survey templates, visit the CCCSC website: www.dpcdsb.org/cccsc/

Principal's Report: Cathy Kwiatkoski

- 1) Approx. 420 grade 9's went on retreat to St. Vladimir's. Students really responded positively to the activities/day.
- 2) Awards Night – 300 students received honor roll awards.
- 3) Scholarship Dinner – Harmony Movement – OLMC student received \$1,000. scholarship.
- 4) Oct. 25 Parent Teacher Night saw an increase in parent turnout. Seems to be very effective having this night three weeks earlier than in the past. Next semester the night will likely be the third week of April.
- 5) Holy Name of Mary High School now moving to Brampton to the old site of St. Thomas Aquinas High School (Sep. 08).

Issues Raised:

There is growing concern about danger to students crossing at the two crosswalks at Trelawny and Forest Park. Steady stream of students crossing is causing driver frustration at getting through the crosswalks. Many “near misses” between students and cars have been witnessed.

Closing Prayer: Diane Mejia

Adjournment 8:35: Motion - C. Kwiatkoski, 2nd L. Haffey

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 5, 2007 @ 7:00 p.m. in the school library.