

**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, October 19, 2006**  
**Second Meeting of the 2006/2007 School Council**

**Meeting called to order:** 7:05 PM

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

**In Attendance:**

Ehretia O’Hearn, Elaine Lord, Linda Haffey, Sandra Fernandes, Susan Ksiezopolski, Colomba McAlaray, Trish Murphy, Mary Magri, Dorothy Vernon-Brown, Mary Henderson, Marg Griffith, Sharon Long, Gagan Kohli, Judy St. Louis, Mike Kenny, Shawn Clarkin, Cathy Kwiatkoski, Dan Compagnon

**Regrets:**

Geoffrey Smith, Ken Richards, Kathy Stavroff, Lorraine Stockdale, Trustee Esther O’Toole

**Opening Prayer:** Mary Magri

**Approval of September 21, 2006 minutes:** E. Lord, 2<sup>nd</sup> T. Murphy

**Student Council Report:**

Regrets: Chantelle Santos, Jason Frittaion

Halloween Dance Oct 27<sup>th</sup> – tickets \$4. Terry Fox Walk raised \$3,000. Spirit Week next week

**Membership Vacancies:** Elaine Lord

Susan Ksiezopolski and Colomba McAlary alternating co-Secretary – approved by all  
Community rep – suggested Gagan Kohli with Anita Koczekan as alternate – follow up next meeting.

Second Teacher Representative – still outstanding, OECTA to run election.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Trish Murphy

	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Opening Balance – September 21, 2006			\$3,803.18
Flowers for departing council members	\$66.09		
Brass Plaque and park bench	\$418.60		
Closing Balance at of October 19, 2006			\$3,318.49
Approval of Treasurer’s Report: Accepted by E. Lord, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by L. Haffey			

**Parish Representative Report:** Mary Magri

- 1) Bundle up weekend November 4 and 5 sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul. Bring in gently used clothing and linens for the less fortunate. A truck will be stationed in the church parking lot.
- 2) Knights of Columbus events – Costume Ball/Dinner/Dance, Saturday, October 28. Tickers are \$15 per person. Tickets are available through the Parish office or after masses.  
There will be a benefits Concert featuring The Nylons on Friday November 10<sup>th</sup> at the Living Arts Centre. The proceeds will go to Credit Valley Hospital Cancer Wing. Tickets are \$50 per person, contact Tim Patterson (905) 306-6100 or the Living Arts Centre.
- 3) RCIA sponsors are needed to guide new Catholics. Please call Kate Watkins at the church. An information session will be held on October 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

- 4) Any parents who missed meeting regarding First Reconciliation and Confirmation are asked to contact the church.
- 5) Sunday morning mass times have changed effective last weekend. Masses will be held at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and noon effective November 5. 5 p.m. Sat and Sun masses remain the same.
- 6) Upcoming meeting of all Dufferin-Peel Catholic School Parish reps. Council to be briefed at next meeting.

**OAPCE Report:** Susan Ksiezopolski

Upcoming meetings Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm St. Marcellinas Secondary School (401/Mavis) and Nov 16<sup>th</sup> at St. Francis Xavier Secondary School (Bristol/Hwy 10) at 7pm

**Community Representative Report:** Gagan Kohli

Ward 10 all Candidates meeting 18 out of 23 candidates were in attendance. Each had 2-3 minutes to speak. Good turn-out. The next LRA meeting is on October 24<sup>th</sup> to elect LRA executive.  
Lisgar Tennis court update: Club House (currently behind St. John of the Cross Church) proposing 400 member club by Lisgar Courts – no community communication. This will result in limited community/school access as well as parking issues.  
Osprey Marsh – won Mississauga Urban Design Award

**Teaching Staff Report:** Mike Kenny

- 1) Jr. Football – undefeated Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> playoffs begin. Sr. Football – play-offs Nov 10<sup>th</sup>
- 2) **Environment club** – Fare trade coffee night Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>. Fare trade coffee display and hand-outs
- 3) Boston Pizza – **fund raising for 3<sup>rd</sup> World African countries** (10% of receipts).
- 4) **CIVICS:** MPP Bob Delaney – Oct 30<sup>th</sup> and also MP from Ottawa Nov 16<sup>th</sup> to present to classes
- 5) **Ski/Snowboard Club** - October 26<sup>th</sup> meeting in library after school
- 6) **Rock Concert** – Dec 1<sup>st</sup> co-ordinated by David Rogers.
- 7) **Remembrance Day** Nov 10<sup>th</sup> Service – 8:30/9:30am

**Non-Teaching Staff Report:** Judy St. Louis

Chronical Deadline is November 7<sup>th</sup>. Complete newsletter will be published on the web and brief outline in hardcopy.

The new Calendar of events will also be posted.

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

- 1) **Volunteers Mass – Oct 21<sup>st</sup>** - cancelled
- 2) **Dates to Remember:**
  - a. Thurs. **Nov 16<sup>th</sup>** – School Council In-Service – Workshops for new members
  - b. **Nov 30<sup>th</sup>** – Liturgy Christmas
  - c. Week of **Feb 15-20<sup>th</sup>** – Feature Speaker- R. Clemens
  - d. Sat., **Mar 31<sup>st</sup>** – Full Day In-Service
- 3) **Committee Updates:**
  - 1) **Catholic Partners** – Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - 2) **CCCSC** (Central Committee for Catholic School Councils) – Meeting tonight.
  - 3) **Mississauga North Family of Schools** – Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>
  - 4) **Secondary Coalition**
- 4) **Board Update:**  
Regarding Deficit issue – Plan B was rejected by Trustees on Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> - need to address funding formula. Press conference – reserve funds being depleted. Mr. Hartmann Co-Manager assigned to review proposals. Issues are not only Ministry of Education related by also now raising Health and Safety concerns.

**Goals for Council Discussion:** Ehretia O'Hearn and Elaine Lord

**2 used Uniform Sales:** Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> at parent teacher night (Need volunteers); also consider a summer sale

**New Banner for Council:** 1 quote for \$322.50; T. Murphy and E. Lord to get additional quotes for next meeting.

**Grad Night:** \$200 Award

**St. Vincent Adopt Family Christmas Basket:** – E. Lord to chair sub-committee

**Dinner Theatre:** April partnered with school musical

**Guest Speakers:** Mike Prospero – Update on Board(March ); Dr. Sohl – Backpack Injuries; YSAP – Substance Abuse Program; Peel Public Health/Sick Kids – Eating Disorders (April)

**Family of Schools Presentations:** Stewardship – group presentation; Jan 24<sup>th</sup> Mississauga North Mtg (Safe Schools)

**Investigate Suspension/Expulsion Methods:** no parent involvement. Reps were not invited. This is to be raised and review and input requested from council.

**Name Tags:** new name tags to be made up

**McCarthy's:** Nov 30<sup>th</sup> deadline for any changes to uniform for Sept 2007 school year. Girls pants are a concern. McCarthy's to present to Student Council, then will present to Parents

**School Masses/Events:** Increase parent presence

**Communication:** Increase outreach – currently communicate via 340 names on email; Chronicle; socials

**Promote Catholicity:** Support Catholic education.

**Monthly Calendar:** put on web-site every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of month; show Civics Days and upcoming games

**Any additional ideas to be forwarded.**

**Principal's Report:** Cathy Kwiatkoski

**Budget Cuts comments.**

- 1) Custodians cut – no floaters – shortage. Washrooms, kitchen and hallway are the priorities.
- 2) Survey of school facilities for council to inspect school site has been historically conducted in November. Ehretia O'Hearn to follow-up.

**School Year 2006-2007 Info.**

- 1) Mid terms – November 17<sup>th</sup> for Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> parent/teacher night
- 2) New Data Management System for report cards – no formal training was conducted on data entry. No Comprehensive comments will be provided as a result.
- 3) Grade 9 Retreat at Ukrainian Cultural Centre (with leadership from Grade 12 students). .
- 4) Night Football game at Lorraine Park (parents and Alumni were present)
- 5) Activities for Students: Holocaust Speaker; Grade 10 Dr. Simone's Food for Children; Father Bernard from Jamaica hosting dinner end of May – St. Edith Stein (kids from Kingston)
- 6) Next Year Religion Grade 11 and 12 – will be based on English Level (College/University)
- 7) Enrolment is at 1836 students

**Closing Prayer:** Mary Magri

**Other:**

E. Lord presented Thank-You note from C. Therein

**Adjournment:** Accepted S. Fernandes, 2<sup>nd</sup> E. Lord

**Next Meeting:** Nov 30<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Liturgy 7pm, meeting to start at 7:30