

**St. Margaret of Scotland
Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2019**

Attendees

Stephan Pelland	Principal	Pat Passarelli	Vice Principal
Nancy Greco	Chairperson	Ian Lodge	Co-Chairperson/OAPCE Rep
Deidra Wong	Treasurer	Camille Edwards	Secretary
Maricor Pitt	Parish Rep	Carmen Arboleya	Fundraising/Community Rep
Louise Roach	Community Rep	Melodie Freiria	Fundraising Coordinator
Cassandra Cunha	Parent Rep	Adele Del Bono	Fundraising Coordinator
Elizabeth Seto-Moniz	Parent Rep	Kirsten Garces	Parent Rep
Tania Packalen	Teacher Rep	Chloe Sturzenbecher	Teacher Rep

Regrets Elizabeth, Tania

Guests Juanita McLeod (Teacher at SMOS)

Council Meeting Commenced: 6:41pm.

1. Welcome Prayer – all

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: to approve agenda for present meeting

Moved by: Nancy

Approved by: Louise

Seconded by: Adele

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion: to approve minutes for last meeting

Moved by: Nancy

Approved by: Deidra

Seconded by: Ian

4. Breakfast Program

- Each person in attendance at the meeting received the Breakfast Snack Program Report
- 250 responses were received from the survey distributed to every family in the school
- Overall 77% of the respondents are in favour of the program (it was a small sample size)
- 88% said they would be willing to either pay a small weekly fee for their child or be willing to make a one-time donation to the program
- Last year, a fundraiser in support of a breakfast program raised \$500 which is currently available to get the breakfast program started this year
- There are parents and students who have offered to volunteer at the program
- Food would be delivered to the school
- Logistics still need to be worked out in regard to timing and students accessing the food in the breakfast program
- **Motion: SMOS will run the breakfast snack program as a “pilot project” from Feb 4 to March 8 using the \$500 raised from last year and Council will cover additional funds up to \$500 for the 5-week pilot period.**
- *Vote: All in favour*

5. Fundraisers

- Pizza Day Update – Due to the pizza orders being due in December 2018 and no reminder email being sent out to parents through cash online; a lot of parents missed the deadline to order pizza for January until March 2019.
- This created a lot of chaos for the first pizza day after the Christmas break on January 9th
- Because of this, our pizza orders were down 50% for January to March 2019
- It was proposed by Nancy to re- open pizza day to everyone, so they can order for February and March
- [Council supported the idea of reopening pizza orders](#)
- [Additionally, it was suggested that next September's pizza orders run from September to end of January](#)
- Another challenge is that parents who do not want to use cash online are now ordering pizza for their children and having it delivered to the school or dropping it off for them which is affecting our overall pizza day sales
- The fundraising team presented various fundraising ideas such as Valentine's Day cookies, ice cream sandwiches, pancake Tuesday and selling chocolates.
- **Motion: To provide pancakes for Pancake Tuesday on March 5 free of charge to all students at SMOS**
- *Vote: All in Favour*
- **Action item: Volunteers Ian, Deidra, Nancy, Cassandra, Adele, Melodie, and Kirsten arriving at SMOS on March 5 @ 7:30am to make pancakes for Pancake Tuesday**
- The Pancake Tuesday food supplies will be purchased at Costco in bulk and each student will receive 1 pancake with syrup
- A discussion regarding selling chocolates as fundraiser was discussed as well as the high profitability
- The options for the fundraiser are to purchase the Laura Secord chocolates to sell for \$5/box or the World's Finest Chocolates (still Laura Secord branded on the box) for \$3/box
- For the fundraiser the school would receive 10 free cases of chocolate which works out to \$900 to \$1250 depending on which chocolate option is selected
- This money would be used to purchase prizes for the fundraiser
- **Motion: Do you want to participate in the chocolate fundraiser selling chocolates that cost \$3/box?**
- *Vote: 7 people for the chocolate fundraiser and 3 against the chocolate fundraiser*
- The kick off assembly will be on January 30th, 2019
- There will be an opt out option for participating in this fundraiser and choosing to donate money instead of selling chocolate

6. New Business

- The roll out of chrome books to all grade 7 and Grade 8 students will begin, and each chrome book is tied to each student apart of the technology roll out
- Textbooks (By Nelson) are on the computer for intermediate grades
- Teachers went for training on how to use the new chrome books
- There are different levels via the chrome book via Edwin
- A Library is available via the chrome book (By Nelson)
- This is a pilot project for the Dufferin Peel Catholic School board
- This pilot project now frees up the other chrome books to be used by the other grades in the school
- The students wrote letters to the soldiers in Afghanistan and the soldiers took a picture of them holding the letters from the students
- SMOS is looking for new ways to beautify the school
- Stephan talked about a school in Manitoba that had decals on the ground throughout the school
- SMOS would like to do something similar on the primary floor of the school to encourage students to do activities while en route to the gym or the library
- An observation that was shared is that the grade 7 and grade 8 students are sitting on the pavement in the school yard so SMOS would like to get benches with positive messaging, so the students can sit on them at recess
- The Grade 6 Girls and Boys Day In will have a Catholic Artist (Chris Bray)

- The new sound system in the gym is working beautifully however there were issues at the Christmas concert. Longe and McQuade will fix the issues free of charge.
- Teachers are participating in “school effectiveness district support” which involves principals, the super-intendent, student achievement officer, math consultant, and support teacher
- They will be walking through different classrooms to report on how the school is doing. April 4 is the date for the district support review
- A climbing wall for grades 3 and up will be in the gym for a week, the last week of February for rock climbing
- Students will have to pay \$10 to participate in the rock climbing

7. WOW/Health Update

- Fountain Friday is taking place on Friday January 18, 2019
- The challenge is to have a refillable/re-usable water bottle
- They would like to purchase the refillable/re-useable water bottle for students who can’t afford them
- This challenge is to promote access and using the water bottle to drink water
- The Intermediates would benefit having a water station closer to their classrooms
- A Community Walk is scheduled for February 6 at 8:30am for parents and students and will include Starbucks coffee
- A request for an additional basketball net for the intermediates was discussed

8. Treasurer Report

- The current report wasn’t ready however the amount of \$14,000 is an estimate
- We should be able to meet the standard items
- The report will be ready for our next meeting
- Kirsten still needs to reconcile from the 2017/2018 school year

9. OAPCE Update

- January 30 – An event will be held for those who have kids going into college and university from 7pm to 8:30pm
- They will show how “my blueprint” works
- Registration is January 28
- **Action item: Ian will send out email with details to the next meeting**

10. Teachers Report

- Report card preparation for term 1 is the focus

Next Meeting Date February 27, 2019 in the library