

**St. Margaret of Scotland  
Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes  
March 20, 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** Pat, Elizabeth, Carmen and Louise  
**Guests** Angelika (Parent)

**Council Meeting Commenced: 6:40pm.**

**1. Welcome Prayer – all**

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Motion: to approve agenda for present meeting

Moved by: Nancy

Approved by: Deidra

Seconded by: Camille

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Motion: to approve minutes for last meeting

Moved by: Nancy

Approved by: Melodie

Seconded by: Adele

**4. Fundraisers**

- The chocolate fundraiser was successful
- The team is still awaiting boxes to be returned to the school from students
- 362 boxes were handed out to students for the fundraiser
- Lessons learned: Improve communication to teachers for next year perhaps having the fundraising team attend a staff meeting explaining the fundraiser and all the details
- There will be a new process in place for next year should we decide to participate in this fundraiser
- Pancake Tuesday was very successful, and the students and teachers enjoyed it. A lot of the students shared that they were the best pancakes they have ever had.
- A fundraising idea that was shared was having a Fair for the families and students possibly in June on a Saturday.
- **Action item: The fundraising team will provide an outline for the next meeting including the costs and activities to host the Fair.**
- Another fundraising idea discussed was selling Ice Dogs (ice cream sandwiches) to the students in May and June on Fridays.

- **Action item: A vote will be held at the next meeting to decide on the final price and if the fundraiser should be implemented.**

## 5. New Business

- Summit Rock Climbing will be coming to the school the week of April 29 to May 3
- It will be for all grades 1-8
- The cost is \$5000 for the week (5 days)
- The request is for \$4000 from Council to support this event
- **Motion: To fund \$2500 for Summit Rock Climbing with a \$5.00 per student participation fee**
- **Vote: 6 in favour, 1 not in favour. Approved.**
- A proposal was shared on behalf of the teachers regarding a Drumming Program and Curriculum Library
- The program includes a fitness component called Drum Fit and it's \$1000 for 30 days
- The program includes a Drum Clinic component for \$3000 which includes musical instruments being brought to the school and workshops for 3.5 days. It also includes Drums and Yoga balls.
- **Motion: To fund \$3000 for the Drumming Program**
- **Vote: All in favour. Approved.**
- Decals for the primary hall ways were discussed to encourage kids being active and to promote healthy learning environments
- The request is for \$1000 to have the decals displayed in the primary hall ways
- **Motion: To fund \$1000 for floor decals in the primary hallways**
- **Vote: 6 in favour, 1 not in favour. Approved.**
- A parent requested that the school explore a hockey team in conjunction with All Saints
- **Action item: Stephan will explore this option.**
- There was a long discussion on how to increase the number of activities for the students including Inter-murals
- Challenges conveyed to Council were around space, scheduling/availability for teachers to volunteer given the different recess times and other activities going on such as basketball practice at lunch time
- Stephan highlighted all the extra-curricular activities that the school currently runs found here: <https://www.dpccsb.org/SCOTL/extra-curricular>.
- It was suggested that we look at alternatives to introduce more team sports at SMOS
- **Action item: Stephan will speak to the gentleman who runs the robotics program to see if he is available and what the cost would be to run a soccer team before the end of the school year.**
- It was also suggested bringing in more skilled volunteers or paid individuals to run new activities along with a Teacher volunteer.

## 6. WOW/Health Update

- The community walk took place on February 20<sup>th</sup>
- The "Get Moving" campaign is under way
- \$1000 PRO grant to support mental health issues was granted
- **Action item: Maricor will follow up on deadline to use grant which may be May 2019.**
- **Action item: Maricor will find out the cost and details to have MTClife come into the school and provide programs that support the PRO grant. This will be provided at our next**

**meeting. She will also find out if the main contact Miguel is available to present at our next council meeting.**

## 7. Treasurer Report

- \$7500 was raised from the chocolate fundraiser
- Pizza Day sales increased, and we profited \$6000 from the first round of pizza day
- The second round of pizza day is still on-going
- \$7000 was raised from the Danceathon
- The account has a \$20,000 balance available after standard items have been paid

## 8. OAPCE Update

- **Action item: Nancy will send out email regarding changes by the provincial government that will affect our students**
- Ian will attend the next meeting on March 27, 2019 and share information at the next council meeting.
- A reminder that all parents are invited to attend these meetings and requires pre-registration

## 9. Principal's Report

- Chris Bray, Catholic-Christian Music Association award winner, performed for St. Margaret of Scotland School's Grade 4-8 students. Bray is a full time travelling Catholic worship leader and speaker. Bray's engaging message hit home with relevant themes of "Joy in my Heart", recounting real life stories and circumstances, craftily leading St. Margaret students on a journey of excitement, inspiration, and joy through music. This concert launched the grade 6 Boys and Girls day in was a tremendous success. Special thanks to Mr. Oleary, Ms. Leone, Ms. Dell'Anno, Ms. Kim, Ms. Passarelli and to all staff who made the day so successful.
- Chess tournament was today at St. Valentine. We sent an intermediate team.
- Robotics for grades 6/7/8 continues to run and we are putting forward a team who will represent St. Margaret of Scotland
- We have tryouts for our Intermediate Boys and Girls Basketball teams. They should be picked by the end of the day
- We have started a Get Moving Campaign where classes in grades 4-8 will compete against each other to try to encourage students to walk to school. This is in conjunction with Public Health.
- It is the policy of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board that all parents/guardians with a valid CRC on file must complete an Annual Offence Declaration (AOD). If we do not have a signed, current AOD, the CRC is NO LONGER VALID. The AOD updates will be sent home for those who need to update. If you would like to have a Criminal Reference Check please see the main office for the proper Police Check forms. There is now a fee for both employment and volunteer CRC's.
- Requests for Class Placements: Your request will be considered at our grade promotion meetings. We remind you that it would not be appropriate to request one teacher over another as placements are subject to change. However, if there is other information regarding your son/daughter's learning style, or other considerations of which we ought to be aware, please advise us of these facts in your letter.
- Conference and Marketplace on April 13, 2019 at St. Joseph's SS is open to all parents and volunteers. There will be a keynote speaker as well as 3 breakout sessions to choose from out of eight. Topics include, the Brain, digital learning in the classroom, Life online, Arts Express, Life Coach Skills...

- A three-week Literacy and Numeracy camp for students in Grade6-8 was advertised in our last EBLAST. This camp will take place in July 2- 19.
- St. Margaret of Scotland will be having a School Effectiveness District Support on April 4, 2019. The will have Administrators from other schools as well as our superintendent visit some of the classes to celebrate our work and provide feedback and support to our school to improve instruction.

#### 10. Teachers Report

- Tomato Sphere was presented to Council. 15 classes participate and receive 2 seed packages (1 package spends 5 weeks on the space station)
- The plan is to grow both sets of seeds to compare and chart results
- The request is \$200 for materials and the Tomatoes can be used for Father's Day gifts from the students
- ***Motion: To fund Tomato Sphere by providing \$200 to the teachers to purchase materials for the classes***
- ***Vote: All in favour. Approved.***
- Baby Chicks for the Three Kindergarten classrooms were discussed and it's an activity that has taken place in the past with great success and a lot of interest from the Kindergarten classes
- The last time the Kindergarten's had Baby Chicks "Sunny" the chick was born
- The request is for \$1200 to purchase the Baby Chicks for the three Kindergarten classes and grow them for weeks.
- ***Motion: To fund the Baby Chicks for all 3 Kindergarten classes by providing \$1200 to the teachers to purchase them***
- ***Vote: All in favour. Approved.***

**Next Meeting Date April 10, 2019 in the library**