



Minutes

Catholic School Council Executive Meeting

St. Joseph Catholic School

Fergus, Ontario

Thursday, April 10, 2008

Attendance

Bishop Macdonell High School
Patty Carkner, Chair
Our Lady of Lourdes High School
Anna Hariton, Co-Chair
Anne Spriet, Co-Chair – Regrets
St. James High School
Angela Vagg, Co-Chair
Holy Rosary Catholic School
Holy Trinity Catholic School
Mary Phelan Catholic School
Sacred Heart Catholic School
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School
Tammy Nash, Co-Chair
Gabriella Randell, Co-Chair
St. John Brebeuf Catholic School – Erin
Angela Vagg, Co-Chair
St. John Catholic School – Arthur
St. John Catholic School – Guelph
Jan McCabe, Co-Chair
St. Joseph Catholic School – Fergus
Karen Kam, Chair
Jennifer Ewen, Vice-Chair
St. Joseph Catholic School – Guelph
Anna Hariton, Chair
St. Mary Catholic School – Elora
Stephanie Robertson, Co-Chair
St. Mary Catholic School – Mt. Forest
Allan Asselin, Principal
St. Michael Catholic School
St. Patrick Catholic School
Linda Montin, Co-Chair
St. Paul Catholic School
Kim Faienza, Co-Chair
St. Peter Catholic School
Diana Endicott, Chair

Administration

Don Drone, Director
Paula Dawson, Superintendent of Education

Recording Secretary

S. Workman

1. **Welcome**
P. Dawson, Superintendent of Education welcomed council members and opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:05p.m.
2. **Greetings from the Board**
Don Drone brought greetings from the Board and from Bishop Tonnos. Bishop Tonnos wanted the Council to know that he understands how their work is pivotal to the success of individual schools and the Catholic education system as a whole.

D. Drone provided information on:
 - Faith based education in Ontario
 - Staff/Volunteer Recognition night @River Run, May 12, 2008
 - Bishop Dinner for Catholic Education, Oct 9, 2008 @ICC – raising funds for the Retreat Centre
 - Open Access in the high schools
 - Catholic Education Week April 28-May 2, 2008
 - Home Building Program – Gr. 11 @Bishop Macdonell
 - High Skills Major Program @Our Lady of Lourdes (Precision Machining & Robotics)
 - Outdoor Ecological Leadership Program – Gr. 10 @St. James
3. **Greetings from Principal/Vice Principal Council – A. Asselin**
A. Asselin brought greetings from the P/VP Council. He talked about Catholic Education Week which celebrates what schools do each and every day with the help of the Catholic School Council. The theme this year is "We Are Called."
4. **Approval of Meeting Minutes – January 10, 2008**
Moved by G. Randell – K. Faienza that the minutes be approved.
Carried.
5. **Fundraising**
 - 5.1 Reminder to register for the Staples Recycle for Education Program – www.recycleford.ca. One school expects to receive \$900 in gift cards in September for participating this year.
 - 5.2 Discussion on other fundraising options not mentioned at the last meeting followed.
 - Tear Off Coupon Sheets
 - Beer Bottle/Wine Bottle Collection
 - Easter Lilies sold during Holy Week
 - Rice & Fruit Lunch

6. **School Council Executive Reports**

Members formed small groups to share their reports and then shared a few ideas with the larger group.

- Team of parents and students feed homeless teenagers once a month
- Support Aboriginal group, the local community and Foster Children's program
- Retreat for grade 5 students
- Random Acts of Kindness Assembly once a month

7. **PRO Grant Projects/Parent Involvement Fund**

7.1 One School found that books were better than DVD's in the Parent Resource Centre

7.2 Members asked if approved project descriptions which schools submitted could be shared in order to assist other schools with their applications next year. P. Dawson will compile a list for distribution at the next meeting.

7.3 Receipts for the PRO Grant Projects (up to \$1,000/school) and for the Parent Involvement Fund (\$500/school) need to be forwarded to P. Dawson as soon as possible but before the end of June.

8. **Progressive Discipline and School Safety-Presentation by Eric M. Roher**

Council members were asked to promote this presentation being held on April 16, 2008, 7-9p.m. @Bishop Macdonell Catholic High School.

9. **OAPCE 2008 Conference @ AGM – April 25-27, 2008**

Anna Hariton and Anne Spriet will be attending this conference

10. **Food and Friends Snack Program**

Schools that have the program were very positive. A parent volunteer applies for the grant each year and is responsible for the grocery shopping. As long as you are serving a fruit or vegetable you will receive funding. The program is supported through the United Way Campaign.

13. **Correspondence**

13.1 News Release on PRO Grants

- More than 1,300 projects were funded across the province to help parents play a more active role in their children's education. A copy was distributed.

13.2 Parent's Guide to Internet Safety

- The Canadian Centre for Child Protection prepared these three brochures to help parents understand the world their children visit when they go online. Copies were distributed.

13.3 Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)

- Anna Hariton is our board's representative. The Parent Engagement Office (PEO) will communicate directly with each school board's representative regarding parent engagement initiatives.

14. **Next Meeting – Thursday, May 8, 2008 @St. Joseph Catholic School, Fergus**

- Business meeting to set directions for next year, followed by a social.

15. **Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at 8:55p.m.

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