

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2011

Present:

Dawn Drakes

Jackie Freeman

Anne-Marie Becke

Mark Joly

Christena Campanaro

Shannon Everest

Bridget Girard

Marylou Melville

Opening Prayer – Ann-Marie Becke

Motion to approve Agenda

Motion: Anne-Marie Becke

Second: Christena Campanaro

All in favour

Motion to approve Minutes of October 4, 2011

Motion: Christena Campanaro

Seconded: Marylou Melville

All in favour

REPORTS:

Student Council

Dalainey Drakes – attached report

Staff

Bridget Girard reported that the Terry Fox run was wonderful. It was held at the Darlington Trails. It was held on the rain date. The afternoon was very low key – movies, open mic and hairdressing. Two out of the three builds for Habitat for Humanity have now been completed and the third one will be completed November 17th. The student vote results show that the Green party won, second was P.C., third was Liberal, fourth was NDP, fifth was Canadian Freedom and sixth was Libertarian Party. On the P.A. day, the staff had a beautiful Mass in the morning and then a guest speaker who spoke on the Tradition of Stewardship and professional ethics. He talked about Jesus, God and the Spirit and the environment. He stated that if there were 30 – 500 page books written about the evolution of the world, humans would be in the last book and then if we look at how long it has taken humans to destroy the earth, it would show that it has taken no time at all to destroy the earth.

On November 14 the second term begins; report cards will be coming home soon.

November 24 the Social Justice Team has its' Vow of Silence.

November 25 is a subject based P.A. day which the Staff is very excited about.

Principal

Mr. Joly looked into the boys cardigans. He brought a unisex cardigan for us to approve. We all agreed that it looked great. It will be on sale for the male students in September, 2012. The pads and pens have already been delivered to the school. We have enough fridge magnets for a few years so we do not have to reorder these. Mr. Joly was asking us for our input on making the parent/teacher interviews move more efficiently. It was suggested that the teachers have a long table where they can place a sign-up sheet on the one end of the table while they

can have the interviews at the other end of the table therefore you would have a time to be back to meet that particular teacher. Mr. Joly was going to give this more thought.

Chairperson

We made \$120 on uniform sales at the parent/teacher night. We need to put in the newsletters that we sell used uniforms at the parent/teacher night so that parents will remember to bring cash with them as there were many parents who wished to purchase uniforms but came with no cash. Also, we need to notify parents that we do take donations of used uniforms.

A date for the symposium has been set for Thursday, April 19th from 6:30 to 8:30. This has now been set so that we can start contacting organizations who may be interested in coming and speaking at this symposium.

Spirit Wear. We have had some complaints from people stating that the prices were fairly high from Toe Drag as well and the wait time of three weeks. We were told that they would carry the spirit wear line in the store. Mr. Joly felt that the spirit wear was a little more but the quality was much better. He would look into the wait times. We also had some parents complaining that they did not know where to get the gym uniform. We need to put this information in the newsletter again for those parents.

Treasurer

Opening balance is \$161.21 plus \$120 from the uniform sales for a total of \$181.21

CPF Representative

N/A

Community Rep

N/A

Parish Representative

St. Francis – See attached sheet

St. Josephs – Bridget Girard stated that the dance was cancelled and that “Theology on Tap” at Maddy’s Pub on Thursday nights is still happening. The Pastor for the Toronto Blue Jays will be speaking this month. Fr. Paul is really pushing spiritual groups within the parish.

New Business

None

Guest Speaker

Ms. Weir from the science department attended our meeting today. She gave us a tour of the four science classrooms. Each of the classrooms has smart boards and overhead projectors. Three of the classrooms have skylights to give their labs more light. The new classroom does not have a skylight but it is much bigger and very well laid out. She uses the new classroom for most of the biology classes. The curriculum changed in 2008 for science. The school replaced grade 10 books first because they were the ones which were changed most, then grade 9. This year they are looking to replace the grade 11 books. This year the science team received a safety manual. The staff will go over this manual at the board meeting on November 25th. The science designation areas in the safety manual will be implemented before Christmas. The science students do help with the Durham Saminac Groundwater Program. They take 30 students to help. The transportation is usually sponsored based. This year Darlington Nuclear is the sponsor. Each year St. Stephens has two teams of six students who compete in the Envirothon Competition. They go to the Darlington Centre for a day to learn about forests, wildlife, aquatics and soil. At the end of the day they are given their topic which they then have one week to put together a presentation on that topic. The competition is held up at Enniskillen. Last year we placed 3rd and 4th but in the presentation portion we placed 2nd and 3rd.

Closing Prayer

Motion to adjourn meeting

Motion: Shannon Everest

Second: Christena Campanaro