

**Present:** Tanya Carrington, Susan Drever, Shannon Everest, Eric Fegan, Anita Fegan, Monica Hurley, Kelly Neeson and Sheeran Rush-Jeanes

**Regrets:** Dawn Drakes and Jackie Freeman

**1. Call to Order 7:00 pm**

Opening prayer: S. Drever

Approval of Agenda: Anita Fegan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Monica Hurley

Approval of Minutes: Anita Fegan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Monica Hurley

**2. Reports**

**(a) Student Council:** Eric Fegan and Kelly Neeson

- November activities consisted of dress down day, spirit day, Remembrance Day (Poppies).
- Eric and Kelly attended the downtown Bowmanville Remembrance Day celebration and donating a wreath.
- Student Council attended a symposium in Peterborough on November 26, 2009 on "**Changing the World**"  
Students from the Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board came together to discuss 'making daily choices that focus less on me, and more on we: our communities, our nation and our world as a whole.
- It was a great day with the co-chairs meeting and discussing different ideas with co-chairs from the other Catholic high schools in the Board.
- Girls' Night In – pro girl group – make a change around the world. There was yoga, kick boxing, hair dressers and nail personal in. Over 100 girls attended and had a great night.
- December – Food Drive; Toy Drive for Bethesda House – each home room is given a family. They are supplied with the kid's ages to bring toys, etc for that family.
- 12 Days of Christmas Theme with each day different.
- December 17<sup>th</sup> will be the first dance - \$5.00 in advance or \$7.00 at the door, or you could bring three items for the food drive and pay \$5.00 at the door
- Last day before Christmas break there will be an annual assemble with music, choir, videos and skits.
- Fr. Placid with the help of Ms. Cupido's Grade 9 class said the Mass.
- December 10 and 11, 2009 will be an Art Night will consist of drama, music and art
- Talked with each other about adopting a village after Christmas (????)

**(b) Staff Report – Monica Hurley**

- **Librarian's Report:**
- 20 students are presently in the White Pine Reading Club – They have chosen 10 books by Canadian authors to read.
- 10 students are in the Graphic novels every two weeks
- Approximately a total of 1,136 books have been signed out. 469 Graphic Novels; 369 Young Adult Novels and 292 Adult novels.
- Attended a book fair in Toronto and got recommendations from an owner of a book store on what graphic books kids like.
- New Moon Jeopardy game – it was a lot of fun – kids' enjoyed
- Grade 10 Applied level will have the support for reading ahead website practice. It was well received last year and the kids enjoy it. It is also offered for the English as a Second Language and core students
- Mr. Sheridan received three smart lights which are remote programmed for different directions and color
- Shot gun mikes which pick up voices will be great for the Musical Play.
- Musical "Annie" will be presented this year and the shot gun mikes will help. Three teachers involved with this production, one for acting, one for singing and one for choreography
- Arts' Night – December 10 and 11, 2009 starting at 7:30 p.m. entitled "The Journey" – Price: what ever donation you want to give.
- French Comedian from Montreal for all French Immersion students and Grade 9 Academic class – money was provided by Board Cultural French Department Budget
- Girls Night In – nice feeling. All the girls were supportive of each other. Girl's effect
- EI-learning – blended experience working on line - Project through the Ministry of Education and the following boards are participating Toronto, Peterborough and Muskoka.
- English trip for Grade 9's to see Romeo and Juliet. This will be just for St. Stephen's Secondary School.

**(c) Principal's Report - - Sheeran Rush-Jeanes**

- Follow up re Graduation Awards. The recipients of the 2009 Council's Awards were: Tiana Prince, Kayleen Peters, Kelsey Greentree (Faith in Action) and Seaneen Crossey (Encouragement for Development of Youth).
- Construction update – optimistic to be finished in early Semester 2 – the Opening and Blessing Ceremony will take place – will keep council posting with respect to this.
- Granville Anderson called regarding when the trustees can attend our meeting. Will be either our February or April meeting. Will speak with Maureen Day and let us know.
- December 2<sup>nd</sup> lock down drill – Heather Breeze advised that it went very well. Feedback from staff- The system of cards (Red and Green) has stopped. The next staff meeting will be the debriefing.
- Equity in Safe Schools –
- Principal, Representative from the Teachers and a Representative from the support staff attended. Christopher de Souza from the Dufferin Peel School Board spoke on the Diversity in Ontario schools. Handouts and a CD with respect to this message is delivered to every school in Ontario. Everyone on staff with the Board will be receiving training with respect to this.
- In the afternoon, the discussion was on Amendments to Safe Schools Act, Bill 157. This new amendment will require all Board employees to know what a student could be expelled or suspended for. Administration will have to investigate and keep records of what their decision was and why.
- Requires Principal to call parents of victims.
- Training for all staff as this Bill comes into effect on February 1<sup>st</sup> and all Board employees must be trained by them.
- Records are to be kept on file for one year.
- Advent Liturgy by Fr. Placid with the help of the Grade 9s
- December 1<sup>st</sup> – Football Banquet. Also there was the 2009 Year for Priests Celebration in Peterborough that same night.
- Girls Night In – the male teachers were very supportive
- Guys for change – Support for boys – managing stress and avoiding fights, counselor comes in
- PA Day – November 20, 2009 – Work shops – computers and laptops for secondary teachers
- CUPE – conflict in work place, manage work and life

**(d) Chair Person's Report - - Susan Drever**

- Feedback with respect to Grade 9 – 12 Social Sciences and Humanities, New Courses – Gender Studies and World Cultures, Human Dynamics. Susie emailed the attached documents to all council members for review. Susie felt that the World Cultures, Human Dynamics should be part of the curriculum in Grades 9 and 10. Susie undertook to email her suggestion to OAPCE for consideration.

- PVNC elected a new Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. Dave Bernier was elected Chairperson and Granville Anderson as Vice-Chairperson

- Police/Board signed New School Safety Protocol on November 18, 2009.

Local Police from Cobourg, Durham, City of Kawartha Lakes, Peterborough Lakefield, Port Hope, Anishinabek and Hiawatha First Nation together with Board Chairperson, Christine Dunn and Director of Education, John Mackle.

Key objectives of the Police/School Safety Protocol are as follows:

To assist in the greater safety and protection of students, teachers, staff and volunteers in school

To encourage ongoing participation between police and the school community

To facilitate information sharing and joint consultation on safe school environments;

To ensure a consistent approach across the Board's jurisdiction in the way police and school respond to a school-related occurrence.

- Parent Engagement Policy Feedback – Susie forwarded the email to all council members for their review and comments – Susie advised that deadline for feedback was extended to December 31, 2009. No one had any comments on this.

**(f) Treasurer – Anita Fegan**

- No report – balance the same as last month.

**(g) CPF – Susan Drever**

- CPF Ontario asked all Chapters to inquire from all schools regarding the accountability for the French Second Language funds they received. Susie advised Sheeran that PVNCCDSB received the sum of \$1,757,280.00. Susie provided Sheeran with the breakdown. Sheeran is to look into this and advise.

- Susie advised that CPF Ontario offers different grants for French Entertainers etc. Susie undertook to look into this and see if CPF Clarington could help with this endeavour.

**(h) Parish Rep. – Tanya Carrington**

- St. Joseph website is up and running – All the homilies are on it.

- Rev. Eugene O'Reilly Parish Mission is on the website for anyone to listen to.
- Kids from Honduras – Orphans
- Wreath Making
- Concert last Sunday
- 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass – Youth on Fire

New Business: None.

**Adjourned:** Meeting adjourned.