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Present: Susan Drever, Shannon Everest, Eric Fegan, Anita Fegan, Monica Hurley, Kelly Nelson, Valerie McCormick, Lina Mason, Sheeran Rush-Jeanes, Dawn Drakes and Jackie Freeman

Regrets: Tanya Carrington

1. **Call to Order 7:05 pm**

Opening prayer: Susan Drever

Approval of Agenda: Anita Fegan and 2nd by Valerie McCormick

Approval of Minutes: Shannon Everest and 2nd by Valerie McCormick

2. **Reports**

Student Council Report: Eric Fegan and Kelly Nelson

- January activities consisted of dress down day and spirit day.
- School raised over \$2,500 for Haiti Relief.
- February activities for Valentine's Day include a Matchmaker Questionnaire to be filled out that will produce 20 names of people the person is compatible with. Also selling Candy Grams. Funds will go to either SOS Children Charity or World Orphan Week.
- Planning on having Olympic Week with each homeroom representing a country. There will be different events to win medals. Still working on the details.
- In February there will be a dress down day and spirit day.
- February 11, 2010, will be auditions for the Coffee House
- Coffee House planned for March 3, 2010 – date to be confirmed.
- Adopt a Village still in progress.

Staff Report: Monica Hurley

- Exam time was extremely busy for the teachers.
- Fast turn around time between first term and second term.
- Starting preparation for Grade 10 Literacy Test. Want to keep a strong push with Applied Students. Good results for the school last year. Will be having the mock test to help prepare the students. There will be snacks mid way through the exam once again this year.

- White Pine Program Starting in Library.
- Students and staff are working on the production of “Annie” three nights a week.
- Teachers are excited and looking forward to the completion of the new addition and moving into the new classrooms.

Principal's Report: Sheeran Rush-Jeanes

- Target date to pack and move from portables to new classrooms is the weekend of Feb. 20 and 21. There will also be classroom movement within the school to allow for classrooms to be grouped by course subject.
- Ventilation in Tech room must be completed.
- Summer school will not be at St. Stephen's this summer due to the reconfiguration.
- December 10 and 11, 2009, were Arts Nights featuring visual arts, dramatic arts, and music. The event was very successful.
- Huddle Up – Anti Bullying Assembly for Grades 9 and 10 was held on January 7, 2010, featuring the Toronto Argonauts.
- Beyond the Hurt is a program that is part of anti-bullying education and 2 staff members will be attending the training.
- January 18, 2010, was the Durham Completion Ceremony with 14 students attending. Great representation from Ministry of Education. The chairs of the event were Dave Bernier and Granville Anderson.
- January 20, 2010, was the Grade 8 Parent Night and there was a good turn out.
- January 25, 2010, Staff meeting - Ontarians with Disabilities In Service to all staff including secretaries, custodians, and EAs.
- P.A. Day February 2, 2010 – Equity and Safe Schools, Bill 157.
- February 5, 2010, St. Stephen's welcomed 5 student teachers from Trent University.
- February 9, 10, and 11, 2010, Guidance Travelling Road Show with Miss Heffernan going to feeder schools to discuss signing up for Grade 9 courses using hard copy.
- February 9, 2010 – Reconfiguration Meeting.
- Course Selection Assembly for grades 9, 10, and 11 in February. We have a new software program called Career Cruising that allows students to enroll in courses on-line. Once the student has completed the course selection he/she prints off the form and has it signed by a parent/guardian and returns it to the school.
- February 19, 2010, St. Stephen's will be welcoming teacher delegates from Scotland.
- School Council members had a tour of the new school addition.

Chair Person's Report: Susan Drever

- Review of Preferred Characteristics of a Principal letter to the Director of Education. Noted that we should add a point with regards to the principal having knowledge in finance and budgeting.
- Information from OAPCE 2010 Conference being held on May 15, 2010, for 3 days in Niagara Falls.
- Regional Chair Meeting on February 3, 2010, at Holy Family. Discussed Social Networking, Celebrating Catholic Education and revisiting our school brochures. May wait until next year to review our school brochure.
- Received \$500.00 Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant. The grant is to be used to encourage parents to be involved in our school and support increased Catholic Education. Will be using the funds for an Internet, Facebook, Cyberbullying Information Night for Parents. Funds must be spent by June 30, 2010.
- Memo from Ministry of Education regarding "Community/Parent engagement sessions on amendments to the Education Act." The Ministry wants to proactively inform parents about what they can expect from schools in order to improve parent and community understanding of the positive changes with Bills 212 and 157. This has been placed on hold due to change in Minister of Education.
- School Calendar draft for 2010-2011 was to be selected by January 29, 2010.
- Letter from John Mackel, Direct of Education, regarding Haiti Relief from schools within our school board. Letter discusses our efforts to raise money and the need to keep people of Haiti in our prayers.

Treasurer's Report: Anita Fegan

- No report. Same balance as last month - \$445.75.

CPF Report: Susan Drever

- Student to be aware of CPF Bursaries.
- CPF speeches are coming up for grades 11 and 12. Students can win up to \$1000.00.

Parish Rep Report: Tanya Carrington

- No Report

New Business:

- Next Parent Night is March 25, 2010.
- School Council will be present to sell used student uniforms and 50/50 tickets.

Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Next Meeting: April 13, 2010