

**Present:** Anita Fegan, Sheeran Rush-Jeanes, Monica Hurley, Tanya Carrington, Susan Drever, Eric Fegan, Dawn Drakes, Jackie Freeman, Lina Mason and Shannon Everest

**Regrets:** Valerie McCormick and Kelly Nelson

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

Opening prayer: S. Rush-Jeanes

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

Approval of Minutes: Anita Fegan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Drever

**2. Reports**

**(a) Student Council:** Eric Fegan

- Halloween activities included scavenger hunt, best dress mummy, trick or treat, bobbing for gummy worms, pumpkin carving contest  
Dress Down Day \$2.00 or free if you wore – Orange/Black
- Thanksgiving. Kids went out trick or treating for food bank. Draw for who brought in food for food bank
- Cookie Lottery – name pulled and that person wins a cookie.
- Take your Kids to Work – Student Council and Leadership group will be working with the Grade 8 who will be at the school while the Grade 9 go to work with their parents.

**(b) Staff Report –** Monica Hurley

- Staff Faith Development Day was wonderful.
- Grade 8 kids are coming in when the Grade 9 take part in the Take Your Kids to Work Day.
- Musical Play – a number of teachers involved in this project. Play to be held in May during Catholic Education Week.
- Parents' Night went very well. It is always nice to meet the parents.

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

- Catholic Education Award – awarded to one student in every Catholic High School in Ontario. This year the recipient was Kendal Daize. The award ceremony was held on October 24, 2009 at the Toronto Marriott. Kendal and her family attended the dinner.
- October 27<sup>th</sup> there was a presentation on invitation to Trades
- November 12<sup>th</sup> – Period 2 – Careers class to have the first opportunity – Ontario Hydro will be in to talk on what they look for when hiring

- The Knights of Columbus help sponsor the Royal's Football Team and this year donated a "Knight's Cup". The match was between St. Mary's Coubourg and St. Stephens. This is an example where the School, Parish and Community come together and an invitation was extended to John Mackle to attend the game, which he did.
- Seniors for Seniors – 32 senior students participated in this event this year. They help the seniors in the community cleaning their yards, windows or doing whatever needs to be done.
- November 4<sup>th</sup> – Take your Kids to Work Day. Not certain how many Grade 9's will be participating as forms have not been returned to the office.
- Grade 8 from all feeder schools will be coming to St. Stephen's when the Grade 9 go to Take Your Kids to Work Day. There will be a 1 hour presentation in the cafeteria with coaches talking about the different sports the school offers, fashion show with respect to the uniforms, power point, formal presentation of the school and the initial contact
- Police Officer will be at the school on November 5<sup>th</sup> for the Grade 10's to talk about Cyber bullying and on November 19 for the Grade 9's to talk about Healthy choices in relationship and how to relate to Police. They will be back in at a later date for the Grade 11 and Grade 12.
- November 13<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon will be a lock down drill day
- November 23<sup>rd</sup> – Mid Term reports will be sent home. Marks must be in by November 11<sup>th</sup> with respect to mid terms.
- November 24<sup>th</sup> – For Grade 11 and 12 - Presentation by retired police on motor vehicles car wreck, safety and awareness of operation of motor vehicles.

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

- Applied for Parents Reaching Out Grant with the Ministry for sessions on Internet facebook and cyber bullying for parents.
- Thank you cards received from Tiana Prince, Kayleen Peters and Kelsey. Also letter received from St. Stephen's thanking the council for their award contribution and giving the names of the recipients.
- Mickey Cryderman advising that she is resigning as OAPCE rep.
- OAPCE Update – Conference on November 7, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at York University in Toronto. \$40 for members and \$50 for non-members, everyone is welcome. Great speakers will be in attendance. Conference provides information, resources and networking opportunities for parents, community leaders etc... Susie passes around info if anyone was interested.
- Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education would like Feedback on Grade 9-12 Social Sciences and Humanities, New Courses on Gender Studies, World Cultures, Human Dynamics. Comments should be sent to the office by

November 3, 2009. Susie will scan document received and forward to all in attendance tonight for their review and comments, if any.

- Susie attended the Catholic School Council Chair's meeting in Peterborough and each Council was presented with the following two books written by Dr. Adam Cox, Ph.D. "No Mind Left Behind and Boys of Few Words" and "Eight Essential Brain Skills Every Child Needs to Thrive". These books were made possible through the Ministry of Education Parents Reaching Out Grant obtained by the District Catholic School Council in collaboration with P.V.N.C.C.D.S.B. The books will be placed in the Parent Section of the School Library for easy access by any parent.

**(e) Treasurer's Report – Anita Fegan**

- Deposit re Parent Teacher Night for clothing was \$45.00 and with respect to the 50/50 draw was \$59.00. For a total deposit of \$124.00
- Total Account Balance is \$445.75
- The winner of the 50/50 draw was Christina Prince (\$59.00).

**(f) CPF – Susan Drever**

- Susie advised that there is an upcoming Esprit 2010 camp in February for Grades 7 to 9.
- French Speeches take place at Glendon College in Toronto in May 2010. Kids have a chance of winning \$1,000.00 (Grade 11 and 12) and scholarships to the University of Ottawa for a 5 minute speech.
- Susie will forward Sheeran brochures and more information on these two events.

**(f) Parish Representative – Tanya Carrington**

- Kid's Club every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. Need volunteers – community hours given.
- November 22-25 – Redemptorist Rev. Eugene O'Reilly will be at St. Joseph Parish. Everyone is welcome.
- December 6, 2009 at 2 p.m.– Christmas Concert.  
Guest performances by the Clarington Concert Band, Danny Bronson, Donna Lajeunesse, Fr. Paul and our Youth on Fire group and hosted by Colin Rowe.
- Alpha Program starting in January for 8 to 10 weeks at St. Joseph's Parish.

**New Business:** Dates of the all future meetings for Council: December 8, 2009; February 9, 2010; April 13, 2010, May 11, 2010 and June 8, 2010.

**Adjourned:** Meeting adjourned.

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