
ST. MARGARET MARY
CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2015 AT 6:30PM

Eternal Father,

You entrusted St. Margaret Mary with the grace to spread devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Help us embrace the love of Christ by following Saint Margaret Mary's loving example.

Guide us along the right path and bless us as we seek to unite ourselves to you in all our thoughts, our words and our actions.

May we like Saint Margaret Mary, always find lasting strength, courage and peace in you.

We ask this through the Sacred Heart of Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, forever and ever.

Amen

1.0 Call To Order & Welcome

2.0 Opening Prayer

3.0 Roll Call of Members Present

Grace Saturnino/April Almeida, Chair/Co-Chair

Mr J.Coons, Principal

Ms.J.Iacozza, Principal Intern

Mr D.Curto, Staff Rep

Mario Cupido, Parish/Community Rep

Adriana Ammendolia, Treasurer

Christine DeGregorio, Fundraising

Kim Impagliatelli

Anna Pannaci

Sue Graham

Guest

Mr Joe Bairdo, Trustee

Regrets

Mary Horvath

4.0 Declaration of Interest

5.0 Secretary's Report - Tina Allen

Motion to pass minutes of Jan 13/2015

Motion: Mario

Second: Christine

PASSED

6.0 Raz Kids Presentation (Literacy Program) – Christine DeGregorio (10 min)

6.1 Raz Reading program, all levels of reading; considering program again for SMM; incentives for students to read books and can be monitored by teacher, parents; “huge gains with reading”. Cost of program for 1-9 classes is \$100 per class/year, up to 30 students; 10+ classes comes with a small discount, \$89/class/yr and possibly further discounts. Parents and teachers can monitor access and obtain helpful information about child's reading and comprehension.

7.0 Autism Awareness (April 2), Fitness Program, SK grad – Kim Impagiatelli (10 min)

7.1 Parent request to have a SK grad; materials needed (hats) and parent volunteers needed; Mr Coons agreed that school will cover cost of hats;

7.2 Autism Awareness Day – Parent request for suggestions on how to celebrate this day; different ideas discussed; announcements with different facts; possibly ribbons; school will support this and look for ideas; possibly bulletin board with information;

7.3 Bowka Fitness program, based on letter of alphabet “fairly new, up and coming program”;

8.0 Chairperson/Co-Chair’s Report – Grace Saturnino/April Almedia (5 min)

8.1 PRO grant 2015 – a lot of positive feedback about Michael Reist presentation on Feb 18/2015; great outcome and great turnout;

8.2 PRO grant 2015/16-need to decide what to propose, have to apply by Apr 15/2015. Mary H. will help to co-ordinate group to decide what to do with funds;

8.3 Lunch issues-mixed feedback about Lunch Lady; some orders still coming in; Kim will find out numbers and report back to CSC then decision can be made next meeting to continue or stop program; may need to get more information to parents;

8.4 Paul Davis, Speaker, coming April 23, 2015 to discuss Safety and Technology with students (during day) and with parents (evening);

8.5 Outdoor classroom-Teresa G.-had meeting about what types of things would be beneficial; awaiting ideas, letter went out; trying to get quotes for landscaping;

9.0 Principal’s Report - Mr. Coons (10 min)

9.1 Mr J. Bairdo, School Trustee, present and provided remarks;

9.2 Spending decisions – review of funds and discussed how to allocate the amounts.

Approximately \$10,000 to spend (in addition to swimming or school trip subsidies). Mr Coons discussed school technology needs, portable Smart boards, ipads (Board approved). Note, above funds are related to CSC raised funds, which are in addition to the school budget, which is also contributing to school programs/tech. Mr Coons provided information about cost of Board approved tech items. Technology wish list provided. Other items included gym equipment, balls, books, reading room texts. Parents also requested hockey jerseys and Mr Coons informed CSC that a donation of jerseys may be coming. Also discussed funds for replanting of playground garden, maintenance of garden. May also have funds through Green Ventures. Feedback also about increasing family events.

Motion to set aside approximately \$700.00 for some family school events;

Motion: Grace;

Second: Tina

PASSED

Motion to provide approximately \$1700.00 for swimming program

Motion: Grace;

Second: Anna;

PASSED

Motion to provide \$5.00 subsidy for each student for school trips (approx. \$2000.00)

Motion: Christine;

Second: Suzy

PASSED

Motion to allocate approximately \$500.00 towards cost of garden maintenance;

Motion: Anna;

Second: Christine;

PASSED

Motion to allocate approximately \$1000.00 for Raz Kids, if teachers are interested;

Motion: Christine;

Second: Kim

PASSED

Motion to allocate 7000.00 towards Tech items.

Motion: Grace;

Second: Sue;

PASSED

9.3 Physical Education – revised health and phys ed curriculum – letter going out to parents/guardians;

10.0 Open discussion – other parents concerns/questions (15 min)

11.0 Finance Report & Vote on Allocation of Spending – Adriana Ammendolia (15 min)

12.0 Fundraising Report – Christine DeGregorio/Alicia Charles – tabled;

13.0 Special Events – Anna Panacci – tabled;

14.0 New Business – Grace Saturnino - tabled

15.0 Topics for next meeting & date – Next meeting Tue, Mar 24 @ 6:30hrs.

16.0 Adjournment

Notes:
