



St. Margaret Mary  
Catholic School Council Meeting

**Date: February 9, 2017**

1.0 Call to order & Welcome

2.0 Opening Prayer

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.

3.0 Roll call of members present: Mr. Coons, Mrs. Piro-Cinelli, Mrs. Ammendolia, Mrs.

DeGregorio, Mrs. Impagiatelli, Mrs. Gambale, Mr. Janssen, Mrs. Panacci, Mrs. Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Diklic (parents).

4.0 Regrets: Mrs. Huskic, Mr. Cupido, Mrs. Tiffany Case, Mrs. Parlee

5.0 Declaration of Interest

6.0 Secretary's report

6.1 minutes from last meeting of January 17, 2017 approved. Motioned by Mrs. Ammendolia, seconded by Mrs. Graham.

## 7.0 Chair/Co-Chair report:

- 7.1 Family Day: Discussed food items for the day. 110 people have signed up to come. A letter will go out to remind families (and to be posted on the school website) about the event, including a reminder for skates, helmets and sleds to be brought.
- 7.2 Athletic Wear/Spirit Wear: Mrs. Ammendolia drafted a letter for families to order spirit wear. Reviewed and approved by council members.
- 7.3 Shrove Tuesday (Anna Panacci): February 28, 2017. Volunteers to be here from 9:00 to 12:00. Some supplies have been purchased. Forms to go out for volunteers. The pancake mix and syrup to be purchased. Food Basics gave a \$25 gift card that can be used towards the purchase of pancake mix. Fortinos was also suggested. Dairy free station is planned (pancake mix, bowl and cutlery to be separate).

## 8.0 Fundraiser:

- 8.1 Review of fundraiser earnings, prizes and the winners by Mrs. Ammendolia. Parents requested a summary. It will be posted in the newsletter.
- 8.2 Future fundraisers for next year discussed. Mrs. Ammendolia suggested this be decided by May of this year.
- 8.3 Mrs. Ammendolia confirmed that the Make a Wish Foundation can name a family it is donated for. An amount of \$500 has been allocated.

## 9.0 Principal's report:

- 9.1 Invitation to go out to students to find a picture of St. Margaret Mary, and to be posted in the classroom and school. Mr. Coons suggested a picture of St. Margaret Mary for the gym. He suggested this be considered as part of the items to be fundraised for next year.
- 9.2 Team work: Teams have their uniforms. Encouragement given to children about goals included in numeracy, sports, and beliefs.
- 9.3 CSSAV visitors came to the school. Mr. Coons reviewed the school goals. Problem solving (multi-step involved), resources in the school (having them and using them), and asking the students what they need. Feedback given that children are polite and engaging. Excellence promoted.
- 9.4 Math night. Over 53 families registered, and over 150 people are expected to come. A Canadian Customs pack will be given to each family. Intermediates will marshal the rooms and direct traffic. A reminder letter will be sent to registered families regarding housekeeping information about the evening. Many prizes have been

donated and purchased, but more are welcomed. If there are some families who come without pre-registered the school will be prepared to accommodate them.

10.0 Finance Report (Mr. Coons/Mrs. Impagiatelli): Last year’s financial report posted on the school website. A total of \$7930.75 is currently in the account. Consider ideas to spend this money (ie swimming, money towards the end of year trip, technology or items in the school).

11.0 Open discussion on issues parents have brought to council members:

11.1: Parents are concerned that children are bored and have little items to play with, playing on the snow hills, and being asked to remain seated during lunchtime. There are have been items like balls lost on the roof and in the neighbors’ yards. Mr. Coons explained concerns regarding safety issues. He was willing to consider ideas that promote play but still are safe. Opening the gym is difficult as a board employee needs to be the supervisor (not volunteers) due to policy and safety issues.

11.2: First aid – children are seen by other children after injuries when staff are not in the office – then placed on a list for staff to review. Mr. Coons reports that all children are supposed to be seen by a staff to assess the injury.

11.3: Class trips – parents feel there are few to no trips planned this year. Mr. Coons will review with the teachers, but parents are encouraged to ask the teachers for what is planned. Mrs. Piro-Cinelli noted concerns regarding cost to families with some trips.

12.0 Items to be discussed for the next meeting: ProGrant idea, fundraising, budget wish list

13.0 Next meeting is set for Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:30.

14.0 Meeting adjourned at 8:28pm

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