

**ST. MARGARET MARY  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY OCTOBER 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2014 AT 6:30PM**

**St Margaret Mary 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

**1.0 Call To Order & Welcome**

**2.0 Opening Prayer(St Margaret Mary Prayer)**

**3.0 Roll Call of Members Present**

**4.0 Present were:**

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

Tina Allen, Secretary

Sue Graham

Mary Horvath

Christine DeGregorio

Kim Impagiatelli

Anna Pannaci

**5.0 Declaration of Interest**

5.1 None Declared;

**6.0 Playground & Outdoor Classroom Update - Teresa Gambale**

6.1 Thank you to all staff, parents, student volunteers who provided much needed support to complete the SMM Garden Project-great beauty;

6.2 Some concerns expressed from parents that the senior students are not allowing others onto the benches/picnic tables – Mr Coons discussed ‘new’ factor and

excitement of the students, and that staff are aware to appropriately monitor this;

- 5.3 Outdoor Classroom Update – SMM received approval for \$8500 from ‘TD Friends of the Environment’ to complete the Outdoor Playground Project. Likely, work will begin in the springtime, and be completed by May/June’15, as funds must be used by Oct’15. Total budget for project is approximately \$9-10,000. Committee will meet in the New Year to start planning;

5.4 Discussion about the necessity of having volunteers, particularly over the summer to maintain the gardens, can be school/parish volunteers; this will be addressed in some form of communication to students and parish;

## **7.0 Chairperson/Co-Chair’s Report – Grace Saturnino/April Almeida**

6.1 Parent Conference - Bishop Ryan Secondary School on Nov 1, 2015; Pamphlet previously went home with students, various workshops available; excellent feedback from previous attendees;

### **6.2 PRO Grant/Parent Presentations**

6.2.1 Michael Reist (described as an “Excellent, Incredible” speaker) has been booked for a presentation on Feb 18/2015 @ approximately 7pm. A list of topics is available to choose from:

- 1)How Boys and Girls Learn Differently;
- 2)Raising Kids in a New Kind of World;
- 3)Raising Emotionally Healthy Children;
- 4)Bullying

Chair requested that a topic be chosen, and since Bullying will be addressed by Paul Davis(see below), then likely should choose from first 3. Let Grace know your preference;

6.2.1 Booked Paul Davis, and expert on technology, on April 23/2015 for presentations for Grades 4-8 on Cyberbullying, Safe Computer Use(during the day) and a presentation in Evening for 1hr for parents on Safe use of computer;

6.2.3 Parish Bazaar Nov 8/2014;

6.2.4 Blessed Teresa CES-Literacy and Numeracy Workshop on Oct 23 @ 6:30pm;

6.2.5 Start thinking about Ideas for next years PRO-Grant, proposal has to be in by May’15;

### **6.3 Bullying – Principal**

## **8.0 Principal’s Report - Mr. Coons**

8.1 Pizza/Sub day Update – will be coming by Nov/Dec;

8.2 Milk Program-Need volunteers to run this program so communication will go with students to request help; would be a commitment on Mon, Wed, Fri during

lunches); could be combination of Gr 8 students with a responsible adult.  
Teresa will follow up with the Milk Supplier to determine if fridge can stay a little longer, until it can be determined if program will continue at the school;

- 8.3 School program Update
- 8.4 SMM website is a good resource for events, schedules, SMM in the news, CSC meetings and minutes; Recently, CHCH featured SMM students wearing pink for Malala Day;
- 8.5 Monthly Awards for the students have a new look/approach - Ontario Graduate Expectation Monthly Award-from JK to Gr 8; focus is to remind students of Faith, Teamwork, Excellence Goals;
- 8.6 Walk with Christ on Sun, Oct 19/2014, started with mass and a walk; visible signs of our Catholic faith;
- 8.7 Blackout at the school on Fri, Oct 17 – unexpected but principal/staff were well equipped to deal with the situation, including for example, flashlights; fortunately, SMM has large windows kept light in; overall no concerns;
- 8.8 Remembrance Day liturgy will be celebrated;
- 8.9 St Jean de Brebeuf will have a parent night for Gr 8 students;

**9.0 Finance Report – Adriana Ammendolia-see financial report (Mary Horvath presented);**

- 9.1 Reviewed bank statements and balances; discussed monies and donation of 10% to charity, Good Shepherd(for 2013/2014), and need to select another charity for this year(list from Board);

**Motion for 10% of Funds from 2014/2015 year to go to Camp Marydale**

**Mario**

**Second: Adrianna**

**PASSED**

**10.0 Fundraising Report – Christine DeGregorio/Alicia Charles**

- 10.1 Chocolate sales-numbers are positive so far-thankyou to students and families/friends for supporting the fundraiser. Mr Coons reports that 200 of 312 boxes have been returned. Notes will go out in next day to request remainder of returns by the deadline date, DEADLINE is Fri, Oct 24;
- 9.2 Prizes and Incentives are ready to go after calculations;
- 9.3 Need to discuss fundraising ideas next year; next meeting, will discuss what distinguishes a major fundraiser from a minor one.

9.4 A parent brought up the fundraiser idea of selling coupon sheet that can be made up to look like a sport ball with specifics of what we are fundraising for.

**11.0 Special Events – Sue Graham**

11.1 Discussed possibility of Christmas Concert(in addition to our Family Mass Celebration with all 3 schools). Would need commitment by staff and volunteers therefore, Mr Coons will further discuss with staff and report back at next meeting;

**12.0 Secretary’s Report - Tina Allen – no report;**

**13.0 New Business – Grace Saturnino**

13.1 Topics for next meeting & date – Next Meeting is Wed, Nov 12 @6:30pm

Agenda Items:

Fundraising and how to spend money; further discussion of fundraising ideas, (one major fundraiser per year so Chocolates this year, but looking for suggestions for 2015/2016);

13.2 Outcome of Christmas concert;

**14.0 Adjournment**