## John Paul II School

## Parent School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: November 26, 2014

Present: Cindy Husieff, Jill Gaumont, Annalise Yuzda, Rae Rees, Becky Crowther, Steve Tymko, Sarah Balla, Laura Balanko

Agenda Item	Outcome
1.0 Meeting called to order/prayer/introductions	Meeting was called to order by Annalise Yuzda at 7:00
2.0 Approval of the agenda	Jill moved to approve the agenda and Becky seconded it.
3.0 Approval of the minutes	Becky C. moved to approve the minutes.
4.0 Treasurer's report	There is no treasurer's update yet because the bank changes have not been made. Annalise produced a copy of the September minutes indicating the changes in the roles so she and Cindy will take that to ATB when they can and update the bank records. The treasurer from previous years, Rae Rees, brought the old records and passed on what info she could
Action:	Annalise and Cindy to meet at ATB and update signing authority.
5.0 Old Business	<ol> <li>From the last meeting, there has not been an official PSC cheque issued to Will Groten yet so Annalise gave him a personal cheque for the award he won and will be reimbursed when the bank info is updated.</li> <li>Laura Balanko presented the grocery fundraising program information from the three big grocers in Fort Saskatchewan. After reviewing the offerings and seeing that the biggest opportunity is during the Christmas season, the group decided to forgo the program for this school year and introduce it in the fall of 2015. The group decided to focus on selling Safeway cards only</li> </ol>
Action:	In the fall of 2015 Laura will open a new account for the school with Safeway and prepare for the selling of cards at the parent/teacher night in November. This includes promoting it beforehand through e-mail and communication to the students.

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6.1 New Business	I. Health Initiative: Sarah Balla attended the meeting to ask for PSC support in bringing an 'apple program' to the school. Ideas were put forth for getting donations or sponsorship. Other aspects of the Health initiative are involving staff in developing non-food rewards to students.
Action:	<ol> <li>Sarah Balla will write a letter to use when asking sponsors for support.</li> <li>Annalise will check with OLA to make sure we don't ask the same businesses for support.</li> <li>Annalise will approach the cafeteria about bringing in apples through their supplier, GFS</li> <li>Cindy will talk to contacts at Sysco about supplying apples</li> </ol>
6.2 New Business	II. Sarah told the group about an upcoming health survey that will be administered to the grade 9 and 10 students. It is in conjunction with the World Health Organization. An info sheet is attached.

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7.0 School Report	<ul> <li>School Report:</li> <li>Parent/Teacher night: 39% attendance at parent/teacher interviews. The group was asked for feedback on 1 night vs 2. Decided to stick with 1. Everyone liked the online booking.</li> <li>Remembrance Day ceremony was on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Different this year and the kids liked it.</li> <li>Bullying presentation by a retired police officer. Was very well received, about 500 attended.</li> <li>First ever Parish meeting, all 3 schools. Parish is trying to make Scott the full time chaplain.</li> <li>Awards night: discussion about format. Well received. Some parents would like to see an effort being made to surprise the recipients as well as mix up the grades so that large groups don't leave partway through.</li> <li>In March, the school is considering not sending paper report cards, home. Feedback was to eliminate them this time and see.</li> <li>Drama production: upcoming on Tues/Wed, Dec 2/3 at 7 p.m.</li> <li>Next semester it will be at Shell Theater.</li> <li>Staffing: want to hire a new teacher for next semester, construction and social studies.</li> <li>Cafeteria: exceeding expectations. Joanne Fleming is doing great.</li> <li>Advent Mass: December 19<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>Security: 16 cameras almost ready to go.</li> <li>School District: Michael Barbour is a representative for our school on the board team doing planning and looking for ideas.</li> <li>New School: Not much new except now they are thinking they should build it as standalone, not connected to the DCC.</li> </ul>
8.0 Next meeting date and adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m. Next meetings: January 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2015
Attachment:	Health Survey Info sheet.

## Health Behaviour in School-aged Children Study



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Canada has been invited to participate in the ninth international survey on the health status of young people. This study is a cross-national collaboration that takes place every four years, conducted under the auspices of the World Health Organization (WHO). Over 40 countries from North America and Europe will participate this year. Findings will increase understanding about the health behaviours of young people and will also be used to promote good health practices among youth and influence policy around youth and school health in Canada

The Canadian part of the study is funded through the Public Health Agency of Canada, and the research has received approval from the Health Canada and Public Health Agency of Canada Research Ethics Board, Queen's University General Research Ethics Board, and your School Board/Division.

To collect data for this research, your child's classroom teacher will be administering a paper-based or online questionnaire, which should take approximately 60 minutes to complete. Questionnaires will be filled out anonymously during a regular class, and once completed the paper-based questionnaire will be sealed in an envelope to be returned to the Social Program Evaluation Group (SPEG) at Queen's University, where it will be secured in a locked office. No names will be attached to the questionnaire.

I do not foresee any risks in the research participation of your child beyond some of the questions asking about personal issues. His or her participation is entirely voluntary. Your child is free to withdraw at any time during the survey administration with no effect on his or her standing in school. Once students have submitted their surveys, it is no longer possible for them to withdraw from the study. Your child is not obliged to answer any objectionable or uncomfortable question. If you do not wish your child to participate, please return the attached consent form. If your child does not participate, he or she will be given an alternative activity to complete during the time.

This research may result in publications of various types, including national and provincial reports, journal articles, professional publications, newsletters, books and instructional materials. The identity of your child and the name of his or her school will not be attached to any form of the data from the survey, will not be known to anyone tabulating or analyzing the data, nor will they appear in any publication created as a result of this research.

If at this point, or at any point in the future, should you have any questions about this research exercise, please feel free to contact me at 1-866-811-2197 (<a href="mattking@queensu.ca">mattking@queensu.ca</a>), or Dr. John Freeman, SPEG Director, at 613-533-6255 (<a href="mattking@queensu.ca">freemanj@queensu.ca</a>).

Any ethical concerns about the study may be directed to the Chair of the General Research Ethics Board at <a href="mainto:chair.GREB@queensu.ca">chair.GREB@queensu.ca</a> or 613-533-6081.

If you wish to see the survey, a copy has been sent to your child's school.

Sincerely,

Matthew King

Social Program Evaluation Group (SPEG), Queen's University, Faculty of Education

This study has been granted clearance according to the recommended principles of Canadian ethics guidelines, and Queen's policies.

Passive Consent

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