

St. John Vianney Catholic School Advisory Council
MINUTES OF MEETING
November 9, 2009

- Meeting called to order 6:00
- Opening prayer by Mary Reynolds, Vice-Principal
- Staff present: Mary Reynolds, MaryAnn Langlois-Smith (Teacher Rep)
- Council members present: Nadia Elligson, Don Kumarasinghe, Christine Kort, Jason Lazarus, Julie Lilly, Shannon Meloche, Alexandria Meriano
- Parish Rep: None present
- Parents present: Rose Lamug
- Regrets received: Carl Bull, Principal, Manuel Aviles, June LoRe, Tim Saby, Tammi Straub, and Cynthia Toma
- Approved September 29, 2009 minutes

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Cookie dough

- Congratulations to our top selling classes by division: Mr. Drouillard's grade 3 class; Mrs. Plourde's grade 6 class and Mr. Tremblay's grade 8 class. They will be rewarded with a pizza party this Thursday.
- We had a school-wide assembly last Friday to announce our winners for cookie dough and for student of the month
- Distribution takes place on November 17 in the gym. We'll leave it open until 5:30 pm so parents have a chance to stop in on the way home from work.

Grade 8 Riverwalk - part of the grade 8 fundraising efforts and fulfills HALT requirements.

Book Fair – wraps up tomorrow – thanks to those parents who volunteered and thanks to Mrs. Small for all of her time and effort. I don't have a final figure yet, but we did quite well so we'll be able to order lots of materials for the bookroom, the library and for classrooms.

Schoolyard interventions:

- Peer Pals – beginning, assembly for grades 6 and 7, applications finished on Friday, day of training beginning with a Mass is scheduled for this Friday. This program will involve students in **GRADE SIX AND SEVEN** that will run structured games at recess. This is an opportunity to enhance leadership, organizational and problem solving skills for those students.
- Sent two teachers to workshop at the board office for Rachel's Challenge – they'll be doing something soon – some type of presentation at an assembly to the kids.

Curriculum:

- Craig Pearson came to the school for a presentation to wrap up the grade 5 and 6 media unit.
- Mr. Charlton had an open house for parents to review EQAO expectations in Language Arts and Math. The Open house was well attended.
- CASI and PM benchmarks have taken place and data walls have been updated. Teachers use these assessments to help them with planning of guided reading

- Two of our teachers, Mr. Tremblay and Mr. Braithwaite attended the When Faith Meets Pedagogy conference. They had the opportunity to sit in on workshops that focus on both curriculum and faith. I also attended that conference as a presenter and brought back some very good materials on using graphic novels in the classroom.
- Grade 7's have begun a unit using technology "Bits and Bites" that focuses on the use of cartoons and graphic materials in the classroom. The kids are excited about this program and are working hard at creating cartoons of their own incorporating lots of literacy, example would be working on point of view, theme etc.

Commemorative Plaque – Media Presentation

- Media event that focused on the StreetArt program that took place last year. Student's work was highlighted on the outside wall of the school.

CHAIR REPORT

- Cookie dough sales were discussed and volunteers still needed on Tuesday November 17th all day. As in the past, we will have 10-12 grade 8s from each class to help unloading.
- We discussed the Principal's Profile as requested by the WECDSB as we have not done one in approximately 3 years. We do a letter indicating what qualities are important to us relating to our school (ie. Up to date on technology, supports students, staff and parents, big into curriculum, has a sense of humor, handles stress well, firm with discipline, team player, etc) We need to work on this this week and send it to the board.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- To date we have \$4,383.28 in our account. We are allotting \$1,950 for teachers (\$75.00 each) for classroom purchases of which final receipts are due November 30, 2009 and a reading carpet for \$200. If all teachers spend allotment, this will leave us with approximately \$2,150.
- We sold approximately \$22,000.00 in cookie dough. Profits are 40% so approximately \$8,100 to be split between PAC and the school.

PARISH REP

- No report to date

NEW BUSINESS

- Upcoming November "Loonie for Licence" proceeds to go towards Christmas family giftcards. Mrs. Reynolds to send out the forms and indicate the proceeds are going toward Christmas Families.
- We discussed Christmas Families and agreed we want to continue with this long-standing charity work. June LoRe and Christine Kort to co-chair this project with volunteers from Julie Lilly and Nadia Elligson. We need to get a letter drafted and meet with Gerry Hynes from the St. Vincent de Paul. It would be nice to get the letter out by November 30th so parents have 2 weeks to do shopping. Possibly have an assembly on December 17th as there is a Mass in the morning. Again, we need to get the final number of families from Gerry and ensure that we are assisting our school families if there is a need. This is all confidential and we do not know the names of the families or where they live. Christine Kort & June LoRe will again do the letters to each classroom indicating what family # they have and what the family consists of (ie mom, 2 year old, 7 year boy).

- Vandalism is still ongoing. Mr. Bull and Mrs. Reynolds still do walk-throughs and pick up glass.
- In the future, in the school newsletter, PAC can put comments about upcoming events, etc.
- We discussed hot lunches. On the lunch forms parents should know which company is being used (ie Subway, Tonys, Francos). Also, let parents know that the proceeds of the hot lunches are going to the Grade 8s for their Ottawa Trip. We also discussed \$6.00 being alot of money for alot of parents since in the past lunches were about \$3.50. Mrs. Reynolds to talk to Mr. Foglia to see what the cost is and the profits and see if they can be reduced. If not, SAC would take over the hot lunches in January with the proceeds going back to the school.
- Next meeting date January 12, 2010 at 6pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.