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November 2016 Minutes

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**CATHOLIC PARENT COUNCIL**  
**Tuesday, 22nd November 2016**  
**6:30 p.m. – Staff Room**

- PRESENT:** Mr. Berthier, Mrs. Taylor, Mr. Dupont, Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Lamothe
- REGRETS:** Mrs. Miller, Mr. Westerling, Mrs. Truscott, Mrs. Hynes, Mrs. Does, Mrs. Courchesne, Mrs. Mason, Mrs. Gauthier, Mrs. Pelletier, Mrs. Pontarelli, Mr. Chartrand

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m.

**1. Welcome**

**2. Opening Prayer**

The meeting was opened with prayer.

**3. Minutes from Last Meeting**

Minutes of last meeting were approved with amendment to Item No. 8 “next meeting should be after the Parent / Teacher conferences”. Motion was made (Rob DuPont) and seconded (Colleen Taylor). Approved.

**4. Membership and Communication**

Mr. Berthier to finalize distribution list. In future meeting requests and agendas to be communicated by email. It was decided that Tuesdays are preferable for monthly meetings.

**5. New Business**

Framework for accomplishments was discussed:

**(a) Mental Health Conference**

- Mrs. Taylor proposed we look at organizing an Mental Health Initiative
- Dr. Alex Russell was suggested as a possible guest speaker.
- Mr. DuPont suggested we might access the Bell Mental Health Initiative although doesn't have to co-incide with mental health week.
- Encourage both parent and student engagement. Consider inclusion of Intermediate and High School (Board).

**(b) Leadership Pathways**

- The benefits of the 'Pathways to Success Program' were discussed.
- This will be done in small groups (students can be bussed to 2-3 locations). Timeline and age groups will have to be considered.
- It was proposed that staff survey students to determine interests and narrow down choices. Dates will be determined at next meeting.

**(c) Distribution of Fundraising Funds**

- The appropriate distribution of CPC funds was discussed. Mr. Berthier explained money was raised for playground improvement and therefore must be used for outdoor improvement preferably with some permanency.
- Ideas that were raised: bike racks, soccer nets, buddy benches, books / literacy projects, disposable cutlery and plates for catering, clothing and spirit-wear. Mr. Berthier will discuss further with staff to determine Student Need and report back at next meeting.

**(d) Student Led Conferences**

- The Student Led Conference was held in November and deemed a success. Mrs. Taylor suggested that next time we combine the SLC with a fund-raising activity (eg. art-work sale/auction).
- Mr. Berthier requested feedback and asked that Members send him email providing their thoughts and impressions.

**(e) Student Need**

- Annual 'Family Christmas Basket Project' is being undertaken in co-ordination with NEOFACS. CPC might look to donating to this also.
- Sacred Heart will be running a Food Drive (with Church) and Feed a Family Drive (for local families) in the Advent Season.

**(f) Breakfast Program**

- Mr. Berthier reported that he had noted benefits since introduction of the program. This is another area where CPC might look to donate.

### **5. Transition**

- Mr. Berthier reported that the relationship with the church will have to be restructured. The Bishop will allocate which priest looks after which school.
- The announcement of the name should happen soon now that everyone has voted, the next step will be design of Mascot and Logo.
- Toward end of year 'transition visits' will be arranged to new school.
- Both Sacred Heart and St. Paul's to participate in a 'memory box' project.
- BBQ to be held at end of year to celebrate transition.

### **6. Date of next meeting**

Next meeting will take place in December, date to be determined.

### **7. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Mr. D. Berthier  
Principal

Mrs. Taylor & Mr. Dupont  
Co-Chairs