

ST FRANCIS CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES
St. Francis Catholic School, 691 Lilac Street, Sudbury, ON P3E 4E2
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Date: Monday January 19, 2009.

6:30 p.m.

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Opening and Welcome
Prayer

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Attendance: Sandra Frappier, Lorrie Petryna, Carm Pitman, Lise Malette, Geri Lefebvre, Kellie Tremblay, Donna Beneteau

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Adoption of Last Meetings Minutes: Donna Beneteau, 2nd Kellie Tremblay

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Business arising from last meeting:

ARC: There are three options on the table at this point

1) St. Francis remains a JK to 6 school in all options with St. Michael, St. Theresa's and St. David's coming to St. Francis.

2) and 3) Options have St. David's as a separate new school on a new site with either JK to 6 or JK to 8. Next Public Meeting will be held on Thursday January 29th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Benedict's school.

Public Address System in Gym: It has been installed. Some modifications have taken place since our Christmas Concert. The total cost was \$5,050.00. We have two hard wired mics and a wireless mic as well.

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Chair's Report
Unfortunately Cathy is absent tonight.

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Principal's Report
1) Lap top program has been on hold until the end of January due to some difficulties with lap top carts. They are being rewired due to safety concerns. Our multi-grade students now have access to computers within their classes on a daily basis. Learning strategies teacher assists with the students within their regular classroom as well.
2) Welcome to Kindergarten -- this will take place later in the spring. Students are welcome to come to the school to see what we are all about before the event.
3) Library -- discussion about painting of handprints on the library walls. I will speak to the student who offered to do the mural and see where we are at.
4) CPLC - Catholic Professional Learning Communities. As divisions teachers have met approximately twice this year to discuss issues that relate to assessment and how as educators we can improve students success. Some resources have been purchased to assist with this process. We are also involved at the ministry level and funds have been provided to help provide this release time for teachers.
5) Anti-bullying presentations are taking place at the school with all our children, CN rail presentation about railway safety, VIP program for grade 5/6 students with Constable Medina, etc.. All of these are free of charge.

6) Hearing screening has taken place. We will pay \$100.00 for all students to be screened. Reports went home with teachers. Any problems and parents were called directly.

7) Camp Quality will also be presenting to the students this week. This is puppet show discussing children with disabilities. Also free of charge.

8) Destination Conservation Contest: Through the leadership of Carm Pitman, we are taking part in a destination conservation contest. Students are participating at the school level through activities concerning conservation. Winning school gets \$1500 for the school. Will be making sock puppets.

9) Sports - we purchased new uniforms for our teams (Girls and grade 8 boys have new uniforms). Now junior basketball teams will have uniforms to wear as well. Our basketball teams have won both tournaments they have participated in over the last two weeks. We have two more basketball tournaments this weekend and a badminton tournament as well.

Many more tournaments to come before the season ends. Hosting chess tournament in April and handball in May.

10) Pancake Tuesday - February 24th Lorrie will put out note in newsletter for volunteers.

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Committee Report

Spring Fair - This is taking place on May. Spring Raffle ideas, ipod touch, tickets, send out letter via email to see if anyone can donate anything for the raffle. Need to check which date tickets need to be done.

Teachers can start thinking about their themes for the spring fair baskets.

Need to contact Jerry Villeneuve for the auxiliary police volunteers and the OPP.

Check with Tara Hurley for Jar pull. Recover dividers in St. Francis school colours.

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Other Business

Pancake day -- Can we make pancakes for the entire school?

Talent show or Karaoke, will there be one this year?

Wilderness Tours June 24th and 25th. Last day of school June 26.

Possible Wonderland trip for Grade 8's at end of year.

PA day on January 30th.

Starlight music on 12th of March for school dance.

Family Day on February 16th.

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Next Meeting: Monday, June 8th, 2009 6:30pm

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Adjournment: Lise Malette 2nd Kellie Tremblay