

**School Council Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, October 23rd, 2017**

**6:30 pm - Learning Commons**

**Attendance**

Angela Alderson, Shelley Cabral, Anna Coe, Brent Cook, Ana DeSousa-Rand, Tanya Knapp, Lindsay MacDonald, Kelly McDonell, Julie Mckeown, Carmine Minutillo, Tanya O’Quinn, Shyla Paterson, Shelley Rizzo, Natalie Strand, Heather Toffolon

Regrets: Melissa Markotich

**Welcoming Prayer (Special Intentions)**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth,
As it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
Amen.

**Reports**

**Chair Report: Ana Rand**

* **3rd ANNUAL ALCDSB TECHFEST** will be held on **Saturday,** **Nov. 4th** at Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School, Kingston, for a day that focuses on deploying, integrating and using technology to enhance student learning with keynote speaker Jon Mundorf.
	+ Free Breakfast and lunch provided by Pan Chancho.
	+ From 8:00am to 2:30pm
	+ To register: [bit.ly/alcdsbtf2017](https://t.co/fn8QBDGZCW)
	+ <http://www.alcdsb.on.ca/Pages/newsitem.aspx?ItemID=166&ListID=eb94186a-5de4-4323-8069-4482d49e690f&TemplateID=Announcement_Item> for more information
* **REGIOPOLIS NOTRE DAME** is hosting a viewing of the documentary ***Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age*** for parents, with a discussion to follow looking at the connections of mental health and screen time in today’s youth.
	+ Date is **Wednesday, Nov. 8th, 2017 @ 6:30 pm** in the RND Cafetorium.
	+ They’ll show the documentary ‘Screenagers’ and then host a discussion
	+ It’s free! All are welcome!
	+ **a discussion to follow** looking at the connections of mental health and screen time use in today’s youth.
* **Spirit Wear**
	+ Website <http://www.multideas.ca/showroom/46048> password : smb
	+ [Multi Innovations Specialties | Promotional Products and Apparel | Brand Marketing | Kingston, ON | Canada](http://www.multideas.ca/showroom/46048)
	+ Great comments about this last year!
	+ Gold sweaters/T-shirts was suggested
	+ Grey was suggested
	+ Decided to make it a bit of a fundraiser by bumping up the price
* **Fundraising Committee**
	+ Committee members needed – meeting to determine plan of action for the upcoming school year.
	+ It was decided to go ahead with the Poinsettia fundraiser
		- It’s a money maker! Raised about $1500 last year
	+ It was decided to go ahead with Chapters Night
		- Great fundraiser! Raised about $1200 last year
		- This will take place on Wednesday, December 6th from 5:00-9:00.

**Principal Report: Carmine Minutillo**

**Follow-Up Items**

* **Terry Fox Foundation**
	+ We’ve been supporting this for 10 years. Their coming **Oct. 24th** to say thank you
	+ Thank you to the 3 students who cut their hair!
* **Sporting Events Letter**
	+ It’s been done & it’s out
* **Parent Reaching Out (PRO) Grant Presentation Planning**
	+ Host a discussion group. Focus: Mental Health (anxiety, technology)
	+ Would like to meet to put together a parent night
	+ An evening in January, here at our School
	+ Would be open up to the community

**Snowsuit Exchange**

* + **(Oct. 26)** from 4:00pm-7:00pm
	+ Notice went out on that Thursday – open to all SMB families
	+ We had about 50 snowsuits – good range of sizes
	+ Any left over will be donated to St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School.

**New Items**

* **Progress Report and Parent/Teacher Interviews**
	+ - **(Nov. 7)** Progress Report
		- **(Nov . 8 & 9)** Parent/Teacher Interviews
		- **New!** Parents will be able to book this interviews online from the School’s website
		- It’s quicker and easier to organize on both ends
		- You’ll be able to see what time slots are available
		- Going to try it out this year to see how it goes
* **CSCA**
	+ - **(Nov. 1)** 6:30pm at Mother Teresa
		- School Council Meeting
		- Mostly Eastern side of the board
		- Principals & Chairs usually attend but anyone from Parent Council can go
* **Rube Golberg Competition**
	+ - **(Nov. 17)** Will be here at the School
* **Remembrance Day Events**
	+ - **(Nov. 10)** Celebration in the gym
		- 10 Gr. 7-8 Students will be attending the Kingston Remembrance Day ceremony at Cataraqui Cemetery again this year.
* **Confirmation**
	+ - **(Nov. 12)** It will be at 1:00pm at St. Paul the Apostle Church
* **Budget Information**
	+ - Same as last month
		- From a financial perspective, we do very well in comparison with other schools
		- Carmine went over the school budget referring to board funds and non-board funds (which is part of the funds that School Council fundraising accounts for) as well as some of the expenses that our school incurs over the course of the year.
* **SchoolCash.net: parents paying for school fees on-line**
	+ - Parents will need to go to the website to register
		- In the near future, hoping that parents will be able to pay for most things online
		- Starting with milk money and soon will be able to pay for field trips online
* **Booking Parent-teacher conferences on-line**
	+ - **(Nov. 3)** Will be able to book your time slots for interviews with Teachers
		- Go to **Parent Info** tab on school web site, then click “Book Parent Teacher Conferences”
		- Need to register first and create a username and password; then, login with this information to book times

**Parish Rep Report: Heather Toffolon**

* **Altar Server All Saints’ Party**
	+ - **(Oct. 26)** – 7:00pm-8:00pm
* **Looking for more Altar Servers**
	+ - Regular meeting consisting of training & fun activities normally take place on the 3rd Thursday of the month
* **Looking for Adult Altar Servers**
	+ - A training session will take place toward the end of October – date to be determined
* **Jamaica Fish Fry at Holy Cross on Friday Nov. 3rd**
	+ - In the school cafeteria from 3:30 to 6:30pm
		- All for $15.00 ($10.00 for children 10 or under)
		- All proceeds to this year’s Jamaica Mission trip
* **Hotel Dieu Hospital/St. Mary’s Cathedral Launch 2017 Coat Drive**
	+ - Beginning **Oct. 23rd** Hotel Dieu Hospital/St. Mary’s Cathedral will be collecting clean, gently used winter coats for distribution to the community
		- Wanting men’s bigger sizes

**Teacher Rep Report: Melissa Markotich**

* Nothing to report at this time

**Treasurer Report – Brent Cook**

* Carmine shared Budget Information earlier

**ECO Presentation**

* Reducing waste at SMB
* We’re at 12 bags of garbage a day! It was 4 bags a day at one point
* Working with the ECO Team to see if we can get it to 5 bags a day

**Special Information: Angela Alderson**

* The Boys & Girls Club is offering over 20 hours a week of FREE youth programming (ages 13 & up).

**Next Meeting:**

* **Monday, November 27th, 2017**
* In Learning Commons at 6:30-8:00pm