

## In Attendance:

- Aisling McGilly, Maria Morris, Rebecca Frederick (SC Rep), Tracey Forgues, Cathy Pye, Madonna Howell, Lisa Romano, Chris Wright, Graham Stuart, Nickie Harrison, Angela Wildish, Lisa (Devries) ?, John Brisbois (Trustee)

**Elections:** Chair- Angela Wildish (Parent)  
Secretary- Nickie Harrison (Parent/Teacher)  
Treasurer—Madonna Howell

## Teacher Report (Mrs. Harrison)

Academic Honesty Policy (Plagiarism):

- Being updated
- Includes: Administration, Learning Commons Teachers, 7/8 Rep (Aisling McGilly), Resource Rep (N. Harrison), English Department Rep (Jed Devenish), still need a Math Science rep
- Continuum—in grades 7, 9, 11 we will build on skills

Differentiated Instruction Partner:

- New DI Partner this year- Sara Minaker—working with 2 math classes this semester

Mrs. Morris's Math class:

- “Spiraling” in Academic Math class
- This is teaching through real life problem solving—spiralling is not teaching in units, but instead teaching in cycles- so part of all units are covered in each cycle; building on each other in the hopes that students see all parts of units more regularly with the hope of building better learning and retention by teaching through problem solving.

Mr. Lombardi's Classes:

- Grade 9/10- Healthy Active Living & Geography-- Using portfolio technology through D2L

Guidance News:

- Credit checks—with graduates happened this week
- Beginning to prepare for College and University applications
- Wed Oct 4 – CIP day @ Loyalist College
- **Wed Nov 8<sup>th</sup> UIP @ St. Paul CSS 1-2:30—21 universities coming to discuss options**
- **Thurs November 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:00—Post Secondary Night @ St. Theresa's in Belleville— ALL school parents and students welcome to attend!**

- “Break Out Sessions” so parents and students can choose their sessions
- **Community Service Hours**—40 are needed to GRADUATE!
- Saturday—Food Bank opportunity to bag groceries@ local grocery stores
- **St. Lawrence Open House**- Friday Oct 6<sup>th</sup>
- **STOMP and On-Line to Success information**- contact Resource for more information about these programs to help students with Mental Health and/or an IEP prepare for post-secondary studies!
- **SIPSAW**- working with staff in pillars, specifically looking at what we do well and where we still have work to do.  
Look at data: EQAO, Surveys, Mental Health and figure out our needs
- Symposium—setting goals and expectations, know success criteria & what makes a good assignment and how students can achieve success

### Administration Report: (Ms. Romano and Mr. Stuart)

- UDL (Universal Design for Learning) helps to remove obstacles from learning and allows students to know what a good assignment looks like as well as to choose how to present their learning in a way that demonstrates best what they understand
- Asked: what makes a great community (school and surrounding community)?
  - ✓ Teacher and student relationships (in and out of classroom, academic and sports)
  - ✓ Open dialogue between school and parents (even concerning behaviour)
  - ✓ Involvement—events go well with involvement and enthusiasm
  - ✓ Students need to be involved—student voice
  - ✓ What the school does for the outside community
  - ✓ Parent involvement with teachers—communication between parents and teachers (nice to see teachers initiate communication with parents- positive 1<sup>st</sup> contact where possible)

How to do this:

- ✓ Twitter handle on the electronic sign board
- ✓ Syner-voice messages- calls home work well
- ✓ Encourage parents not to volunteer for everything, but to volunteer for something to help out and get involved without too much pressure
- ✓ REMIND APP
- ✓ Work on simple access of information vs. too many ways to communicate

### CASHLESS SYSTEM:

- Can pay for things without cash- sign up online—please register when you can—can pay for lunches, sports fees, art fees, etc. as we get it up and running!

### Catholic Campus Push:

- Trying to do more things together with our St. Peter counterpart/neighbour and staff
- Book Buddies, Fire Drills, Team Names (proposal to change symbol and name to Jr. Falcons)

### Recent Concerns:

- Vaping and e-cigarettes—reminder that it is ILLEGAL for students in Ontario, under the age of 19 to have this in their possession and/or smoke it
- Need to educate students AND parents about this
- Asking parents to review Social Media Accounts of children and ensure they aren't posting pictures of themselves doing this
- Looking at getting a Guest Speaker/video presentation to remind students of their responsibilities and legal implications should they be caught with these items

### Student Council Report:

- Assembly, positive feedback from first one
- Sept 25<sup>th</sup> \$4000 raised for the Terry Fox Run
- Spirit Wear and SPC cards being sold
- Oct 16<sup>th</sup>- Spirit Week (out of uniform days= theme days)
- Mon Oct 2, grades 7-9 "Rising Above" movie and presentation at the Theatre in Belleville  
9:15-12:30—leaders will talk to students about the movie and the messages  
Looks at the negativity in the world and how to cope  
Across Canada—leadership conference (YLCC)
- October – haunted house fundraiser
- Pizza lunches for grades 7/8 on Wednesdays

### Oct 18<sup>th</sup>

- Guest Speaker Orlando Brown- Inspirational cost is \$1800- asked for help from Parent Council to fund it
- Ex football player- from Mississauga
- "Teen Voice"—tells kids not to follow the crowd but to true to themselves!
  
- All assemblies are usually 7-12 unless it is inappropriate content for younger students
- AM Assemblies—9:10-10:10 (Oct 18<sup>th</sup>)
- Hallowe'en Assembly will be a PM (try to rotate so the same classes aren't missed)
- Colour Run again this year—last time we donated over \$20 000 to TMH!

## Items for information:

Money from Parent Council goes to help fund:

- OFFSA Account (started to help raise funds for teams going to OFSSA to help make \$ allocation more equitable)
  - Student Council events that involve whole school that come with cost (ie. Guest Speakers)
  - Trips (7/8 year end trip, music trips, etc.)
  - Food for Learning support
  - Roughly \$2000 goes out each year
- Madonna Howell motioned that \$900 go to Student Council to help offset the cost of the Guest Speaker in Oct (as they are trying to get 2 guest speakers this year)
- Cathy Pye seconded the motion

PRO (Parents Reaching Out) GRANT—Determine Timing and details-

- Recommended it go to having an information session on Human Trafficking—Doug Vanderhorden can (potentially) come and speak to the parents about concerns along the 401 corridor
- Can use 15% for food (\$200)
- The rest needs to be used for materials and promotion/guest speaker fees
- Timing? How do we move forward with this?
- Board Members- 3 Oaks; open it up to the community as well to attend
- Angela Wildish will contact Doug
- Graham Stuart will contact the police about joining us too
- Lisa Romano will contact Sean Kelly—Board Rep
- Spend part of the \$ for the Catholic Education Week Speaker to tie in all aspects of concerns
- 3 Oaks for the 7/8s?
- Chair does online application
- We get the \$ after we hold the event

Nov 13-17 is Bullying Awareness Week

- Speaker?

Food for Learning Fundraiser:

- Food for Learning has asked Parent Council if they could do a fundraiser to help fund this program
- Need help- especially with high demands of the school population

- Must show income from other sources – not just the Food for Learning foundation- School needs to contribute in some way
- Secondary school—raise \$? Buy out?
- 7/8 – “Top Up” initiative for hot lunches (parents can opt to “top up” the cost of lunches and donate what they can)

### **Treasurer’s Report:**

- \$1000 returned for sign (initially donated this money, but it was part of the expansion budget from the Board so not needed)
- \$ not accounted for: soccer, Wonderland, Dominican trip (coming up this year) and we have committed \$ to this

### *Need to plan for:*

- Donation to Food for Learning
- School Council Award (\$250- Graduation Award)
- Parent Reaching Out Grant (\$500) meant for engaging parents (get the \$ after we hold event)
- Parent Involvement Grant (will come in)
- We don’t have to report on this, but needs to go to parent involvement

### **John Brisbois:**

- Poverty Challenge- students will assume the role of a person living in poverty
- They get to meet the person they play (they don’t know it but they are in attendance)
- Held @ Loyalist College on Oct 12
- Board Committee—1 day United Way Tweets/sponsored