

Regional School Council Meeting

Location: Mother Teresa Catholic School

January 22, 2015

In attendance: Karen Shannon – Superintendent of School Effectiveness, Terry Shea – Trustee, Stephanie Snider – Archbishop O’Sullivan, Lisa Bickerstaffe – Archbishop O’Sullivan, Teresa Dodwell – Our Lady of Lourdes, Jacqueline Edwards – Our Lady of Lourdes, Don DeMarsh – St. Patrick, Erinsville, Rob Gilmour – Mother Teresa, Carmine Minutillo – St. Margeurite Bourgeoys, Dan Finn – Holy Name, Dianne LaFortune – Holy Name, Jen Goodman – Holy Name, Tammy Hulton – J. J. O’Neill & St. Patrick, Erinsville, Karen Moran – St. Martha

Agenda Items	Discussion	Follow up/Actions
Opening & Prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karen introduced herself and welcomed the opportunity to work with the Regional Council to serve our students and our schools 	
Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendees introduced themselves to the group 	
2015-2016 School Year Calendar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karen shared the proposed schedule from the Ministry (after Sept. 1 and by June 30) • Collective agreements, PA days (minimum 2, maximum 6), etc. impact the schedule • Ministry sets statutory holidays • First day of school is September 8th – (later than usual); school year calendar will start before Labour Day weekend – mostly likely a PA day will be scheduled • 1 or 2 PA days in the fall; June 30th will be a PA day; two other days will be scheduled to facilitate change of semester in our secondary schools; therefore PA day would be on February 4th; • Karen asked when where we would like to see the PA day for May 2016 – suggested that it would be May 20th 	Parents suggested that May 20 th would be preferable to May 30 th 2016 for the PA day
PRO Grant Application & ALCDSB website consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Councils can apply for funds • Another category of grants for regions (Dianne Lafortune has lead the proposal and received a grant for \$20 000 during last three years for the Kingston Community Conversations) • Feb. 26th – George Couros, speaker, (Involving Parents in Student Learning) will be coming to Holy Cross along with panelists for discussion; some board members, local community members, students and Queen’s University professor; children activities are provided; learning technology (BYOD) workshop for students; pizza 	Please share information with School Councils about being a part of the consultation process to redesign our ALCDSB website

	<p>at 5:30; Father Byrne will do the welcoming prayer; parents provide feedback for the sessions;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dustin Garrett, teacher who has helped with our Regional Council spoke with the west side of the board about the initiative • Proposal can be put forward in May; Dianne asked if there are people who are interested in obtaining the grant again and wondering if there are others who would like to assist with planning • Jackie suggested including faith based material in the next proposal • Looking for parents to provide input/consultation on the ALCDSB website design • Looking for School Council shared calendar on the board website • Provide an online collaborative opportunity for School Councils to share ideas and discuss 	<p>Posters for Feb. 26th will be sent out</p>
<p>EQAO Parent Forum</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topic of conference is Math; Dr. Lynda Colgan is guest speaker • Registration – online through material provided 	<p>parents interested register with EQAO and email Bonnie Campbell, Administrative Assistant at board office to share information</p>
<p>Round Table Sharing</p>	<p>St. Patrick Erinsville</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advent celebration and concert before Christmas • Looking ahead to plan for spring; possible Ceilidh (fundraiser) • Float for the Santa parade in Tamworth; penguin school bus • Volleyball team joined with St. James Major and won the championship <p>J.J. O’Neill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student exchange with Caster Alberta, 24 students including one student from St. Patrick Erinsville • A Christmas Carol was presented at Christmas time • Planning for mass times so that classes can go once per month at the church (walk to school) <p>Archbishop O’Sullivan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advent mass – reception in church hall following • School Spirit Wear sales – hoodies • Composting with the city/green bins; School Council have paid for the cost 	<p>Contact Holy Name if your School Council is interested to join in with the Citrus Fundraiser</p> <p>Karen Shannon will discuss with senior administration the issue of licensing for viewing of movies at school</p>

- Jan. 27th – parent has organized Literacy Day

Our Lady of Lourdes

- EQAO standing agenda item to learn more about the data; looking at cohort data; generating a lot of interest and discussion from parents; learning about how the school uses data to assist students and improve student learning
- Religious Education program – learning about the new curriculum
- Jackie shared information from the OAPSE meeting; shared sex education concerns from a Catholic Education perspective
- Training for teachers is forthcoming (OAPSE)
- Advent mass; collected over 6 000 items (baby food, diapers, etc.) to the food bank
- Pastor Mandla from a village in Swaziland visited our school; PeaceQuest team lead the visit;
- Sacramental preparation – Gr. 7 confirmation enrolment
- Mckenna’s Dream – Terracycle and other fundraisers
- 6 students were finalists in the Legion Remembrance Day Poster contest
- Alice In Wonderland – musical production during Catholic Education Week
- Laptops for Grades 4 – 8 classrooms arrived in January
- Bingo (Treasure Chest) – OLOL school is involved as a fundraiser

St. Martha

- PRO Grant - Dr. Lynda Colgan presented to parents with students in November, “Making Math Meaningful”
- Teacher candidates organized math activities for students while parents listened to presentation
- Will apply for another PRO Grant – Resiliency and Mental Health and Well-being
- Social Justice student group are applying to “Me To We”; rather than collect divisionally, they sold Rafiki bracelets made by families in developing countries – funds returned to “Me to We” foundation to support healthy water sources; local initiative will support “Almost Home”
- Movie afternoon – fundraiser – after school
- Family movie evening – Thursday before March break
- School Council organizing dance-athon – Valentine’s Day (Mr. Peabody and Sherman)

- Spring Carnival – community building event for School Council (June);
- Install two water refill stations this year
- Outdoor classroom – received grant funds through old Pittsburgh township; limestone seating; four large cedar planters; ECO team will plant indigenous plants in the spring; in centre a large limestone rock with an engraved cross; shade sails attached to galvanized poles (taken down in winter); they will come in the spring

Holy Name

- Advent mass
- Fundraiser – Terry Fox, Kenya Help, ALCDSB Foundation;
- Kick Walk - \$700 for charity
- Fairmount Homes and Providence Manor – all students involved
- Will partner with Fairmount Homes in the spring (planting); students interviewed some of the seniors; are going to start skyping with the seniors; trying to see if the seniors can come to the school for a visit
- Shrove Tuesday – pancakes for all from the student
- Outdoor rink in yard (thanks to custodian)
- Newsletter – virtual – videos available; include sample lessons to see what is happening in the classrooms
- New playground equipment installed in the fall; opened at the Corn Roast
- School Council – Epicure fundraiser; Christmas sales (magazines); Citrus Sales – opportunity to fundraise and acknowledge healthy eating; looking for another school to partner to share a truckload of citrus products
- Fundraiser – School Cookbook; family recipes, student artwork

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

- Sir John A MacDonald – birthday celebration; choir participated
- Students had their pictures taken with Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Kim Campbell, John Turner
- Family Literacy Day – book exchange; bring a book and take one home; retirees from OLOL to come and read with primary classrooms
- K of C Free Throw Contest last Week
- First Reconciliation – Feb. 26th

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECO Schools – platinum level – one above gold; have to do three school wide activities; Mark Hadfield skyped the school; Diane Lawrence came in with endangered species today; will plan one more activity • St. Marguerite Bourgeoys feast day celebration • Fundraising – typically do spring, fall fundraisers; this year they will have a Spring Fair on May 2nd <p>Mother Teresa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advent mass • Christmas Shop • Shrove Tuesday • Graduation (Alice in Wonderland theme)– School Council assists in planning • EQAO night for parents; online presentation to watch and bring in Grade 3 and 6 parents • K of C Free Throw competition coming up • Spirit teams – all kids involved – volleyball bumping • Chess Club – do other schools have teams? Interested in a tournament? 	
Chairperson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jacqueline Edwards would be interested in the position • Called for nominations; accepted and seconded 	Chairperson of our East Regional School Council is Jacqueline Edwards
Recommendations for agenda for next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OAPCE – report 	
Next meeting – April 8, 2015	Our Lady of Lourdes at 6:30 pm	