

**St. John French Immersion Catholic School**  
**Parent Council Meeting**  
**Minutes: Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**In attendance:** Lara Chaloner, Michelle Carty, Kelly Todd, Win Braunsch, Anna Dzungowski, Cindy Howard, Idalia Pimentel, Daniel Baker, Judith Mackay Pepe, Christina Antal, Tony Sousa, Greig Archibald, Kevin Taylor, Toni Mc Neil, Daniela Albert, Philip Squire, Anna Gladysz, Mona Keller

**Regrets:** Carrie Culloden, Mary Anne Ryan, Teresa Luminoso, Veronica McAlea-Major

**Opening Prayer (Win)**

Lara read a poem entitled “What really is ASAP?”

**Table Introductions**

**Approval of minutes:** 1<sup>st</sup>-Kelly Todd  
2<sup>nd</sup>- Anna Gladysz

**Election of new council**

Treasurer Position- vote to keep it as is.

Unanimous decision

Cindy Howard-paperwork

Kelly Todd- deposits

Discussion ensued re: chair and vice chair versus co-chairs

Most agreed that having a chair and a vice chair worked better than co-chairs.

Phil moved to have Anna Dzungowski’s name stand as chair

Veronica McAlea Major’s and Teresa Luminosa’s names were permitted to stand as per their request via principal for Vice Chair or Chair.

Majority voted to have Anna remain the chair and Veronica be the vice chair.

Secretary- Michelle was looking to have someone take over the job of secretary.

Daniela Albert agreed to take the position of co-secretaries with Michelle.

All agreed.

**Staff Report (Idalia Pimentel)**

Table welcomes Idalia as our new teacher rep.

Nothing to report

**Vice Principal report (Daniel Baker): EQAO**

**Principal’s Report (Win Braunsch)**

1. Staffing: Welcome to new teachers! – Mme Antonina Vicari (gr 4/5) , Mme Rachel Zaverucha (gr 2), Mme Sheila Horrell (SK), Mme Ariadne Jevnikar (gr 7/8 sci & gr 2), Mme Anita Smith-Kelly (gr 3-6 Eng). We also welcome back Mme Sabrina Maxfield our EA, and Mr Gutierrez, our custodian. We are already appreciating the many gifts they bring.

2. Update on enrollment figures: JK - 40; SK - 35; gr 1 - 54; gr 2 - 58; gr 3 -50; gr 4 27; gr 4/5 - 24; gr 5/6 - 27; gr 6 - 30; gr 7 - 55; gr 8 - 59 (total = 457); We are the second largest school in the board. Please note: 5 new students since the article in the paper.
3. Faith in the school: Virtuous reality & Billet Bravo system is happily part of our school culture. As well, we had an assembly at the Church the day before our first mass where Fr Dariusz helped our students deepen their understanding of what happens at mass. Mme Vuylsteke's class led our first mass & it was a wonderful celebration, especially with our music ministry led by Mme St Laurent, Mme Brydle & M. Gutierrez. For our confessions this year, we will begin with a liturgy for all classes attending confession. As well, our primary division has will be celebrating monthly liturgies, to further bridge the gap between Church & School (part of our school improvement plan).
4. Extra Curricular: thanks to Mme Vuylsteke for running Terry Fox & organizing us for Cross Country (Oct 8); thanks to M Mazurkiewicz for leading boys 5 aside soccer; thanks to Mmes Jevnikar & Vicari for co-coaching boys volleyball & to Mmes Wouch & Pimentel for co-coaching girls volleyball. I will be refereeing home games, and providing assistance as needed. As gym time is limited, the junior boys will have soccer now & the junior girls will have intramural volleyball later in the year. *Greig has asked if we ever looked into using the gym down the street at LHSC. Win said it was looked into in the past and the reason we couldn't use it was because the gym did not have insurance. Greig has said he would look into it again.*
5. School Improvement Planning: In following the Board Improvement Plan & M of Ed directives, our school improvement plan addresses 4 areas: Faith formation, Numeracy, Literacy & Pathways/Transitions. Specifically, our school goals revolve around the following:
  - Bridging the gap between church and school
  - Increasing consistency in the use of spoken French
  - Increase exposure to French reading, where students orally express reactions to texts read
  - Increase student exposure to meaningful tasks related to numeracy
  - Effectively transition students through divisions to High school
  - Increase awareness around CFI issues pertaining to the cultural, learning and socio-economic diversity of our students as they strive to pursue their CFI education
6. Technology in the school : The data projectors are almost completely installed in gr 7 classrooms(ceiling mounted), and the document camera is in the process of being set up on a soon-to-arrive cart for the primary floor. Mme Mero's SmartBoard is being well used. Encouraging electronic communication – newsletters will be sent out electronically for classes with e-mail lists; there is also a possibility for banking to occur electronically; stay tuned. Cathy was given preliminary info at a secretary's meeting about 'cashless schools'.
7. H1N1 protocols: info was in school newsletter; hand sanitizers are installed in every class in the school & are on their way for portables. Custodians have increased the disinfecting of door knobs & computer keyboards. *FYI-Public Health nurse is in every 2 weeks. She is available to us if we need her.*

*Lara has asked that a reminder go home to the parents of children in grade 2 that Communion and confession are not being done with the school. It is the responsibility of the parents to set that up with the church. Classes have already begun in some churches and will begin soon in others.*

### **Chair Report: Reported by Anna**

SOHO (South of Horton Community Development) meeting—committee set up by the city. We should attend these meetings if possible. Next meeting is Oct 14<sup>th</sup>. These meetings could be a good way to network and be visible in the area.

## **Board Watch: Phil**

Phil gave a background on London District Council. Chair from every council is apart and should attend.

Lauren DeMelo has encouraged us to do a public presentation at the board to make everyone know about our issue here at St John's French Immersion.

Another French Immersion school is on the wish list but it is not approved yet?!!

Phil is recommending that we make a presentation. He will set this up a sub-committee and work on this.

Phil has reminded us to apply for the Pro-Grant!

Phil has the Annual Accessibility Grant and can e-mail it to those who are interested.

Field trip excursion document (Win forwarded to all via e-mail)- Please read and then send concerns to Phil and Win.

We are the only program where the board is seeing growth. There is declining enrollment everywhere else. Discussion as to why? And how that affects us.

## **Communication Team: Reported by Lara**

We facilitate all communication from council to the school. If anyone has info that they would like in the school newsletter, please let us know. Kelly and Lara will make a bulletin board at the front entrance to help keep the population informed.

## **Catholicity Team reported by Lara**

This team will help to bridge the gap between the school and the church.

## **Green Team reported by Lara**

Informally started last year, we were able to apply for, and receive grant money to plant a tree. Will be planted the week of the October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Tony has offered to provide a snow fence and stakes for the tree.

The team will likely be meeting November to start new initiatives.

## **New Business**

### **Lead pipes**

Lara asked about the lead readings in the water for the school. Win did not have the report available but stated that the numbers and were not a concern. Report is available in the office in the red binder. Please see attached report in Appendix. Lara's concern stems from the London Middlesex Health Unit report that indicated that children under 6 should not be drinking water, flushed or not, from water that comes from lead service lines.

<http://www.healthunit.com/article.aspx?ID=13159>

She asked who would know if the feed pipes to the school from the city are lead or not. Curtis Macgee is our contact at board. It was also suggested that the city would have that information. Lara will follow up.

### **Portables**

Also some concerns about reports of mold in the portables.

There was mold in portables but repairs were done over the summer to get rid of it.

Mme Chung and Mme Camirand's portables are the oldest.

\$35,000 to move a portable.

Was there anything else that the portables needed? What about dehumidifiers? Administration said that they didn't think so and that dehumidifiers weren't necessary and there was no room for them.

Hand sanitizer is on the way for the portables. Water for the portables are paid for out of the QSP fund. Greig has suggested that we look for a sponsorship for the water in the portables

Discussion about the school calendar and the fact that the December PD day is gone. When will interview days be? Evening of Tuesday Dec 8th

### **Adjournment at 9:10pm:**

Anna Dzungowski (1<sup>st</sup>)

Anna Gladsyz (2<sup>nd</sup>)

### **Next meeting:**

Meet the last Tuesday of the month for 2009

Meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month for 2010

Tuesday October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Tuesday November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009

No meeting in December

Tuesday January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Tuesday February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Tuesday March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Tuesday April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Tuesday May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Tuesday June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010

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Minutes Approved at last meeting

**Hot Lunch team: Reported by Lara**

Pizza will continue to be provided by Dino's, a local pizzeria. The pizza count will be done Thursday...all are welcome.

Slow Food/Real Food Catering Co. is our alternative Hot lunch vendor for the year.

**Fundraising /Social team: Reported by Lara**

Monsignor Feeney donation total \$2640 minus 10% 2008/2009

The total of the donations so far this year is \$1355. ( \$700 Monsignor Feeney, \$655 to the school)

The Fundraising/social team will be having a meeting on October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the library.

**Finance report: By Cindy Howard**

***School Council Approved Budget 2009/10***

**Revenues**

Parent Involvement Grant	\$ 500
Hot Lunch Program	\$5,000
Fundraising	\$10,000

***Total Revenue*** ***\$15,500***

**Expenditures**

Annual School Functions

Grade 8 Graduation	\$1,000
Christmas Lunch	\$2,200

Enhancements to Education

Agendas subsidy	\$ 500
Chess	\$2,500
Classroom	\$2,200
Gifts/Family Support/ Teacher appreciation	\$ 500
T-shirts	\$ 800
VIP tshirts	\$ 300
Field trips	\$2,850
Guest Presenters	\$1,000

Catholicity	\$ 600
Green initiatives	\$ 300
<u>School events</u>	
Carnaval	\$ 250
<u>Business costs</u>	
Misc	\$ 300
Bank Charges	\$ 200
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$15,500</b>

*Motion to approve the proposed budget*

*1<sup>st</sup>-Michelle Carty*

*2<sup>nd</sup>-Daniela Albert*

*Vote: approval.*

NOTE: Administration informed us that 3 families have opted out of the chess program.

FYI-QSP account usually \$6000—this is an administration account not council.

**New Business:** none

Meeting Adjourned @ 9:30pm 1<sup>st</sup> Anna Dzungowski

2<sup>nd</sup> Toni McNeil

Next Meeting: Meetings to follow the Parent council meeting each month

Appendix 1. Staff list

<b>ST. JOHN FRENCH IMMERSION 09-10</b>	Lise Camirand 6 année 6b
Alejandra Mazariegos (Alex) JK/SK rm 5	Micheline St. Laurent 7 année (23) 7a
Morena Chirico JK & Gr 1 Eng rm 12	Idalia Pimentel 7 <sup>e</sup> année (20) 7b
Bev Bartlett/Sheila Wadsworth SK NOV 2	Shannon Mero 8 année (22) 8a
Marie-Thérèse Habib 1ere année (3) 1a	Jocelyne Furtado 8 année (21) 8b
Rose Cardelli 1ere année (2) 1b	Ari Jevnikar Sciences 7/8 & gr 2lto
Nelica O'Dowd 1ere année (1) 1c	Anita Smith-Kelly Eng 3-6
Meaghan McGrath 2e année 2a	Jodie Brydle Musique SK – 8 Tues, Wed, Fri
Rachel Zaverucha 2e année (4) 2b	Anne-Marie Wouch SPST & .2 planning time
Margot Marti-Marca 2 année 2c	Daniel Baker VP; 2 <sup>e</sup> année sciences
Jan Mazurkiewicz 3e année 3a	Win Braunsch Principal
Linda Lima 3e année 3b	Mariola Smolarek Bibliothécaire
Josephine Picanco – Dec 3e année (29) 3c	Cathy Coughlan secrétaire
Susan Vuylsteke 4 année 4a	Sabrina Maxfield Educational Assistant
Antonina Vicari 4/5e année 4/5b	
Patricia Chung 5/6 année 5/6a	

Appendix 2

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