



# ST. MARY CHS SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 27, 2018, Time: 6:30 pm

## Library

<b>IN ATTENDANCE</b>	JP Elliott (principal), Christa Monds (VP), Anne Pryor, Melissa Stillar (Co-Chair), Julie Marshall (Secretary), Priyantha Peiris, Kelly Brownson, Martin Osso, Jane Fournier, Michael Fenn
<b>REGRETS</b>	Anita Spence (Treasurer), Cathy Cavanagh (Chaplain), LeeAnn Butler
<b>PRAYER</b>	JP Elliott
<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES (from September 2018)</b>	approved
<b>FINANCIAL REPORT⇒</b>	<p><b>Balance Forward (Month: October Day: 31 year: 2018): \$1667.05</b></p> <p><b>Revenue:</b></p> <p>Casual Day Month: Oct year: 2018 \$790.00</p> <p>Casual Day Month: year: 2018 \$</p> <p><b>Total Revenue: \$</b></p> <p><b>Expenditures: \$</b></p> <p><b>Total Expenses: \$</b></p> <p><b>Bank Balance Forward (as at today): \$2457.05</b></p>

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT /  
SCHOOL BUSINESS**  
{ SECONDARY News}⇒

- Coach Dennis Hutt and the Sr. Boys Volleyball team travelled to Belleville for the “A” OFSAA Championships after winning EOSSAA.
- Coach Matt Reil and the Sr. Girls Basketball team travelled to Northbay for the “A” OFSAA Championships after winning EOSSAA.
- We hosted a Terry Fox run/walk on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and raised \$679.70
- Our grade 11 and 12 students participated in a Financial Literacy seminar during the morning of October 18<sup>th</sup>. They learned many skills as well as how to apply for post secondary scholarships.
- Our SHSM Arts and Culture students participated in a Music Therapy workshop
- And both SHSM programs participated in their first aid training.
- Learning Skills reports were distributed in October and High School Interviews were October 16th. High School Report Cards were distributed Nov 19th and Elementary Progress Reports on Nov 26<sup>th</sup> with Interviews on November 29th
- The Board-wide Resiliency Survey grade 7, 9 and 11 will take place this month at St. Mary. School teams gather and build on initiatives as they analyze the data from the previous year.
- Grade 9 TYKW day was a success at St. Mary with almost all our grade 9's participating.
- Representatives from Mental Health and Addition made Mental Health presentations to our grade 11 students this past month.
- Our academic awards took place at our October mass. This year we awarded students who achieved well in their courses. We had our Remembrance Day Celebration during our November mass which is always very moving.
- Our after school literacy and numeracy extra help has resumed again and should run into the spring. Wednesday's is math and Thursdays is Literacy.
- Senior Math students participated in Math contests and will travel to St. Mike's for a math competition this month.
- Our math teachers have met as a team at the school and our math team has gone to several in-services this Fall to improve our math teaching and student learning.
- Our grade 10's participated in a Mock Literacy Test. Students who need remediation before the Literacy are being encouraged to do so.
- We recognized Child Abuse prevention by accessorizing in Purple.
- We completed our mandatory 3 fire drills, bus evacuation drills and our lockdown drill.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The fall season is ending and our teams have had many successes to cheer about. The Sr. Boys volleyball team won EOSSAA. Senior girls basketball team won EOSSAA. Junior girls basketball and the Jr. Boys volleyball teams competed very well at LGSSAA. Our Cross Country team did very well.</li> <li>• Outdoor club has a ski trip to Quebec in February. Mr. Roy is the staff supervisor.</li> <li>• Throughout the Fall, Universities and Colleges come to St. Mary and present their programs to our graduating students. An excellent opportunity for our senior students to plan and be informed about their future. It was also St. Mary's turn to host the Regional University Information night in the gym. Families from the community meet with representatives from 21 institutions.</li> <li>• Hockey, Curling, Girls Volleyball and Boys Basketball are all at the beginning stages of their seasons with tournaments happening very shortly</li> <li>• The students going on the Guatemala Exposure trip have had a number of fundraiser including the cake auction. The parent group is very active and Father Brennan is very thankful for their efforts.</li> <li>• Waste Reduction week occurred last week; Corry Goddard is the staff lead and she spoke with the staff at the last meeting regarding this; the aste Reduction Trivia last week as well received; initiatives will continue throughout the year</li> </ul>
<p><b>SCHOOL BUSINESS</b>  { ELEMENTARY News}⇒</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elementary division has been busy starting volleyball in sports action. Both teams were champions last week winning the gold at the TISS invitational.</li> <li>• In intramurals students are in the gym enjoying beach volleyball. Playing twice a week.</li> <li>• Earlier this month students traveled to Smith Falls and enjoyed Rob Nash concert, talking about life challenges and some mental health issues. It was very entertaining and impactful.</li> <li>• Forty grade 8 students participated in Sources of Strength a new club starting every Tuesday in the Elementary, lead by Clint Smith our student support worker. Michelle Neville (CDSBEO Mental Health Lead) lead this day in the library and students were extremely engaged during the day.</li> <li>• MacMillan Fundraising results top class was 7-1, who raised the most and won a pizza party. The top fundraiser for the event was Kiera Cosgrove!</li> <li>• Progress Reports went home yesterday and interviews will occur later this week</li> </ul>

**CHAPLAIN'S REPORT**

{Cathy Cavanagh}⇒

- On Friday Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> we held a successful grade 9 retreat at St Mark Parish Hall, Prescott. The majority of grade 9s attended. Thank you to School Council for your financial support of our retreats.
- We had a beautiful Thanksgiving Mass on October 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Alpha Club (for Faith Renewal and Exploration) has been running once a week at lunch with about 20 students for most of the term and will wrap up in December.
- Justice League members and students in our SHSM in Non-Profit attended We Day in Ottawa on November 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Student Isabella Rochon was honoured at We Day for her work with our Indigenous Awareness Group. This group has started doing the blanket exercise again this year with classes that request it.
- The Canned Food Drive kicks off tomorrow with a rally organized by the Justice League. We will be providing non-perishable food to both Brockville and Prescott food banks, and look forward to this spirit-building full school activity. Mr. Bolger's grade 12 class will be handling counting and collecting. Various classes will be taking the food to the food bank and having a tour of the facility. We thank everyone for their support. We have a video prepared for tomorrow's rally, guest speakers, and a song 'Sweet Can of Mine' to be sung along to the band playing Sweet Caroline. Should be fun!
- Our Write-4-rights activity will be held in the library on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Students from the Justice League organize this annual event where members of the school community can sign online petitions or write letters on behalf of prisoners of conscience. This year we will be focusing on 10 female human rights defenders who are imprisoned in various countries.
- Our Advent Mass will be held next Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Weekly prayer services will be held in the chapel during Advent and we will have special prayers on the intercom in the morning.
- Father is offering the sacrament of Reconciliation throughout Advent, starting with the elementary classes.
- Grade 11 students will be visiting a synagogue and mosque in Ottawa on December 11<sup>th</sup> as part of their World Religions Program.

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<p><b>STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT</b> ⇒</p>	<p>“Good Evening St. Mary School Council.</p> <p>I am pleased to discuss some of the wonderful things that students have been doing at St. Mary in the past month. Whether it was through academic success, athletic achievement or artistic creativity; as per usual, the students at St. Mary’s are striving for and accomplishing excellence in all areas of their school lives. Since we last gathered, with collaboration and cooperation with the administration the student council planned a Halloween spirit week that allowed students to enjoy free cookies and candy, dress up in fun and appropriate costumes.</p> <p>On November 11<sup>th</sup>, the school community solemnly gathered together to recognize the great sacrifice of the members of the Canadian Armed Forces. I had the opportunity to sing with our wonderful choir; one of many opportunities that are available for students at St. Mary.</p> <p>Recently, the St. Mary OSAID team had the chance to attend a conference for students against impaired driving; hosted in Kemptville. This was a great opportunity for many student leaders to network and be involved in taking action against impaired driving.</p> <p>Moving forward, the St. Mary student council is pleased to be planning a fun filled Christmas spirit week for the high school students. We look forward to further discussions with the administration regarding the planning of a great week to embrace crusader spirit.”</p>
<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE</b> ⇒ {Request for Funds}</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request for funds: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Becki MacDonald (parent of Guatemala Exposure trip) requesting \$1000; discussion about amount for a small group; motioned to give \$600; Motioned by Priyantha Peiris, and seconded by Martin Osso</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
<p><b>NEW BUSINESS</b> ⇒</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outdoor Committee and yard improvement ideas: to be revisited at next meeting</li> <li>• Anne Pryor initiated conversation about the population explosion in the elementary and the challenges; Anne inquiring if there are possible solutions being discussed at the school and Board level; Administration shared that the conversation is occurring and that many schools at the elementary level are having similar challenges; however no changes are being made a this time; further discussion occurred</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Uniform Policy update (Christa Monds): suggested that the High School Student council review it to lend student voice and Parent Council review it at the next school meeting; Michael Fenn spoke to the Uniform concerns that have been shared at Student Senate and shared with the Parent Council that the supplier (McCarthy's) and the Superintendent are involved in finding solutions to share with schools</li><li>• Melissa Stillar shared a concern about student violence she has heard about in other local secondary schools and is inquiring if St. Mary has any of these concerns; JP Elliott shared that there have been some incidents this past September and October, but they have been handled by police; he also shared that there is a Board policy that is available; local principals are sharing information to keep the students safe</li><li>• Christa Monds shared information about a Connections program for at risk youth; she says it is a great partnership</li></ul>
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	<b>Motion for adjournment: 7:25 pm (Anne Pryor and Martin Osso)</b> <b>Next Meeting ➡ January 15, 2018 at 6:30 pm, St Mary Library</b>