



ST. MARY CHS

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 19, 2019, Time: 6:30 pm
Library

IN ATTENDANCE	Christa Monds (VP), Julie Marshall (Secretary), Kelly Brownson, Martin Noe, Jane Fournier, Anita Spence (Treasurer), LeeAnn Butler, Tyler Reid (student council), Holly Heuthorst
REGRETS	Cathy Cavanagh (Chaplain), JP Elliott (principal), Melissa Stillar (Co-Chair), Michael Fenn (student council), Priyantha Peiris, Anne Pryor,
PRAYER	JP Elliott
APPROVAL OF MINUTES (from September 2018)	Approved: Martin Noe, Kelly Brownson
FINANCIAL REPORT ⇨	<p>Balance Forward (Month: January Day: 10 year: 2019): \$ 1861.28</p> <p>Revenue:</p> <p>Casual Day Month: Jan 18 year: 2019 \$766.00</p> <p>Casual Day Month: Feb 8 year: 2019 \$764.00</p> <p>Casual Day Month: Feb 15 year: 2019 \$739.00</p> <p>Additional proceeds for all 3 casual days: \$157.00</p> <p>Interest - January statement \$1.91</p> <p>Total Revenue: \$2427.96</p> <p>Expenditures:</p> <p>Transferred to hockey account (approved at mtg.) \$400.00</p>

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Total Expenses: \$400.00

Bank Balance Forward (as at today): \$3889.24

- Secondary first semester reports were distributed in February.
- Our guidance department spent time with our grade 9, 10 and 11's to help them with their course selections for next year; Blueprint is the program used by all; choices have been submitted by most students and the remaining students will be given the opportunity to do this before the deadline at the end of the month; the Blueprint program is a useful tool (ie: interest inventories), for all students to plan their high school paths
- Our technology teachers brought a dozen St. Mary students to the Eastern Ontario Skills Competition. They competed in many categories such as construction, video production, photography, graphic art and hospitality. Many of our students placed 2nd and 3rd
- Mr. Murphy hosted the Waterloo math competitions for some of our students.
- Boys Basketball, Girls Volleyball, Boys and Girls Hockey finished up their seasons. All the boys and girls' basketball and volleyball teams won LGSAA. Everyone competed very well at EOSSAA in particularly the senior/junior girls volleyball teams who placed first. The senior girls team were OFSAA competitors in Kenora and were consolation finalist. The girls and boys hockey team lost at LGSAA. Badminton has started up to be followed by Soccer, Rugby and Track
- We had many casual days this month. Two of our casual days were for School Council to make up for a missed day in December.
- Our students went on the Guatemala Exposure Trip with Father Brennan. The experience was very impactful.
- Secondary teachers (and elementary) are now providing a link/instruction on our website under the OUR STAFF tab to be used during snow days. "The culture is going to change." Lessons will be posted the morning of a snow day. Teachers are using websites, CLASS OneNote, Microsoft Teams, Remind App to facilitate this change.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our grade 11 Religion classes are hosting a representative from Mental Health and Addictions over three days to learn more about Mental Health and healthy lifestyles. • We had a delegation of students go on a successful trip to France over March Break - a great educational experience • We hosted the community on February 19th and welcomed the grade 8 and 6 students at our Showcase Night. The night was very successful. Currently there are 135 grade 9's registered for September. We hope to break the 140 mark. 50 more than last year. • Students and staff are preparing for the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test which will be on Thursday, March 27th. • Secondary Learning Skills Reports go out Thursday, March 21st with Interviews on Tuesday March 26th. • We are exercising our second Lockdown Drill on April 2nd. • The preparation by the Musical Theatre Class of their production of Mama Mia is ongoing. Performance dates are May 31st and June 1st at the Arts Centre. • The Friday before March Break was the Staff vs. Student Hockey Game to raise money for the Defeat Depression campaign. It was an exciting game. This year the girls hockey team joined us the students. The teachers easily beat the students. • Bravo Breakfast is Tuesday March 27th, 7:30 AM @ St. Mary CHS. Two of our students will be recognized as "Unsung Heros" • Secondary Mid-Terms go home April 11th
<p>SCHOOL BUSINESS { ELEMENTARY News}⇒</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Elementary News, in intramurals was very successful with the 8-2 claiming gold today against the 8-1. • Basketball is well underway with both A and B teams competing here at St. Mary, TISS and Ange Gabriel in various tournaments. Coach Huntley is taking the boys away this Thursday competing at BCI. The girls Coached by Matt Reil, basketball teams go on March 26th to BCI.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hockey teams have gone to Ottawa, this year we have one female team and divided the boys into 2 equal teams, Mr. White is coaching all these teams. • Eco club is keeping us, recycling and collecting baggies and plastic bags to recycle and use again. • February was a big high school push with registration forms for grade nine flooding in. Our Open House was very successful and highly attended. • We visited grade 6 classes and have had some visits from our feeder schools to promote St. Mary and registration for next year. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We welcomed back our Guatemala mission trip in February after a very meaningful experience; presentation for these students will occur at a later date • Lent began on March 6th with a school-wide Ash Wednesday celebration. This was led by our Guatemala mission trip. • Justice League launched our school-wide Lenten Project in support of the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace at our Ash Wednesday mass. Period 2 classes will be fundraising. • Classroom liturgies will be held in the chapel during Lent on Mondays and Fridays. • Classroom teachers sign up with one of the chaplains. • Students are being offered the sacrament of reconciliation during Lent. All grade 7 and 8 classes have been given the opportunity so far. • Just Us Youth Day for grade 10s will be on April 9th in Kempville - postponed from the fall. • On March 19th, interested students including those in our SHSM in Non-Profit and our Justice League attended a retreat in Smiths Falls hosted by D and P with a focus on the refugee crisis. 	<p>CHAPLAIN'S REPORT {Cathy Cavanagh} ⇨</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ThinkFast, our 24 hour famine will be held on Wed, March 27th through Thursday, March 28th. Activities will be held after school on the 28th and all students must raise \$24 for Development and Peace to participate. The speaker from Development and Peace who will be leading our after school activities will also address the school period 5 on that day. We will break our fast together at 4:30pm on the Thursday with a meal provided by the chaplaincy department. • Holy Week mass will be held April 17th. Everyone is welcome. • We have received a new carpet in the chapel to warm the space!
STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT⇒	Planning a spring fling week April 29 - May 3, 2019: using money in their account for fun activities; activities to be approved by Administration: Mon: popsicles, Tues: Twin day; Wed: Trivia Day; Thurs: Semi-formal; Fri: talent show; Goal is to give prizes to encourage involvement and improve school spirit
CORRESPONDENCE ⇒ {Request for Funds}	Request for funds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From last meeting: Awards and Bursaries for St. Mary CHS Diane Wooler from Guidance spoke to the awards available and some of the criteria; School Council Award is sponsored by School Council and the Criteria is broad to allow the opportunity for students who may not fit the stricter criteria; discussion about 4 x \$250 awards for deserving graduating students; additional criteria: preferably two males and two females, but the Awards Committee at the school will be given the final say; it is our intention as a Council that this will be the plan, 4 x \$250 (total \$1000) moving forward to future years • Mr Janssens: Drama Team week of 28-30 requesting \$540 to pay the rights to perform and entry fee; 14 students and 1 staff; \$540 approved unanimously

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Hutt: for Senior girls volleyball in Kenora: requesting funds in the amount of \$1000 to help offset the cost of the tournament costs; 10 students and 1 staff; Council will donate the next casual day (to be approved by Mr Elliott) to the OFSAA team and have unanimously approved \$250 from the School Council account: approved unanimously • Discussion about holding a second casual day each month for a "fund" for unexpected expenses (such as travel, entry fees and accommodations for students) for competitions • Discussion about how much money can be carried over each year ➤ Both of the above to be revisited at next meeting 	<p>NEW BUSINESS ⇨</p>
<p>Motion for adjournment: 7:25 pm (Jane Fournier and Anita Spence)</p>	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>
<p>Next Meeting ⇨ May 14, 2019 at 6:30 pm, St Mary Library</p>	