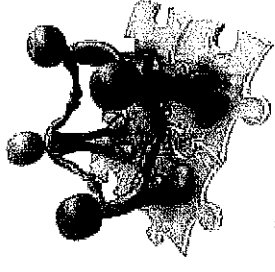


ST. MARY CHS SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 14, 2019, Time: 6:30 pm

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<p>IN ATTENDANCE</p>	<p>JP Elliott (principal), Christa Monds (VP), Julie Marshall (Secretary), Kelly Brownson, Jane Fournier, Anita Spence (Treasurer), Chyna Robertson (student council), Michael Fenn (student council), Anne Pryor</p>
<p>REGRETS</p>	<p>Cathy Cavanagh (Chaplain), LeeAnne Butler, Holly Heuthorst, Martin Noe, Melissa Stillar (Co-Chair), Priyantha Peiris,</p>
<p>PRAYER</p>	<p>JP Elliott</p>
<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES (from March 2019)</p>	<p>Approved: Anita Spence, Anny Pryor</p>
<p>FINANCIAL REPORT ⇨</p>	<p>Balance Forward (Month: March Day: 18 year: 2019): \$ 3889.24</p> <p>Revenue:</p> <p>Casual Day Month: March 29 year: 2019 \$844.55 Casual Day Month: April 26 year: 2019 \$656.00 Casual Day Month: May 3 year: 2019 \$660.30 Interest - January statement \$4.83 Total Revenue: \$2165.68</p> <p>Expenditures:</p> <p>Transfer - Drama (NTS Festival) (approved at last mtg.) \$540.00 Transfer - OFSAA girls VB (approved at last meeting) \$250.00 Total Expenses: \$790.00 Bank Balance Forward (as at today): \$5264.92</p>

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

- Vince Norton and Sarah MacDonald were our Bravo recipients for this year. We hosted the local schools, board officials and community politicians on April 30th.
- Our inclusive Coop program now includes the Crusader Café program which runs on Fridays. Several of our supported Coop students have started an in school business delivering Coffee to customers on Fridays. The coffee and hospitality are welcomed and expected by the staff. The students have created a budget, purchased equipment, collected fees and learned hospitality, social and serving skills.
- Our Drama Team has been very successful with their competitions. They have received many awards and both locally and regionally. All participants had fun and learned much.
- Grade 12's wrote the Waterloo Euclid Math contest, the Sir Isaac Newton contest and the Chem 13 contest
- Grade 9 Science classes participated in the Robotics and Tech and Tinker workshops provided by Queens University.
- We are offering Grade 11U Computer Science next year. Mr. Murphy is the teacher.
- Mrs. Whitton took 21 students to the Limerick Forest to participate in the Envirothon. 3 of our teams place 1st, 2nd and 3rd versus other schools.
- We have a very active EcoSchools team lead by Ms. Corry and Ms. Spencer. They have a good group of hardworking students involved who provide just the right amount of gentle pressure to keep us Ecofriendly. We had a very busy Earth Week which included the Outdoor Cleanup and the Litterless lunch day.
- Interested girls in grades 10-12 were invited to Kingston on April 25th for a Women in Trades workshop.
- Our school received a deployment of new computers. Classrooms received a point of instruction computer. Elementary classes have 5 for each class of students. High School computers were distributed in the Library Lab, the Student Success room, the upstairs lab and in the library for signing out. Computers were also distributed to special education students. The process went fairly well. Going forward our CDSBEO schools are leasing

computers on a 42 month cycle. Schools have the option of leasing their own computers for \$180 per year. We are pleased with their performance

- We had a very busy sports season: Track and Field, Girls Rugby, Boys and Girls Soccer, Boys Baseball and girl's softball. The entire athletic year will be celebrated at the Athletic Award Banquet - June 11th
- This summer there is work being done to the some of the rooms in the school. The gym roof is being replaced and the parking lot is being repaved.
- Courtside Basketball Clinics were offered again this year with lots of participants.
- The Musical Theatre Class is presenting Mamma Mia: The Musical May 31st, June 1
- The Grade 11 Religion classes is going to the Holocaust Museum and the Arts class went to the Art Museum
- Students will write the EQAO Grade 9 Math, June 11 and 12th.
- Prom is June 7th at the Memorial Centre. Safe Prom activities occurred with our MADD presentation coming soon. We have also notified Brockville Police of the activities and have rented a police officer.
- Students will write their Culminating Activities in their classrooms June 13 - 18. Exams begin June 20 - 26
- High School Graduation is June 27, 7:00 pm. We are hosting it in the gym this year again. Last year was a huge success.

Sports

- A special thank-you to our basketball coaches Mr. Reil and Mr. Huntley who had very successful basketball seasons this year in the elementary division. Both coaches had two teams, to help maximize participation. Each team participated in a number of local tournaments, here are some details about the Elementary Girls Basketball Season:
 - "A" team record was 13-3
 - "B" team record was 3-6
 - "A" Team won: St. Mary Tip-off Tourney, Ange Gabriel Invitational and the Catholic Cup

SCHOOL BUSINESS

{ ELEMENTARY News} ⇨

- "B" team finished the season with big win over the St. Michael "A" team to advance to the Catholic Cup Championship semi-finals but lost in a fun game to the "A" Team
- A very strong group of girls on both the "A" and "B" team and Coach Reil is looking forward to a bright future in the LGSSAA High School Basketball play over the next 4 years

Other News

- Our Eco team has been very active and informative. Under the leadership of Corry Godard, the small committee has led us in a number of earth day activities and events this year. One of the highlights was an afternoon of fun stations, that involved each student planting a flower, relay races and cleaning up the school year.
- Mrs. Spencer traveled to Kanata with a group of female elementary students interested in future careers in the trades. (Women in the Trades) This full day of guest speakers and work shops proved to be extremely interesting and engaging for the students who participated. Mr. White took 25 students to Connections an annual program that St. Lawrence college offers to local grade 7 and 8 students to get them interested in what college has to offer and spark their interest in pursuing this option after high school. This week a number of students are travelling to Queen's University to participate in a 3 day enrichment experience. On Monday and Tuesday April 29, and 30 all elementary students participated in our track and field day held on site here at St. Mary. Students were encouraged to try as many different events as possible and cheer on their classmates. Athletes have been practicing twice a week to prepare for their individual events and on Monday May 12, was our first track and field meet of the year, held at TISS.

In June, we look forward to the following events:

- *May 30- Mamma Mia Highschool Musical Performance*
- *June 6- Track and Field LGESSA*
- *June 21- Year End Trip to Montreal to see Cirque de Soleil and visiting the Basilica*

• June 25-Final Mass and Awards at St. Francis Church

• June 26-Diploma Presentation at St. Mary for Grade 8 Students

• Our 24 hour Fast fundraiser for Development and Peace (called THINKFAST) was held on March 28th. A guest speaker from Development and Peace spoke to the whole school about the plight of refugees, and then led an after school workshop with THINKFAST participants. They then shared a meal together. We raised \$900.

• Our Holy Week Mass was held on April 17th.

• On Holy Thursday our Guatemala team presented to the school in the gym, and then over 100 students participated in a Stations of the Cross Walk in solidarity with refugees. We walked over 1000 km. This was organized and led by the Justice League.

• We completed our Lenten Project for the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace, raising over \$1200 for their work with refugees.

• Our Indigenous Awareness group is in the process of leading the Blanket Exercise with grade 8s.

• During Catholic Education Week we sent a team to represent us at the Board wide Mass on May 6th in Kemptville.

• Over the last few weeks members of the Justice League have been visiting area Catholic elementary schools to do presentations on poverty in preparation for our Walk Against Poverty.

• On May 8th, we held a prayer service to kick off Indigenous Awareness Day. Students then participated in a variety of activities, including three sisters soup, basket weaving, and a display of indigenous-inspired art.

• On May 10th, as part of CEW, Catholic school graduate and actor Tom Cavanagh (*The Flash* - Netflix) visited the school to speak with students in our 2 SHSM programs. In addition to his acting, Tom is involved in a number of non-profit charitable endeavours.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

{Cathy Cavanagh} ⇨

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On May 10th we joined regional Catholic schools for a CEW mass at St Francis Church where we were represented by our elementary panel (who also led the readings). Students from both the high school and elementary school then participated in our annual Walk Against Poverty to encourage civic leaders to do more to solve the problem of poverty.
<p>STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT ⇨</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spring Fling went better than expected; outdoor activities and all treats were well received - lots of school spirit displayed during the week Spring Fling dance was fun and very positive and very well attended by all grades Looking ahead: therapy dogs and snacks for exams
<p>STUDENT SENATE ⇨</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Trustee Elections went well at the Student Senate and another St Mary student, Jo Purcell, has been voted in to represent for the next school year
<p>CORRESPONDENCE ⇨ {Request for Funds}</p>	<p>Request for funds:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Reil - requesting \$750 to put toward a project to begin replacing the banners in the gym: approved unanimously Student Councils both Elementary and Secondary requesting \$500 for refreshments for graduations: approved unanimously Ms. Cavanagh requesting \$700 for the Retreats in the Fall 2019: approved unanimously Ms. Whitton requesting \$250 to compete at Envirothon this Spring: approved unanimously
<p>NEW BUSINESS ⇨</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Decision was that School Council will continue to handle each request case by case Three students are traveling with Mr Dowd in two weeks for the D Day celebration; they will be traveling with students and staff from St. Micheal in Kemptville

- Mr. Elliott announced he will no longer be Principal at St. Mary as he is moving to be Head of International Studies and Principal of St. James Continuing Education/ABLE/PSW/Turning Points program in Smiths Falls; Stephane Wilcox is replacing Mr. Elliott as Principal of St. Mary CHS in Brockville
- Motion to create an account within school banking named School Council Yard Improvement: motioned by Kelly Brownson, seconded by Anne Pryor and approved unanimously;
- Motion to move \$2000 to the Yard Improvement account: Anita Spence and seconded by Kelly Brownson; approved unanimously
- As per JP Elliott:
 - Staffing for the next school year: 4 year plan;
 - grades 9-12 at St. Mary CHS in Brockville will see the following staffing changes: Mr. Szydlo and Ms. Thibodeau will not be at St. Mary and Fran Graham is officially retiring;
 - high school student and teachers will notice the following changes: larger class sizes, fewer options;
 - school and Board have many tough decisions ahead of them
- ****To discuss in September: Yard Improvement Committee to reconvene and move on the action items for the Yard Improvement**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion for adjournment: 7:45 pm (Jane Fournier and Anita Spence)

Next Meeting ➡ September 24th, 2019 at 6:30 pm, St Mary Library