

November 17, 2008
St. Mary's SAC

Present: Jackie Simpson, Todd Chisholm, Joyce Dunn, Leila Buchanan, Teresa Donnelly, Sherrí Clarke, Vicky Parent, Jeff Cale, Joan Good, Ward Baxter, Jim O'Hara

Welcome and opening prayer led by Jackie

Treasurers report:

Currently there is \$7771.84 in the account, however the signage is about to be completed which will be approximately \$4500 and appx. \$2000 outstanding for waterbottles.

OAPCE report:

Newsletters go to Sherry Bezaire

Correspondence:

None

Playground Work Bee:

2 new 4 squares were added. Tether balls are also used daily. The students all seem to be enjoying the new play equipment. New play equipment for grades 2-6 is a couple year goal. A committee is being formed to do some fundraising in this aspect.

Christmas Celebration:

Scheduled at Knights of Columbus for December 10th 6:30pm. To be all inclusive of all students.

Parental involvement:

In the past the school has had literacy events which have been successful.

National Literacy Day is scheduled for January 27th, 2009

Jackie also has an author connection and is hoping to bring her in at this time.

In February there are plans for Terese Bowler to come and do a parent info.

Night

In April plans for Katie Kohl to come and do a presentation on media for parents

In May there is the spring fair

Water bottles:

Are now in the school

The environmental club is getting off the ground, with assistance from Elisabeth Spaletta. The group will be talking about reducing waste and drinking more water.

Family photos:

28 families signed up. Joyce offered to supervise 6:45-9:30pm; Sherry can do 8am-10am; Teresa 10:30-12:30.

Leila and Vicky to do set up and will return and do clean up Saturday afternoon.

\$10 from each family signed up goes to the school, cheques can be made payable to St. Mary's or pay in cash.

Joan to get cash box and Vicky to get receipt booklet.

Crossing guard:

Teresa left a message for Larry McCabe regarding getting a crossing guard, which currently teachers are doing.

School Improvement Update:

School looking at critical thinking skills in students and developing these skills.

Signage:

Should be installed in the next few weeks (weather permitting).

School Christmas Float:

Done in partnership between St. Mary's School and CPF, to show unity of the school. Theme is Christmas around the world. Parents/students getting together Saturday 2pm to put float together. Students wanting to be on the float to be at Wellington ST. for 6:30pm

Website:

Jackie to contact webmaster to see about getting SAC minutes and school letters off the net.

Samko fundraiser:

Letters went home today for play equipment fundraiser.

Fundraising:

There are only to be 2 major fundraisers a year. A fundraising committee is being formulated for new play equipment.

Committees:

Jackie received a positive response for different committees such as anti-bullying, school snack program (where there is \$5 000-6 000 to be accessed), school crisis response team, head lice checks etc.

Teacher awards:

Jackie shared information on nominating a deserving and exceptional teacher in Ontario (in different categories). Deadline is January 31, 2009.

Smart Board:

New board was purchased and now set up in Grade 5-6. There are also clickers which can be used until January 15th. The school also has 3 projectors.

Shoe box notes have gone home.

Discussed no child being left behind due to financial difficulties. Noted that CWL and Knight often give donations. This is to be reviewed in the future if SAC needs to donate if funds are required.

Next meeting: January 19th, 2009