

**ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL**  
**CSCC PARENT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**



MINUTES: January 23, 2017

6:30pm

<b>ATTENDEES</b>	<b>ROLE</b>
Heinrich Bebie	Principal
Wendy Lash	Chairperson
Anne-Marie Hawke	Secretary
Mary Santos	Treasurer
Kim Komes	Parish Rep
Michelle Correa	Teacher Rep
Julie Liimatainen	Parent Community
Darlene Marett	Parent Community
Carolynne Nigro	Parent Community
Lorenzo Nigro	Parent Community
Leslie Pollak	Parent Community
Michele Wilson	Parent Community
Susan van Amelsvoort	Parent Community
Bob Marple	Parent Community
Lisa Smith	Parent Community
Lee-Ann Turza	Parent Community
Kim Owen-Babcook	Parent Community

*Meeting Called to Order with Prayer*

**Approval of December 12/16 Minutes** – approved

**Parent council binders** – Leslie Pollak

- “*School Councils – A Guide for Members*”, binders distributed to council members by Leslie Pollak
- For council review; binders contain information regarding the Regulations, processes and procedures of a formal school Parent Council
- Members are asked that if they are not returning to the council in future years, to please return the binders to the council for other members to use.

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

- Cafeteria committee – next meeting on Feb. 27 at 5:30 p.m.
  - Cafeteria staff extend thanks to Council (*refer to previous minutes of Dec 12/16*)

- **New technology:**
  - presentation & tour of classroom by Nick Stefano, teacher
  - Mechanical design class (next semester) in need of new computers with upgraded design software
  - Mr Stefano discussed with the Council the need for upgraded (CAD-CAM) software and the need for upgraded computers that will run this software. The software will be at be cost to the school – but the computers will cost \$12,995.00. Principal Bebie received approval from Board to purchase 20 refurbished (DEL) computers for this program.
  - Much of this money already raised but Mr Stefano was requesting \$4,000.00 to offset the cost.
  - Council approved by full consensus the request for \$4,000.00 to be used toward the purchase of the computers
  
- **Counselling update:**
  - Last year, school had 3 social workers to counsel students, but none provided for this school year.
  - Principal Bebie met with Dr. Pat Carney, Board Psychologist, who has provided our school with a PhD student to come to the school twice weekly to counsel students.
  - Parents are asked to please forward any concerns to Principal Bebie who will address it with Steve Morrow, Special Education representative with the Board.
  
- **Highlights of student survey:**
  - *item deferred to next meeting*
  
- **Inclement weather days:**
  - 5 to date; producing increased stress on students, teachers and parents – especially during pre-exam period
  - School remains open during snow days – but majority of students do not show up to class even though less than half (~40%) of students use bus transportation to get to school.
  
- **Eat Well to Excel – supporting students at St. Peter’s:**
  - Very popular program, so much so that we have run out of funds – it is run by volunteers (students and educational assistants)
  - Looking at ways to fundraise for this program to keep it going
  - Principal Bebie has contacted Karen Martin, Simcoe County Rep Coordinator for further funding
  - Request by Principal Bebie for \$2,000.00 from council to support this program to keep it running
  - Council approved by full consensus the request for \$2,000.00 to be used to support the Eat Well to Excel program
  - Motion put forward that in future, Principal Bebie can use Council funds if needed then let council know (no pre-approval required) – motion passed.
  - Dave White will be invited to a future meeting to discuss this breakfast program.

- **Semester two staffing/courses:**
  - 50+ new students for next semester
  - New music teacher starting Semester 2
  
- **Parish Update:**
  - Father Jose left SJV on December 29, 2016 to retire. He will be spending his retirement in India. He left with Father Saji who is on vacation and will be returning (pending paperwork) February 4<sup>th</sup> with the new parish priest.
  - Steubenville Toronto opens up for teens at the end of January. 2000 teens gather at the University in Oshawa and stay on campus for 2 nights in residence as everyone gathers to share in praise and worship, listen to speakers, masses, adoration and much more.
  - The ‘Lift Jesus Higher’ rally is on Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> leaving at 6:45am and returning at 7pm. It is a smaller version of Steubenville with only 900 teens and held at the Toronto Convention Centre
  - All religion classes from semester 1 have had an opportunity to celebrate mass in the chapel with Fr. Saji and Berna. The same goal is for all religion classes in semester 2 to do the same.
  - Any youth activities going on at SJV are on the website under the youth tab.
  - Finally, everyone always talks about the absolutely incredible gift it is when St. Peters serves for Sunday Fellowship. The treats are beautiful and the team is so polite. An extra thank you to Miss Porier and the students for all that they do.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Semester 1 exams: Jan. 26-Jan. 31
- Semester 2 begins – Feb. 6
- OSSLT (Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test) parent information night – Feb 9 at 6:30 p.m.
- April 4 – Vimy Ridge Trip (20 students going)
- April 7 – Semi Formal – at the school, \$10/ticket
- April 27 – Dinner for those less fortunate – looking for volunteers to help – and donations of nut-free desserts
- April 26 – New York City
- May 5 – Ecuador Trip
- May 21 – Fellowship Sunday, St John Vianney
- June 29 – Grade 12 Grad

### **NEXT PARENT COUNCIL MEETINGS:**

- March 6
- April 27 (not an official meeting, but if members could come & help with “Dinner for those less fortunate”, that would be greatly appreciated),
- May 15
- June 19 (final meeting & social)