



**SIR EDGAR BAUER CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 6, 2016**



Present: Kathryn Peace, Melissa Lehmann, Jason Gorrie, Caroline Karlgard, Nicola Goertz, Cheryl Beaupre, Harris Boyiatzis, Linda Hayes, Charlie Van Alphen, Darlene Francis, Julie Kalbfleisch, Linda Kaweck, Melissa Schuett, Ron Dennis, Tina Chonko, Natalie Ferrier; Sara Kaptein, Teresa Iacuzzi,

Regrets: Cathy McDonald-Reis; Ian Sine, Doreen Weise, Eric Thuss, Darlene Francis

Sir Edgar Bauer Catholic School Council held a regular meeting on October 6, 2016 in the library of Sir Edgar Bauer. Jason Gorrie, co-chair and the secretary were present.

Charlie Van Alphen led the opening prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting in September were approved.

Charlie Van Alphen advised that the school's opening mass will be held on October 12<sup>th</sup> at 10.15am. There will be a First Communion meeting on October 12<sup>th</sup> at the church. Charlie reported that three more masses are planned for the school year – the next will be December 8<sup>th</sup> during Advent and will be held at the church.

Community Resource Worker, Taylor Dietrich from Carizon (a community based organization not connected to the school board) gave a presentation on the services they are offering within the school. On Tuesday mornings they are offering coffee mornings for parents in order to connect parents with community resources. Carizon offer consultations for families of students from JK to Grade 8. Consultations can be arranged by speaking to Kathryn Peace or your child's teacher. Carizon are offering monthly workshops beginning on November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8:30 – 9:30am. The workshop theme will be anxiety. Parent Council has been asked to provide workshop topics that they feel parents would be interested in.

Council voted on the Election of Officers as follows:

Co-Chairs – Jason Gorrie and Julie Kalbfleisch

Secretary – Tina Chonko. In Tina's absence, Nicola Goertz will fill in

Treasurer – Melissa Lehmann

Melissa Lehmann presented the School Council Financial Report

Meet the teacher expenses amounted to \$242.75. There is \$656 available cash.

Existing balance in the playground fund is \$3866.02. An additional \$5328.60 is to be transferred to the playground fund at the Waterloo Catholic Foundation. Melissa will investigate with Kathryn and Michelle whether two \$500 donation cheques have been moved to the playground fund.

Council discussed the budget and fundraising expectations for Spookathon and Pepperettes. Council is setting a fundraising goal of \$5000 for Spookathon and \$2000 for Pepperettes.

Melissa Lehmann provided council with a breakdown of the expected costs of Spookathon as follows:

Spot dance prizes - \$88

Pizza - \$80

DJ - \$225

Giveaways - \$100

Decorations - \$75

Council were asked to approve \$568 for expenses. Motion to approve carried.

Council discussed if there were any funding requests from teachers that we need to consider this year. Kathryn advised that it would be nice to replenish the outdoor winter bins that the classrooms have.

Council discussed setting aside money for busses to retreats and the following activities:

Pancake Tuesday - \$175

Movie Night - \$100

Bingo Night - \$100

The Parents Involvement Committee (PIC) Grant for \$500 needs to be used against community building items such as Bingo Night & Meet the Teacher. Buses for retreats to St Michael will be approx \$1800 this school year as we have 2 additional classes. Above costs approved in principal (subject to final fundraising amounts) Council agreed to defer agendas, grad, and all other requests for funds.

Kathryn Peace presented the EQAO results. They can be found in detail at: [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com)

Division	Reading	Writing	Math
SEB Grade 3	69	72	62
SEB Grade 6	89	80	51
WCDSB Primary (Gr. 3)	76	77	68
WCDSB Junior (Gr. 6)	81	80	52
Province Primary (Gr. 3)	72	74	63
Province Junior (Gr. 6)	81	80	50

To address the challenges schools within the board are facing with Math results, the Board is enforcing 60 minutes of math every day in the classroom.

The school and Board are analysing the results and have seen that students do well with straightforward math but struggle with wording and breaking down math problems. Grade 3 and 6 teachers are looking at the EQAO questions and looking at how better to prepare the Grade 3 and 6 students. Teachers are helping to prepare students by providing more exposure to multiple choice questions. Another area being reviewed is how students work collaboratively in class but EQAO students have to work independently.

EQAO results from last year should be coming home shortly.

Kathryn Peace presented the school budget for 2016/17. There is \$30360 of available funds which Kathryn is hopeful will be increased to reflect for the increase in student numbers.

Teresa Iacuzzi provided an update on Spookathon which will take place on October 28, 2016. Teresa passed around a volunteer sign-up sheet. Kick-off assembly took place on Wednesday October 5, 2106. Council discussed whether we could get the teachers to use some dance videos to get the students excited. This was a great success last year as we've never seen as much participation with the older grades as we did last year. Natalie Ferrier suggested that teachers could possibly incorporate this into their Daily Physical Activity (DPA) time. Melissa and Caroline have agreed to count funds collected for Spook-a-thon.

Jason Gorrie provided an update on the Stemmlers Fundraiser. He has confirmed with Stemmlers that unopened pepperette packages will last for 2-3 months. Once opened they should be consumed within two weeks. Jason reported that the orders will need to be collected and refrigerated at school before parents can collect them. Council will need a variety of coolers for storing the pepperettes during the collection time period. Cheryl will ask Stemmlers about the possibility of delivering. Sub-committee will review process for distributing the pepperettes. Nicola and Linda H will count collected funds for pepperettes.

Jason Gorrie presented an update on the PRO Grant: ESQ Science Night to be held on November 17, 2016. The sub-committee voted on the activity choices. Jason and Kathryn met with the ESQ reps. 4 classrooms will be used and 3 activities will be held in the gym. Snacks and drinks will be made available outside the gym during the evening.

Tina offered to help with the flyer for ESQ. Caroline will organize posters for ESQ and Spook-a-thon with students over lunch.

Melissa Schuett provided an update on the Playground. Sub-committee have been looking into possibility of seeking quotes (RFQ) as opposed to request for information (RFI) which have been requested. A budget of \$45,000 has been set, based on projected fundraising and grants that could be obtained by Spring of 2018. This would allow for the playground to be replaced during the summer of 2018. We would like to re-use any pieces that would still be viable such as the spider web climbing frame. Play-a-thon will go ahead as planned in May of 2017 and we will try and get corporate matching. The sub-committee is seeking help with organizing a silent auction in conjunction with Play-a-thon. This could also be done on-line too.

Other business – Jason advised that there is a meeting of Council Chairs coming up. Board is pushing for councils to work together to get more parents involved.

Kathryn reported two good news events. The WCDSB Website is featuring two schools weekly and SEB will be featured the week of October 10 - 14<sup>th</sup>

Kathryn also reported that on November 8<sup>th</sup> 91.5 The Beat Breakfast is coming to SEB to host their morning breakfast show. As part of the selection process, the school has been awarded \$500!!

An SEB Yearbook was also discussed during the evening. Council will need to investigate for a future meeting.

Adjourned at 8.08PM

***Next Meetings: November 24, 2016, January 12, 2017, March 02, 2017, April 20, 2017, June 08, 2017***