

**St. Patrick's Elementary
Local School Council Meeting
September 26, 2011**

Council Members Present: James W, Leann F, Siobhan G, Allen L, Steve M, Denise H, Roman M, Pat C, Jim N

Regrets: N/A

Administration Present: Deanne P (Principal), Patrick C (Vice Principal), Nancy K (Teacher Rep)

Prayer: Deanne opened the meeting with a short prayer.

Discussion Items	Action Item
<p>Adoption of May 16/11 AGM Minutes: Denise motioned to accept the minutes. Patrick seconded. Motion carried.</p> <p>Adoption of June 20/11 AGM Minutes: Siobhan motioned to accept the minutes. Jim seconded. Motion carried.</p>	
Business Brought by Community Members	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Question brought forward by a number of school parents to request Mary-Jane's be part of the school uniform instead of oxfords for the girls. Oxford shoes are not readily available in narrow sizes.• Decision to discuss any possible concerns with the bigger school community and allow Mary-Jane's upon definition of the language around what is appropriate (ie: Plain black leather, no embellishments, etc.).• Denise to define language around acceptable standards.• A motion will be made at the next meeting.• Suggestion to put a photo of what is allowed on the school website.	
Administration Report (Deanne P)	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Diocese is in the process of hiring an IT Consultant. Once hired this consultant will present to council. • Some big changes at the school this year include full day Kindergarten, which has had an adverse impact on budget. This is due to the loss of Kinder-care and the extra cost of hiring a second full day teacher. Specialist teachers are also being used with the Kindergarten classes which incur more expenses as well. • Building plans in future will include a safe, contained playground for Kindergarten children. In the meantime schedules have changed to allow Kindergarten children to have recess at different times. • Lunchtime has changed to allow a recess to have playtime first and lunch second. • Feedback from parents regarding this change has been positive. • A digital photo class has been implemented for Gr. 6 & 7. • A number of students will be attending the "We Conference" next month. The school received 30 tickets to send students. • Gr. 5, 6 & 7 retreats have been implemented. • Student speakers will speak on religion. • Deanne created a Parish Liaison position within the staff – Barb S is the Liaison. • Expanded creative writing programming. • Deanne showed LSC a number of different logos designed by Mobius Marketing to link all schools together to ICS with similar emblem but still allow each school its own features. • Feedback from LSC was that the idea for commonalities was liked but specific designs could use some revisions. • Deanne reviewed the budget. 327 registered students last year, 323 this year – but 4 more students to begin in January. • The number of Kindergarten students is up, but we lost 11- Gr. 5 students since last year. • Out of school Care budget is approx \$30 000 less due to the loss of Kinder-care program. • Administration costs have increased due to a newly shared admin cost that St. Andrew's High School used to cover. • We have 42 new families in the school this year. 	
Outstanding Business	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • n/a 	
New Business	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve M was encouraged to write a letter to the Bishop to ask to stay on LSC because his wife, Angela was hired only on a temporary basis. Normally for Steve to stay on LSC with his wife on staff would be a conflict of interest. • Review of the "Priorities for Action: 2011-2013 for all ICS Schools. • Review of each portfolio's identified tasks for the year. • Discussion of needed running record for each portfolio to keep records of on-going tasks. Suggestion to keep each portfolio tasks, etc. on disc or ISB sticks to be loaded onto a main-frame computer sometime at a later date. • Discussion re: having representatives' elected/appointed to ICS Board. 	<p><i>Steve to write a letter to the Bishop requesting to stay on St. Pat's LSC.</i></p> <p><i>James to draft a template of a running record and email it to all council members.</i></p> <p><i>James to email Joe Colistro to ask when ICS board members are elected/appointed and how we present board members for election.</i></p>
Chairperson Report (James W)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • n/a 	
Committee Reports	
Policy (James W, Roman M)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • n/a 	
Finance (Jim N)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • n/a 	
Buildings and Grounds (Steve M, Pat C)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • n/a 	
Marketing / Public Relations (Denise H, Allen L, Pat C)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • n/a 	
Parish Council (Siobhan G)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • n/a 	
LSC Social (Siobhan G)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • n/a 	
Human Resources (Leann F)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • n/a 	
Policy/Annual Plan (TBD)	

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• n/a	
Parent Auxiliary (xx)	
• n/a	

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting is Monday October 24th @ 7pm (School Library).