

**St John's School Council Minutes**  
**Monday January 25, 2010**

**Present:** Dominic Richens, Lynn Fowler, Cheryl O'Connor, Deborah Hamilton - Foley, Melanie O'Neil, Lana Nolan, Brenda Noonan, Beth McNally, Donna Poole, Diane Jackson, Julie Barr-Dowdall, Peter McCracken, Andrea Cunningham, Bev Gemmill and Louise Bron.

**Regrets:** Heather Harrigan and Lisa Saunders

**Welcome:** Dominic welcomed everyone, and noted that the Playground Committee was breaking from their meeting to join us to give their report.

**Playground Committee Report:**

- Melanie shared with us that Belair Equipment sent out pamphlets and the kids voted on what they would like to see in their playground.
- Two separate letters have been prepared, 1 for businesses and the 2<sup>nd</sup> for parents. These letters outline the relationship and the connections that are made in our community.
- We have only just started to fund raise and we already have \$7000, anyone who contributes to our fundraising efforts will be noted on our website, our goal is \$51,000. \$100,000.00 will be the cost to cover the structures.
- We have already received a generous donation of approximately \$2500. In pea gravel from Crain Construction.
- Fund raising events are being well organized and monitored and we are trying not to have to "go to the well" too often.
- Each division will be planning a fund raising event. Primary- PJ's for the Playground day on Friday February 5<sup>th</sup>, where kids can wear their pj's to school for only a \$2 donation to the playground. Juniors will have a fundraising day in March and the Intermediates in April.
- Our goal will be to have completed fundraising by mid April.
- We will be holding a dance and silent auction as the "big" fundraiser for the playground, on Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup>, at Farrell Hall. Tailgate will play !!
- The proceeds from this upcoming movie night will be in support of the playground and Peter will hold a 50/50 draw as well.
- May 1<sup>st</sup> Fun Run (our 5<sup>th</sup> year) monies will be split between Phys Ed equipment and the Nutrition Committee and the playground committee.
- We are still looking to May 29 as the build day for our Playground. Please be sure to sign up on our website and register to volunteer for this exciting day in St John's history.
- We discussed the "Family Dance" and the "Playground Dance" and how they might impact each other. The 2 dances are a completely different "target market", and should not impact each other. A suggestion was made to have a table to promote the playground and the April 10<sup>th</sup> dance. A further suggestion was made to put together a "joint" letter for the Irish Dance and the Playground dance, so

everyone understands that these are 2 separate functions .

**Approval of the November Minutes:** Kevin Hogan motioned to approve the minutes of our November meeting as published. Seconded by Terri Brady.

**Correspondence:** Dominic received a School Council Survey from “People for Education”, he will go ahead and respond to this survey regarding what is desired in a principal.

OAPCE AGM will be held in Niagara Falls this year on the weekend of May 15 if anyone is interested in attending. Lynn indicated it is an interesting weekend and there is lots of information and ideas to be collected.

### **Principals Report:**

- We are in full swing in all sports in the school.
- Preparation meetings for 1<sup>st</sup> communion and confirmation for grades 2 & 7 are coming up soon.
- \$750 was raised for Hats for Haiti which was organized by Mrs White’s 5/6 class. Way to go !!!
- Kids from grades 3-7 were entertained by the Canadian Halfpints and everyone enjoyed it!!
- Just a reminder that February 3<sup>rd</sup> is a PA day !
- The week of February 16-19 will be Olympic Carnival Week with different activities planned around the Olympics.
- Monday February 15 that week is Family Day and there is no school.
- Kids are getting ready for speeches in class, in the gym and at the Legion levels.
- St John’s was picked to be part of the “Medic alert” program. Not every school is chosen for this programs so we are very lucky.
- Terri spoke to the superintendent with regards to early immersion: do we want to do a survey to find out if our population is in favour of early immersion, Terri will inform the superintendent to go ahead with the survey.

### **Chairperson’s Report:**

- Dominic received a letter with regards to the PIC Grant of \$500, to say that we had been approved. The question was raised to know if we can use this grant towards the playground build day?
- Our board requested a Principal Profile to be done, however one was just completed last year, do we want to do another. A general consensus was that we are fine with what was submitted last year.

### **Treasurers Report:**

- We received \$386.00 in spirit wear , \$336.00 from our October Movie night, and Chocolate was \$7645, Total Balance is \$8400.00
- Chocolate Bar sales were \$7089.40 in 2009.
- Terri suggested that we invite the Canadian Half Pints back in the fall to do a evening fundraiser at the high school?

- We will try to sell the remaining chocolates at the movie night and Dominic will also sell some at his work.
- Kevin suggested to have a bin of socks and mitts available for the students in case of wet feet or wet/missing mitts. Peter motioned to give \$50 towards the purchase of these items, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bev.

**Movie Night:**

Lynn is all organized for next weeks movie night. Terri & Deborah and Dominic will help with payment, and drink and popcorn handout. The movie will be “Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs“. Terri will do a cynervice to remind parents.

**Polar Plunge:**

Thanks to all who attended the polar plunge we had a great turn out and helped raise \$26,000 for the Food Bank.

**Trivia Night:**

We will revisit the idea of a Trivia Night in September 2010.

**Family Dance:**

Everything is organized for the Family Dance on Friday March 5, 2010 announcements will go out in February. The band will be The Barley Shakers, which are a 12 member band. Further discussion continued about the “Twoonies for Tuitions” who was our charity last year. Beth will speak to her dad, who is our “Twoonies” contact, to see how he feels about having the charity be the Playground for this year and return to “Twoonies for Tuitions” for next year.

**Cookie & Muffin Dough:**

We discussed holding the cookie and muffin dough campaign in February/March, however with the business of the playground at hand, Terri is concerned about “dipping in the well” too often. Dominic will offer this fundraiser for this year to the playground committee, and we will readdress this fundraiser for council for September 2010.

**Agenda Items for Next Meeting:**

Playground Committee  
Movie Night  
Family Dance

**Next Meeting:           Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010**