

Attendees: Lily Gall, Karen Ditoro, Lynette Tinoco, Sammi Khachi, Radolfo Rivas, Grace Melo, Lee Weare

Absent: Angela McIntyre, Bernadette Madill, Joanne Jones, Lenie D’Souza, Ceyda Tocsoy, Rey Reyes, Tracy Taylor

Principal: Gino Montanari

Vice Principal: Kevin Wong and Chris Chliszczyk

Teacher representative: Holly Roberts

Student representative: Sharen Jarjis

Agenda

1. **Opening Prayer** – Lily Gail
2. **Approval of minutes –Delayed due to lack of Quorum**

Delayed vote – at conclusion of meeting 7:45 pm

1st - Sammi

2nd – Karen

Action Items: Completed except for Parent Handbook - Sammi to provide Kevin with the file.

3. **Public Health Nurse – Rosie Ilnisky**

JV FOS initiative – PowerPoint presentation of services available from public health
Services are all posted online on various social media and internet sites for easy access to both parents and students.

Goal Public health is collaboration with JV FOS and last year conducted survey for asset building in relation to mental health resilience and capacity building. This included a joint school councils holding a meeting and discussed mental health concerns and resources available. PH also extended this and conducted discussions in various elementary schools for student input.

This year, last month conducted similar meetings with students at JV – discussions included anxiety towards transitioning to high school.

Ready set WHOA – packages distributed to elementary schools grade 8 students

Immunization information – resource is available

Students without immunization without exception will be suspended – this is the direction from the medical officer of health. Suspensions are indefinite until immunization records are provided. Students born in 1998 and 1999 students will be the target group.

4. **Principal's Report** – Gino Montanari

Introduction of VP – Mr. Chliszczyk – welcome and introductory comments.

Updates

Dec 9th – Advent mass this Wednesday during the day and an evening Christmas Concert ~~mass~~ at 7 pm.

Dec 11th, - Best buddies Christmas party is hosted this Friday at JV – Dec 11th

Dec 18 – condensed schedule for early dismissal at 1250 pm.

Donations for 2015 Graduation Awards

JV school council – 3 graduations awards presented last year \$100.00 each, School council elected to continue with the same this year.

Community businesses – consideration for school council to contact community partners who may be willing to give graduation awards. Stipulation will be that the school selects the candidate but the business can determine the criteria for the award. They are also welcome to attend the event.

5. **Student Representative** – Sharen

Involved in the best buddies – life skills program. Recently went bowling

This Friday is the best buddies Christmas Dance and it is being hosted at our school.

Goodnight sleep campaign completed, which resulted in clothing being purchased for teens in need

Jersey day - \$2.00 and those donations went to the United Way

6. **Career Day – update** – Holly Roberts

April 21st – target audience grade 10 students and will be conducted in their classrooms
Guest speakers posted and students will sign up online for the guest speakers they are interested in.

Students will go to three sessions

Loot bag for students will be provided

7. **Chairs Report** – Lily / Karen

Webinar – Tuesday Dec 8th at 7 – 8 pm, Growing in Faith – today is the last day for signing up for this event

Bus Transportation – discussed previous actions taken and then shelved.

- Invite member of Milton transit to provide council with update for next meeting – **action item for Lee Weare**
- Discussions on whether school could conduct a student survey on the need for after school transportation.

8. Sub-committee Reports

Parent Engagement Committee

Pasta Night – April 14th – Sammi

Does not appear based on the feedback to date that this would not be a popular event as it's similar to events held at elementary schools.

International dinner (Thursday April 14th or 21st, 2016) – the event went well last year. But committee has a concern that we will not get the same donations as last time. Sub-committee meeting this Monday to continue discussion and planning.

Need to get confirmation on date (Mr. Montanari to confirm date).

The Haltom Multicultural committee was involved at last year's event and will be contacted again for assistance.

Fundraising – Silent auction – posters required – consideration for students to get involved in Art class for poster design etc. (Mr. Chlischczyk to follow up with faculty).

Speaker – PROGRANT \$500.00 – POP culture

Maximum capacity 400 seated in cafeteria

9. Faith Development

Catholic Women's League – spiritual retreat at St. Benedict Parish – this Saturday **Dec 12th at 9** am. Any women over 16 years old is welcome to attend at it is being held at Our Lady of Fatima.

Exposing Vulnerable People to Euthanasia and Assisted suicide – Alex Schadenberg speaker for tomorrow night at 7 pm, regarding the SCC decision for assisted suicide and euthanasia.

10. Selection criteria for School Principal

Faculty members excused themselves from the meeting

Discussions conducted on selection criteria – ranking of 5 categories and comments

1. Setting Directions
2. Building Relationships and Developing people
3. Developing the Organization to support desired practices

4. Improving the instructional program
5. Securing accountability

General discussion on previous submission and need for this annual review. Discussion included councils concerns about the need to emphasize Catholic Faith and Culture within the school. This included visual representations in the foyer and hallways espousing these values as well as the continued embedding of this within the school curriculum.

Discussed need for a mission statement that incorporates inclusivity of students, their right to learn and their safety.

Decision was for this information to be forwarded to the remaining members of council for their input.

Action item: Lily Gail will email the documents to council members ASAP. All council members will submit their ranking of these five categories accompanied with any corresponding commentary for each. This is required to be completed and emailed to Lily Gail by **Friday January 8th**, 2016. Lily Gail in turn, will correlate this information and disseminate this back to council members before Jan 25th, 2016. This is critical because this information has to be finalized at the next meeting on February 8th for submission prior to the due date of February 12th.

Next school council meeting – Monday February 8th, 2016