



**St. David Catholic Secondary School**  
*Heart of the Community, Success for Each, A Place for All*  
**School Council Minutes**

<b>Date:</b>	February 24, 2015	<b>Facilitator</b>	Gary Simon, Anna Winnett	<b>Prayer:</b>	JD
<b>Time:</b>	6:00pm - 8:00pm	<b>Location:</b>	Library	<b>Recorder:</b>	Denise Porter

**Present:** John Dietrich, Annette Dlugokeki, Christine Hampton, Debbie Nafziger, Deonne Cerullo, Denise Porter, Gary Simon, Suzy Petrosina, , Martina Rett, Joanne Klausnitzer, Cheryl Huehn, Robert McQuillan

**Absent:** Amy Mesina, Pam Cruz, Paul Radocchia, Anna Winnett, Shannon Sweeney,

Topic	Discussion	Action
Welcome and Introductions	Motion to approve January minutes – Christine Hampton 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Debbie Nafziger	
Video from Laura Shoemaker	Father Jim Martin Video – instead of giving something up do something positive Be Kind. 3 ways <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Don't be a jerk- don't pass along your misery</li> <li>2) Honour the absent</li> <li>3) Always give people the benefit of the doubt</li> </ol>	
Student Report	Feb event  What's your type – Canadian Blood Service  17+ and staff could be blood typed and then they could sign up to be taken by taxi to go give blood. Event was in honour of a student here who passes away from Leukemia about a year and a half ago  Winter SAC retreat. Talk of doing this every few months- went really well.  Planning for upcoming semester – spirit week, future fundraisers,	



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	<p>Catholic education week, Semi formal, dodgeball tournament</p> <p>Starting to create a new Spirit video to update it and make it a little more generic than last one. Lipdub: Singing a song as you were seeing areas of the school.</p> <p>Civics day 2 weeks ago – Harambee project.</p> <p>Knights of Columbus free throw event. Donate drinks for sale and school get the profits.</p> <p>March 5 – Hoops for hearts – sports leadership class taking this over</p> <p>Semi-Formal April 23<sup>rd</sup></p>	
<p>Principal's Report (attached)</p>	<p><b>Grade 8 night recap</b></p> <p>Grade 8 Passport Returns- perhaps was a miscommunication as to which portion of questions needed to be filled out.</p> <p>Well attended – 400 seats and people standing</p> <p>For next year try to shorten the amount of Adult speaking</p> <p>Need to update the pictures in the slideshow to keep faces recognizable</p> <p>Trailer was purchased for team Dave</p> <p>Feb 10 – District Support Visit</p> <p>Changed from being called a review to be more of an observation and feedback</p>	



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	<p>provided process.</p> <p>4-5 teams of administrators – Principals, Consultants and Superintendents- Also had participants from another board. Visited 30 different classes for about 15 minutes. Typical day – not set up to be a show for the groups. Give specific feedback.</p> <p>Slideshow (attached)</p> <p>Guiding question</p> <p>Is there evidence of instructional strategies, supports and or resources that reflect the diverse learning needs of students and that make their learning relevant and meaningful?</p> <p>Classroom visits in morning</p> <p>Group met in the afternoon to discuss observations. Recurring themes – 4 of 5 groups were asking the question what is it that you like about being a Celtic. Most common answer was the teachers</p> <p>Report is not in yet.</p>	
Chair Report	<p>Staff appreciation breakfast – January 30- feedback was very positive parent contributions were</p> <p>March 4 – Michael Reist coming – Gary was delivering flyers today 7:30 – newswire and synervoice will be sent out</p> <p>Help wanted:</p>	



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	<p>1) Committee to pick the teacher of the year – has 9 nominees this year. Needs 2 more people to help him make a selection. Duties would be to review the candidates and give an opinion on a winner- Cheryl Huehn and Robert McQuillan</p> <p>2) School Council Graduation Scholarship \$250. Looking for volunteers to help review the applications – Suzy Petrosino and Joanne Klausnitzer</p>	
Electronic Cigarettes	Electronic Cigarettes – “evap” Province has not banned them yet but the school treats them the same way as a cigarette. Would be reported the same way and a suspension would be given out.	
Business Arising	Annette Dlugokecki:  Money for plaques is not necessary – they are donating - \$150 can go back into council funds  Spoke to staff about opportunity for clubs and teams to come forth and request funds from School Council. Come back with a thank you and a display of where the funds went. Will be put on the May agenda.	
Next Meeting	Tuesday March 31	



## ST. DAVID CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

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### School Council Principal Report

February 2015

#### Grade 8 Student/Parent Evening Summary

##### Passport Returns

School	Returned Passports
St. Agnes	9
St. Luke	21
St. Matthew	8
St. Teresa (K)	7
St. Teresa (E)	1
SEB	6
St. Clement	8
St. Boniface	4
Other	1
Total	65

##### Participant Feedback

- This was a fun tour and I feel much more confident about high school
- The staff are amazingly polite and have been able to explain anything asked. I cannot wait to attend St. David in September
- I love St. David (x2)
- Great job
- Very welcoming/informative. It is a great school
- Great presentations
- We're very happy with this open house, was very useful
- St. David is awesome
- It was fun (x2)
- I had fun

##### Committee Debrief

- lots of positive feedback
- continue to try provide engaging activities in areas like history/religion (interactive/learning opportunity)
- try to shorten the amount of speaking
- tech area-hospitality and cosmo-great. more focus in construction and auto
- divide into 4 zones help with managing flow
- arts-engaging, visual art more student work
- reduce number of students saying the same thing
- chapel should be a station
- move candles to stage
- focus on ARTS, ATHLETICS, CLUBS
- kids part more focused, transition to high school and how the specific activity helped, 2. skills learned by being involved. 3. how it has shaped their pathway

- low passport return, was there an unintended message that all questions had to be complete for it to be entered in the uniform draw

### District Support Visit

On February 10<sup>th</sup>, three superintendents, seven elementary/secondary St. David FOS principals, seven superintendents/administrators from Peel and Halton Catholic and the London East MET lead visited St. David to observe the work that our students and teachers are doing on a daily basis. In the next week or two we will receive a report from our Board team highlighting our strengths and questions that the school can use to direct future work with our staff to continue to improve the learning experience of our students. I will briefly review that presentation that was made to the observation team at the February school council meeting and share the report from the Board in March.

### Upcoming Events

Feb. 27	PD Day - No School
Mar. 5	Hoops for Heart Period 3, 4
Mar. 11	Paid Civvies Day
Mar. 12	Acoustic Charity Concert Period 4
Mar. 13	Morning Mass 7:45 Fr. Valk
Mar. 16 – 20	March Break – No School
Mar. 23	Semester 2 Midterm Progress Report Distribution
Mar. 25	P/S/T Conferences 1pm – 8pm  Early Dismissal Day Periods 1, 2, lunch, 3 (bus departure 1:15pm)
Mar. 26	OSST Gr. 10 & Previously Eligible (only those writing attend in the am) Period 3 , 4 – All Students 12:15pm – 2:20pm
Mar. 31	School Council 6pm-8pm
Apr. 2	Stations of the Cross Period 3