



**St. Bernard Catholic School**  
**School Council Meeting**  
**Meeting Schedule for 2017 / 2018**

**Date:** January 25, 2018  
**Time:** 6:00pm – 7:00pm  
**Location:** VP Office, St. Bernard C.S., Whitby

Present	Regrets	Name	Role
X		Kathryn Hadden	Principal
	X	Rodrigo Fernandez	Chair
	X	Andrea Keogan	Vice-Chair
	X	Sue Kanemy	Parish Representative
	X	Anya Murphy	Financial Representative
	X	Sonia Tipping-Edwards	Secretary
X		Krista MacNeil	Volunteer Coordinator
X		Amanda McGinnes	Teacher Representative
X		Colleen Finn	Non Teacher Representative
	X	Denise St. Marie	Parent Representative
	X	Tanya Baglole	Parent Representative
	X	Janine D'Souza	Parent Representative
	X	Erin Groat	Parent Representative
X		Christine Wood	Parent Representative
	X	Claudia Nosseir	Parent Representative

Agenda Item	Decision / Action Taken	Person(s) Responsible
1. Opening Prayer	Ms. Hadden welcomed those present and opened the meeting at 6:00pm with a prayer.	
2. Greetings & Introductions	Introductions were made around the table	
3. Principal's Report	Kathryn Hadden presented the Principal's Report.  Principal Hadden reviewed past school activities through a visual presentation which included some of the following events:	



<p>Principal's Report continued...</p>	<p><b>School Christmas Market</b> was an overwhelming success. We learned many things as it was our first time trying such an undertaking. Thank you to the staff that 100% took on this mission. From the proceeds we purchased an additional Ipad for all the primary classrooms. We also purchased an OSMO for each of the classrooms, a listening centre for the Grade 1 room (they had an OSMO and ipad from fundraising</p> <p><b>Christmas Outreach Projects</b> such as Baskets for Seniors, Rose Of Durham and St. Vincent de Paul. We provided items for Rose of Durham, items for senior's baskets and food for the local St. Vincent Food Bank. The Staff also provided gifts for the teen Christmas Party at the Boys and Girls Club. This is mainly for teens on the street in the Durham Regions.</p> <p><b>Family Steam Night- Thursday Feb 22<sup>nd</sup></b> This planned evening is directly tying in with our school improvement plan to engage students in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematical thinking. Some highlights include partnership with Queens University, UOIT, Whitby Library and Proton Pete. The Beavertail Truck will make a return visit as well as Maple Taffy. In addition, the evening will have some themes tying into the Olympics.</p> <p><b>Visiting International Students: Feb 20- March 8</b> Seven students and one teacher are visiting St. Bernard from Mexico. All placed in the Junior classes. Fun and learning for all.</p> <p><b>Shrove Tuesday: Feb 13</b></p>	
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	<p>Sue Kanemy is wanting to do pancakes again for Shrove Tuesday. Donation for Sharelife is requested.</p> <p><b>Spring ‘Valentine Dance’ - Feb 15<sup>th</sup></b> As February 14 is Ash Wednesday and we have a PA day on Friday, it was only fitting to have the Spring Dance on the Thursday.</p> <p><b>Star Power Group Group – Gr. 3,4,5</b> Looking to start a group targeting anxiety in children. It is an eight week interactive program in the evening for one hour. It consists of fun games and is directed by two social workers in the board. Looking to group our students with St. Marks. Notes went out to students in these grades last week. Hopefully, we will get enough of a response.</p> <p><b>Buddy Bench</b> Thank you to the McIvor Family for providing our Buddy Bench outside. Students are loving it! It is a place to go and sit if you need someone to play with.</p> <p><b>Grade 8 Trip</b> Students from grade 8 went to Muskoka Woods earlier this month. A great trip that focused on team building outdoor education.</p> <p><b>Community Profile of a Leader</b> Mrs. MacNeil will coordinate with Council to return completed profile as soon as possible.</p> <p><b>SACRAMENTS</b> Sacraments: First Communion – Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> 3 pm  Confirmation – Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> @ 3 p.m.</p> <p><b>Grade 8 Graduation:</b> will be Friday June 22, 2018</p>	
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	<b>End of the Year BBQ:</b> will be on June 14 <sup>th</sup> . 2018. Food will be provided by Starr Burger.	
4. Review & Approval of Minutes	No minutes to review.	
5. Ideas for Volunteer Activities	<p>Thank you to Krista MacNeil for taking on the role of Volunteer Coordinator.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kiss &amp; Ride – no report as of yet.</li> <li>• End of the year BBQ – set-up, food, games</li> <li>• Grad Committee</li> <li>• Hepatitis B vaccinations: October 11 &amp; April 12</li> <li>• Share Life Fridays – Ice Cream sandwiches in May</li> <li>• Cake Walk</li> <li>• Christmas Market 2019</li> <li>• Candy Grams</li> <li>• Gardening Committee</li> </ul>	
6. Spring Dance	<p>Will be held on Thursday Feb 15<sup>th</sup> (Ash Wednesday is February 14<sup>th</sup>)</p> <p>Approved to spend \$127 to rent DJ equipment and Mr. St. Jean has volunteered to DJ</p>	Kathryn Hadden to look at Smile Makers as giveaways to students at the dance.
7. Teacher Support	Amanda McGinnes stated that the teachers feel supported by the Parent Involvement Committee. Would like two teachers to attend Math Conference at approximately \$1000.00 total.	Was approved by council.
8. Parent Recruitment	<p>Rebrand the Parent Involvement Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All parents are welcome</li> <li>• Idea to have a newsletter that can be sent out to parents include summary of meeting minutes</li> <li>• Discussion about having a parent representative at all school events to recruit members – such as the JK meeting, school BBQ.</li> <li>• It would helpful for parents to see the report from council monthly – see where</li> </ul>	Sonia Tipping-Edwards to do first draft of newsletter



	<p>the money is being spent. Details specifics of last year in the newsletter: graduation, Sacraments, technology, Chromebooks, tents in the yard for shade, Scientist in the School...the value of the fundraising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Can do an anonymous survey re: parent concerns.</li></ul>	
9. Feedback & Wish lists	<p>Membership Wish list:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To have this committee to be more social and have fun.</li><li>• Meetings can be held at alternate locations: coffee shop.</li><li>• Members make attending meetings a priority and attend all meetings – the meetings are on page 6 of the Agenda. There are 6 meetings scheduled this year (must meet a minimum of 4 times). Sub-Committees can meet more often. There will be no meeting in March because of the March Break.</li><li>• Minutes to be emailed prior to the next meeting</li></ul> <p>How to spend money Wish list:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New jerseys for sports teams – approved</li><li>• Reading programs</li><li>• STEAM Program (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art &amp; Math) – the February night will be on STEAM and every class will demonstrate coding</li><li>• Robotics for Kindergarten to Gr. 8</li><li>• Garbage can at pick-up gate</li><li>• Garbage can in female bathrooms for disposal of feminine sanitary napkins</li><li>• Cart for distributing Lunch. Approved</li><li>• Math Conference for two teachers approx.. \$1000.00 approved.</li><li>• Would like a balloon ‘Blow Up’ machine. Approved</li></ul>	



10. Closing Prayer / Dismissal	Ms. Hadden closed the meeting with a prayer at approximately 7pm.	
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**Next Meeting:**

April 26, 2018 6 p.m.

The Atrium

St. Bernard Catholic School

1000 Dryden Blvd., Whitby