

Mary Ward Catholic School
Advisory Council Meeting

November 24, 2009

Attendance:

Terry Pastore Co-Chair	Dennis Hastings Co-Chair	Anita Atri Vice Chair
Annie Cheung-Chu Treasurer	Angie Cornacchia Secretary	Lisa DiGaetano Council
Andrew Farinha Council	Erminia Lumia Council	Marian Robertson Council
Lidia Kairska Council	Nancy Gregorio Council	Diane Roach Council
Alfredo Andrenacci Community Rep.	Bob Robertson Community Rep.	Patricia Coburn Principal
Violet Keenan Vice Principal	Rhea & Christine Student Rep.	Karen Heisz Staff Rep.

Regrets: Derek Chen

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Terry Pastore.

Opening Prayer: Was offered by Patricia Coburn.

Welcome: Terry Pastore welcomed everyone that attended.

Student Council Report: The Student Council went to Niagara Falls for a conference trip. The November 13th Dance had a great response collecting \$200. December 2nd is SAC Movie night featuring “Up”. December is full of Christmas activities.

Agenda: Terry Pastore motioned to approve the agenda with amendments, Erminia Lumia and Marian Robertson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

October 20th Minutes: Terry Pastore motioned the minutes, Erminia Lumia and Lidia Kairska seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Principal's Report: Prepared by Patricia Coburn. Report attached. The school's website is [Mary Ward.ca](http://MaryWard.ca)

Chair's Report: Prepared by Terry Pastore.

- Meeting Protocol - Emailing voting – vote either way. Due date on it and final voting will be sent.
- Catholic Parent Involvement Committee – Ward 7 meeting to be scheduled. Preparing a mass in January.
- TAPCE – Toronto Association of Parents in Catholic Education. The website is TAPCE.ca.
- The website for the Toronto Catholic District School Board is TCDSB.org, and to subscribe to the E-News newsletter just click on the logo on the left hand side and subscribe.
- The Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education is OAPCE which is parents voicing their opinions. On the website OAPCE.ca go to –Agenda – under Ministry Supervisor (The Board) and voice your opinion.
- Bill 177 – People for Education. Looking to book a guest speaker – Dr. Ashleigh Molloy in either January or February. Date set for February 11th.
- Pro Grant for Mary Ward. Thank you to Dennis Hasting in bringing it to me to sign and getting it submitted before the deadline. The grant is for \$1,000.00.

Special Education Report: Prepared by Lidia Kairska. A group of parents created the Alliance for Children Who Are Hard of Hearing and Deaf. The Alliance demands that the province should pay for cochlear implants for both ears, and not only for one as it is now. They believe that implant in both ears would greatly improve their children's learning. The parents also demand provincial standards

regarding the needs of deaf children. The Alliance is campaigning for regular hearing tests for all children and more funding for sound devices and special learning materials in class. In Ontario there are estimated 5000 children with various degrees of hearing loss.

Treasurer's Report: Prepared by Annie Cheung-Chu. Opening year report. No DECA request. Reviewed votes for security guards at event on October 19th, and status of amount approved of \$200.00. Reviewed votes for guest speaker at Grade 9 Student/Parent Orientation, asking \$1,700.00. Motion put at \$400.00, Marian Robertson motion, Nancy Gregorio seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tabled for next meeting: Receipts from Graduate Basket. Request fund of \$1,000.00 for Author Visits.

Special Education request asking \$1,000.00, Annie Cheung-Chu motioned the request of \$850.00, Lidia Kairska seconded the motion (7 yes to 1 no). Motion carried.

Adjournment: Marian Robertson called to adjourn the meeting. Angie Cornacchia seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.