Revised Minutes of Meeting  
Holy Name of Mary School Council  
Held September 26, 2013

In attendance: C. Mynerich (Chair), E. Ferguson (Secretary), E. Chadha, M. Emery, E. Gonzalez, P. Perez, M. Smith-Williams, K. Deslauriers, W. Goodridge, S. Kaur, A. McGregor, A. Cristiano, A. Pham, A. Scanga (Teacher & Parish Rep), E. Filice (Principal), L. Ribeiro (Non-Teacher Rep), S. Mathew (student representative), S. McLaughlan (Trustee)

1. **Welcome.** Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. As this was our first council meeting of the school year, new members were welcomed and introductions made around the table.

2. **Opening Prayer.** Lead by Mr. Scanga.

3. **Approval of Minutes:**
   Minutes of May 2, 2013 were approved as amended at the last meeting in June which was a brief business meeting and included a presentation from Ms. Filice on Wi-Fi in the School Environment. Motion to approve, 1st C. Mynerich and seconded by J. Valentini.

4. **Elections for 2013/2014:**
   Six Nominations for Parent School Council were received by Ms. Filice. Voting was not necessary and all were acclaimed.
   - Chair: C. Mynerich
   - Treasurer: J. Valentini (not present)
   - Secretary & OAPCE Rep: E. Ferguson
   - Parent Representative for Safe Schools: E. Chadha
   - Parent Representative: M. Emery
   - Non-Teaching Rep: L. Ribeiro
   - Teacher Rep/Parish Rep: A. Scanga

5. **Chair’s Report:**
   The Chair for 2013/14 new Council, called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.
   C. Mynerich shared good news that Holy Name was third on the list for capital priorities list for 2016/17.

   A parent raised an issue of bussing. Busing is not a Parent Council matter as it is a private arrangement.

6. **Fundraising:**
   E. Chadha had proposed a different tactic in terms of fundraising that was more related to our students day to day school work, which is to purchase memory sticks or calculators and sell them to the students. A 4 GB memory stick costs $5.10 per piece and would sell for $10.00. The calculator would cost $2.00 and sell for $3.00. The cost would be $485.00 and Ms. Filice would also source from our tender. **Motion was taken and all were in favour.**
7. **Student Report:**
   S. Mathew, student senator, highlighted upcoming events organized by student council including updates on plans for spirit week.

8. **Principal’s Report. Ms. Filice reported on the following items:**
   1. With 5 staff on maternity leave, five long term occasional (LTO) teachers have been assigned. Two more staff will be having their babies soon and two more LTO’s will be assigned.
   2. Grade 9 retreats were completed for this semester and Chaplain will continue with the other grades.
   3. Swag day was introduced this year were once per month students can wear school spirit attire.
   4. New initiative called Royal’s Way was started to help promote student engagement and positive interactions/behaviours and decrease bullying. Every week students are nominated by staff and students for going out of their way to make a positive difference and once a month, tied to the virtue of the month a student is presented with the award. This includes a plaque on the wall with their picture, certificate and swag gear.
   5. Pumped in Pink breast cancer fundraiser being held on Oct. 4. This day will include a modified class schedule, a presentation in the gym, a community walk and a barbeque with a DJ to end the festivities.
   6. Professional activity day on Oct. 11
   7. Early warning letters, for students who are deemed at risk, will go out after Thanksgiving and parent teacher interviews will be on Oct. 24th in the gym. Mid-term report cards will be out on Nov. 14th.
   8. Sports week will be held from Oct. 28 to 31st
   10. Grade 8 info night will be Nov. 28 th with registrations to follow
   11. College/University night – October 10
   12. November 6 will be Take Your Kids to work day as well as Awards Night

9. **Treasurer’s Report:**
   Closing balance reported was $485.00.

10. **Teacher/Parish Report:** Mr. Scanga provided an update regarding professional development days.

11. **Trustee Report:**
   Scott McLaughlan, school trustee was in the area, and stopped in to give greetings, on behalf of the trustees and provide some updates. This was an opportunity to ask our trustee questions or to provide comments. No questions/comments were posed to S. McLaughlan.

New meeting dates were set for the remainder of the school year with the next meeting being held on November 21st. **With no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:30.**