**St. Malachy’s High School**

**Parent School Support Committee**

**Meeting Minutes- Nov. 20, 2018**

**Attendance:** Brad Stevens, Warren Coombs, Karen Keating Small, Darren McDevitt,

Andrew Dykeman, Terry Keleher, Mary McKiel, Jody Pappas

Meeting called to order, 5:30 pm.

1. Darren McDevitt introduced topic of Calvary Temple. As discussed at previous

meetings, they offer uptown High School students a Mac ‘n Cheese lunch on

Tuesdays. Darren verified that Calvary Temple purchases and supplies this food

themselves. Karen suggested introducing a friendly competition amongst High

Schools to provide the most boxes of K.D. to help with costs.

**2. Approval of Agenda/ Additions**- Moved by Warren Coombs, seconded by Darren McDevitt

**3. Approval of past Meeting Minutes**-moved by Jody Pappas

**4. Student’s Report**- Julia Evans not present

**5. “It Takes a Village” update**- Karen Small provided information on the upcoming

presentation to be held at Saint John High School on Dec. 6. The title of the

presentation is: It takes a village: Consent and Risky Behaviors. It is an informative presentation for parents of youth in the era of social media and electronic devices. The guest speakers will be the N.B. Crown Prosecutor, Shara Munn, and Cst. Duane Squires

with the Saint John Police Force. The presentation is directed specifically to parents.

Shara Munn is willing to give a separate presentation to students, directed more

appropriately to them.

In April, there will be a Part Two Presentation. It will also focus on Social Media and Teens.

Karen has sent a copy of the poster advertising the Dec.6 Presentation at SJHS to all

Committee members. If PSSC members could print it off and put at their place of work or where ever is applicable.

The horrific news story regarding a “hazing” that took place at St. Michael’s school in

Ontario was brought up and led to a question regarding hazing at St. Mac’s. Brad

responded that there have not been reports of any physical “hazing”. There is

always a talk to students in the Fall about proper behavior etc. but “hazing” is not

specifically, part of the dialogue to sports teams. The staggered start at the beginning

of school is done to avoid potential problems. When they are addressing school teams there will be some discussion and reminder on treating everyone equally and that hazing will not be accepted.

**6. Teacher’s Report**- Warren Coombs presented the following:

1) Athletics

a. All winter sports teams are up and running.

b. The Dave Macpherson Memorial Basketball game will be taking place

tomorrow at Saint John High School. The Snr Girls play at 6pm, and the

Snr. Boys play at 8pm. The price is $3 for students, and $5 for adults.

2) School Committees

a. PBIS Committee

i. Super Saint Program has been rolled out.

ii. Clocks are being purchased for rooms that do not have them.

b. Advisory Committee

i. No report

c. STM Reads Committee

i. Will not be a full roll out this year like previous years.

d. UNESCO Committee

i. The committee met today, there will be an update for next meeting.

e. Health & Safety Committee

i. No Report

3) STM Christmas Raffle.

a. This will run from Dec 3rd 50 Dec 21st. The goal is to make ten thousand

dollars after expenses.

4) Salvation Army Kettle Drive

a. St. Macs will be volunteering at five locations on Dec 1st.

5) Christmas Bazaar:

a. This Sunday from 10 am to 2 pm, STM entrepreneurship classes and other

venders in the city will be hosting a Christmas Bazaar to sell products in

time for the Christmas season.

6) Office 365 Roll Out

a. Staff have been introduced to Office 365 and how the subscription can

help in the class rooms.

b. All students have access to Microsoft products free of charge.

7) French Proficiency interview

a. Many grade 12s have had their oral proficiency exams. Most of the students

will be next semester.

**7. SIP Departmental Review- Humanities**. A handout was given to members. Brad

reviewed how the Humanities Department has set goals and is working to

incorporate observations and conversations into all categories of assessment. They

are also working to change the categories of assessment in PowerSchool so they

reflect desired outcomes like critical thinking rather than products like test scores.

**8. Principal’s Report-**

Cash Online: We all agreed it was working well and convenient.

Concussions: Cathy Simon gave a presentation to staff on concussions and their

treatment protocols. They felt it was helpful to have factual information and to learn

the timelines for treatment.

Office 365: Teachers are implementing. Will replace EdMoto. Allows a student to

access class notes etc.

UNESCO : We are a UNESCO school. Staff is forming a school committee and will be

choosing a theme to work on.

Cyber Titan Team: Doing very well. 5000 teams in U.S. and Canada and we are in top

25%!

Ritchie’s: Group of 20 students will help to unload Ritchie’s truck of food supplies

that will be donated.

Website: Discussion regarding school website. It is out of date. It is a constant challenge to

maintain and update. Largely parents and prospective student’s parents use it. It

should be up to date and serve to promote the school positively.

**9. Meeting adjourned**