

ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

MINUTES

**OF THE MEETING OF THE PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE
on NOVEMBER 30, 2009**

Present: Sean Gregory, John Cavaliere, and Lisa Klassen

Regrets: Linda Schwientek, Mike Beukeboom

1. The committee recapped the total amount of funds available for the benefit of the playground revitalization. It was confirmed that there is an estimated \$7,000.00 with the potential for an additional \$2,000.00, as follows:

a. TD Friends of the Environment	-	\$3,500.00
b. Council	-	\$3,500.00
c. Reforest London, potentially	-	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
TOTAL:		\$9,000.00

2. It was confirmed that the TD Friends of the Environment grant is to be spent on trees, shrubs and plants, as opposed to structures or implements. The committee discussed the best use for those funds. It was agreed that providing shade on the play area is a priority and that large shade trees should be purchased and planted in locations that would maximize shade; these areas being the south east corner, eastern fence, and southwestern corner.
3. It was recommended that the playground committee submit another application for funds to Reforest London, as they will match a maximum of \$2,000.00 towards our project if approved and arrange for the planting of the trees and shrubs we purchase.

4. Lisa Klassen will prepare an application to Reforest London for submission in the New Year.
5. John Cavaliere will discuss further drawings and planting lists with Gabrielle O'Neill for submission with the Reforest London application.
6. The committee then discussed the future direction of the playground initiative and improvements that would best suit the needs of our children. It was agreed that raising or allocating funds for a play structure is not a priority for the committee at this time. The following recommendations were made:
 - a. that the space where the old play structure was situated be turned into a volleyball court;
 - b. that the shot boards and rims of the existing basketball stands be repainted or replaced as necessary;
 - c. that additional games be painted on the tarmac;
 - d. obtain an estimate for a plaque of recognition and thanks to everyone who sponsored or assisted in the improvement of the play area;
 - e. that we continue to plant for shade, naturalization and low maintenance.