

Minutes of Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC)
MEETING OF THE 2007-2008 CSAC
St. Louis Catholic School
November 22, 2007

ATTENDEES	
Valerie Devine – Chair	Rosanne Morris - Principal
Connie Gemma – Treasurer	Claudette Piscione – Member-at-large
Ida Foisy – Co-secretary	Joanne Yano – Member-at-large
Stefanie Dower	Giulia Di Carlo
Oriana Bono	Michelle O'Rourke
CSAC Members Absent: Margaret Kalsi, Bernadette Aman, Connie Antonacci, Michelle LeBlanc, Maria Soccorsa Tonon	

Prayer – For Catholic Education

O, Holy Spirit, source of truth and grace for those entrusted with the Christian development of children, enlighten our minds, strengthen our will, fill our hearts with generosity so that our homes, our parishes and our schools may co-operate effectively with You, and with one another in the mission of Catholic education. We make our prayer through Christ, our Lord. Amen

Welcome and Introductions

* Ms. Devine welcomed all in attendance.

Approval of the Minutes from September 20, 2007

*The Minutes from October 18, 2007 approved by Ms. Devine and seconded by Ms. Gemma.

Principal's Comments

*Ms. Morris welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for attending. She also wanted to formally thank all the members of CSAC for all the work for the 60th Anniversary. It was a great, wonderful event.

*She also thanked Ms. Devine for her work on the Acorn Project and she thanked Mrs. Piscione and Mrs. Kalsi for the great sales of the chocolate bars.

*This has been a very busy month at St. Louis, with a variety of events:

Report Cards

* Due to go home on November 27th therefore students have been busily studying for tests, completing assignments, teachers marking and writing reports

Parent-Teacher Interviews

* Taking place on November 29th from 5–8 p.m.; and on the PD Day November 30th from 8:45 – 11 a.m.

Professional Development Day: on October 26th- Ministry of Education Provincial Priorities

*the agenda for the teacher PD is posted on the web

*analysis of data collected from the EQAO assessments

*with a focus on improving instruction for our children

*St. Louis is benefiting from additional resources from the *Ontario Focussed Intervention Project* (OFIP)

*more news is forthcoming December 5th at a meeting with the Ministry of Education

EQAO Results for 2006 – 2007 for St. Louis

*see attached summary of results for St. Louis\

*very positive movement forward in all areas, particularly Math

* our goal is to move to 75% of all students in levels 3 and 4 by 2008

*go to www.eqao.com for more detailed summary of results

* St. Louis teachers are focussing their discussion in divisional conversations, to examine data carefully, and to improve instructional practice, so students can attain best results.

*go to www.cpc.com and click on **Leading Student Achievement** for more information about the project and focus for student learning

Enrichment Activities:

October 31st Halloween Special Book Project:

*5 students from Bishop Allen created illustrated, student authored books with Mrs. Hirstwood's grade 2s

* each child received a copy of their book to take home

Nov. 9th – Remembrance Day Celebration and Paraliturg

*This celebration was a tremendous success due to the leadership of Mrs. McIntyre, and respectful participation of our children

November 27th – The St. Louis Choir will sing at Cloverdale Mall under the direction of our choirmaster, Mrs. Johnson. Our choir is scheduled to perform at 10:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. St. Louis is one of 20 schools celebrating “By the Kids, For the Kids” Choir festival.

Toronto Parks and Recreation Swim Program for Grade 4s: Mrs. McIntyre's children will attend the swim program at the Etobicoke Olympium on November 29th, Dec. 6th and December 13th

Trip to the Lorraine Kimsa Theatre to see The Wizard of Oz was a wonderful experience for children in grades 3 – 6 thanks to the organizing efforts of Mrs. Cousineau

Safe Schools:

- * security concerns are being addressed; some items have gone missing in the school
- * new security camera has been installed at the front door
- * protocols regarding school security have been reviewed with all staff and students
- * we have had a lockdown practice and fire drill with the fire department this month
- * a car was stolen from in front of the school yesterday as the pizza delivery man left his car running for two minutes
- * police are vigilant and are taking action
- * Ms. Morris shared the new policy memoranda from the Ministry of Education regarding Progressive Discipline; Bullying Prevention; and School Board Programs for Students on Long-Term Suspension
- * go to www.tcdsb.org for more information

Be the Change: Brick by Brick for Kenya - St. Louis' Global Advent Project

- * children from Mrs. Mior's grade 6 class are organizing our advent project to support the building of a school for children in Africa through the Free the Children Foundation
- * our assembly kick-off will be on November 28th
- * also our aerial photo of the student body in honour of the 60th anniversary will be taken that day as well

Thank You to Mrs. Kalsi and Mrs. Piscione for their organizational skills and gift of time and effort with the chocolate bar fundraiser.

Thanks also to Ms. Devine and Mr. Robins and the CSAC of last year for the nomination they have put forward in my name for the TAPCE Principal Award of Excellence. I will receive my honour on November 29th at 7:00 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre. I feel very honoured and celebrated, and that means a great deal to me. Thank you again for the honour and esteem.

CSAC Chair's Comments

* The Acorn Cards Event went very well. All students names and past cards were matched up by Ms. Devine.

*Although this was time consuming, the file provided by Mr. Robins, the past president, and this was very helpful and useful

*Ms. Devine suggested that we should be putting together a "Special Binder" that contains the best practices for each event/fundraiser that we hold in order that future members have a foundation/procedure to follow

*When writing cheques for any event/fundraiser, kindly put the name of the student on the front of the cheque

*Principal of Excellence Award – We are very proud of Ms. Morris and the Ceremony will be on Monday, November 27, 2007.

Treasurer's Report

- * Currently we have a \$3,000.00 GIC (cashable at any time, however, it was suggested to leave it alone for now.)
- * We also have \$5,354.55 plus we are owed \$1,300.10 from the Board (balance of the Outreach Grant) which totals \$6,654.65.
- * We have committed \$6,427.36 which leaves us \$227.29 plus the \$3,000.00 GIC
- * Finances will improve once the chocolate fund raiser is over.

Old Business

*Aunt Sarah's chocolate – A note went out to children if they did not want to sell any chocolates

*The Nurse apologized again for not being able to attend this night's meeting, however, she will re-schedule

New Business

- * Reviewed Value Book of Coupons for future fundraising event
- * Ms. Morris was nominated for the Principal of Excellence Award

New Business

- * Reviewed Entertainment Book (of Coupons) for future fundraising event

Important Dates

November 28 – Advent Project Begins
November 29 – Parent/Teacher Interviews
November 30 – P.D. Day
December 3 – Chocolate Sales End
December 2 – Advent Project Begins
December 4 – Swimming Program Begins
December 12- Acorn Cards to be distributed
December 13 – Primary Christmas Concert (JK –6)
December 14 – Advent Project Ends
December 20- Christmas Mass 9:30 am
December 21 – Last Day of School for Christmas Holidays

Next Meeting

- *January 17, 2008, 7:00 p.m. in the library

Adjournment

- * Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.