

Minutes of Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC)
MEETING OF THE 2009-2010 CSAC
St. Louis Catholic School
April 22, 2010

ATTENDEES	
Valerie Devine	Maria Brooks
Ida Foisy	Marianna Di Biasio
Connie Gemma	Enzo LoFaso
Rosanne Morris – Principal	Bernadette Aman
Guilia Di Carlo – Teacher Representative	Claudette Piscione
Absent: Oriana Bono, Juan Flores, Sandra Calzada, Mrs. LoFaso , M. Sarrapochiello Anna Lamond, E. Rasowski	

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 January 2010

- The Minutes from January 2010 were approved and seconded via e-mail following the meeting in January 2010.

Lamontagne Chocolate Fundraiser

- Catherine Hall explained the fundraising option for our school
- Please see <http://www.lamontagne.ca/n/en/>
- Fundraising would include direct sales for chocolate, soap, coffee and spices or order taking for cookie dough, jewellery, greeting cards and calendars
- We are able to take any two fundraising options and chocolate orders
- To be decided at the May Meeting whether we will proceed with this option for the Fall 2010
- Catherine will send Valerie Devine information about running a very small fundraiser to raise funds for the DI trip to Tennessee

Principal's Comments

Principal Comments:

1. Thank you for your ongoing support of our school and programs.
2. Great successes of our children to report:
3. The Grade 8 Trip to Montreal was a complete success
4. Athletic successes regionally for all sports—volleyball, soccer, basketball, cross country
5. St. Louis moves forward to the Regional Cross Country on Monday with Mrs. DiCarlo—St. Louis earned honours at CC meet this week
6. See the calendar attached for news:
 - sacramental preparation
 - First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, Confirmation
 - Retreats for Grade 2 and Grade 8
 - Destination Imagination Trip to Tennessee again this year
 - JA-ESIS—Thanks to Mrs. Devine for working with our grade 8 class again this year:
Junior Achievement: The Economics of Staying in School
 - Bishop Allen Band joins us next Wednesday
 - We celebrate the Vancouver 2010 banner with Mr. DiCarlo
 - Graduation exercises are coming up
 - We thank our pizza moms for their ongoing hard work and support
 - Curriculum News: Literacy and Numeracy TLCs—Teaching Learning Critical Pathways-- and NaFLCs—Numeracy for Learning Cycles--for teachers and improving student achievement, SSLNs – Secondary School Learning Network--with Bishop Allen staff, St. Louis, Holy Angels and St. Mark staff as well
 - Letter from the Director regarding the New Physical and Health Education curriculum for Ontario (see attached)
 - May and June are testing months for students:
 - EQAO for grades 3 and 6
 - CAT-4 for grades 2, 5 and 7
7. Fundraising Timeline to be finalized at our May meeting:
 - Advent**—Local Outreach (student driven with the liturgy team)
 - Lenten**—Global Outreach (student driven—Me to We—with the liturgy team)
 - Spring**—tba—Share Life, Heart and Stroke, Cancer, or other
 - Fourth**—tba—Chocolate bar, magazine, or other

Treasurer's Report

- Expenses for teachers to be obtained (\$100.00 available for each teacher)
- \$4,407.82 is available – Funds in account and in GIC (\$3,000.00)

- We can spend \$2,200.00 above committed funds
- \$46.00 Released for committed cash
- Pizza lunch for winning class of chocolates sales to be held in May
- Requests from Ms. Morris :

a) **Destination Imagination**

Proposed - High cost to families –asking for support (baked sale and perhaps chocolate sales to fund raise for money)
 Approved - \$500.00 will be paid by CSAC

b) **Montreal**

Proposed - Need funds to pay for 8 children
 Approved - \$600.00 to be paid by CSAC

c) **PRO Grant – Welcome to Kindergarten Night**

\$600 - To be paid by PRO Grant funds and not directly from CSAC funds.

d) **Smart Board Requested**

Proposed - Need board for better teaching techniques – It is an interactive teaching tool and teachers have received in-services on this new technology.
 Approved - \$1,000 to be paid by CSAC. Please note CSAC will pay \$1,000.00 towards the purchase of a Smart Board. The Board will pay the rest of the cost.

CSAC Chair’s Comments

* See comments throughout minutes of meeting.

Old Business

Pizza Lunch Update

Pizza Lunch is going well.

Pro Grant

PRO Grant funds have been received and are being spent accordingly. The Welcome to Kindergarten night was funded by the Pro Grant Funds.

Lunch Lady

The Lunch Lady program is continuing in the school. Lunch Lady continues on Wednesdays.

Dress Code

We will be having a dress code for September 2011. The dress code will be navy blue bottoms and white tops. We need to make a decision as a school as to whether we will have a specific provider or a store of our choice. There will be no jeans, no sweatpants and no track pants. This will be discussed further and all parents are encouraged to attend meetings to participate in this discussion and to make a final decision.

New Business

Mrs. Senatore

Mrs. Senatore will be retiring in June – There will be an afternoon tea party for Mrs. Senatore to honour her, **on June 17 at 2 p.m.** CSAC will be giving her a gift – Gift to be discussed.

Internet Awareness

Do not leave your child on-line for hours at a time. There are many articles on the deceit of online discussions. Please monitor your child(ren) accordingly.

PC Scott Mills was in the school informing the Grades 5-8 students about internet safety. There are dangers using the computer and using Facebook. Please be careful with internet usage.

Dates for CSAC Meetings

Please schedule into your calendars

* May 27, 2010

Adjournment

- 8:45 pm