

Minutes of Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC)
MEETING OF THE 2009-2010 CSAC
 St. Louis Catholic School
 May 27, 2010

ATTENDEES	
Valerie Devine	Maria Brooks
Ida Foisy	Marianna Di Biasio
Connie Gemma	Enzo LoFaso
	M. Sarrapochiello
Rosanne Morris – Principal	Jenn Ciavoliello
Guest - Muhammad Shahidullah	Bernadette Aman
Guest - Leslie Veeren	
Guest - Jeniffer Mohammed	
Absent: Oriana Bono, Juan Flores, Sandra Calzada, Mrs. LoFaso , M. Sarrapochiello Anna Lamond, E. Rasowski , Claudette Piscione	

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 April 2010

* The Minutes from April 22, 2010 were approved and seconded via e-mail following the meeting in January 2010.

Presentation by Leslie regarding Standard Dress Code – Effective September 2011

Lishahi Clothing – represented by Muhammad Shahidullah, Jeniffer Mohammed and Leslie Veeren (co-worker of CSAC member, Enzo Lo Faso)

- The clothes provided by Lishahi Clothing are priced very low
- As a school, we could co-ordinate the sale of the items and as the costs are so low, CSAC could add an additional charge (perhaps \$1/item) and use the funds raised for our students
- They do have different fabrics we can choose from – including summer-weight cotton
- This company supplies many American stores including Children’s Place and Target

- There will be a survey that will go out to parents to see if St. Louis will use Lishahi Clothing
- There are many PROs (see below) of using Lishahi Clothing as this would be also a fundraising idea
- If chosen as the provider of the dress code, the owner of Lishahi Clothing will provide samples and then we can order the clothing
- This company uses North American standardized sizing for sizes 4-18.
- Different types of materials will be available, however, the school will decide which materials from Lishahi will be available to our school
- The new Principal and CSAC will need to make a decision on how St. Louis will proceed
- If a decision is made to use Lishahi as the distributor, clothing will have to be ordered by January 2011
- Prices are considerably lower than Zellers, The Bay, etc..
- Mr. Shahidullah confirmed that his company in Bangladesh is ‘socially compliant’
- If we proceed with this company, we will have to go through Jeniffer Mohammed

Option 1: Parents shop at whichever store they wish

PROS

- Parents can go out and buy clothes whenever they wish
- No CSAC involvement is required

CONS

- Cost is much higher than *Lishahi*
- St. Louis will not be able to fund-raise through the purchase of clothing bought from different stores
- Quality of the clothing is not known – as parents will buy them from various stores
- Colours (especially the blue) of the clothing will differ – as they will have been bought from different stores
- St. Louis cannot confirm that social compliance (no child labour and/or sweat shops) is being met

Option 2: Parents buy from *Lishahi*

PROS

- much better value for parents as St. Louis will be buying in bulk
- as the cost per item is so low, St. Louis can make money by charging parents \$1 more than the cost on each item – and the monies raised through this additional \$1/item will be directed to CSAC for student activities
- very good quality (as seen in the items we were shown)
- children will wear standard (e.g. the blue will be the same blue throughout the school) colours

CONS

- St. Louis cannot confirm that social compliance (no child labour and/or sweat shops) is being met
- CSAC will be involved in co-ordinating the order and delivery of the clothing
- As the clothing will have to be ordered in January 2011 (for delivery in September 2011), the clothing may not fit the growing children in September

Presentation from the Heart and Stroke Foundation

- The representative was not able to attend our meeting.

Presentation from the Kirsten Broach – School Wear and Standard Dress Code

- The representative was not able to attend our meeting.

Principal's Comments

- very busy time of year at the school, full of activities
- Sacraments: this week Confirmation on Friday evening; First Holy Communion on Sunday;
- athletic calendar: Track and Field Divisionals at Centennial Park on May 31st
- Testing: CAT-4 for grades 2, 5 and 7; EQAO window opens for grades 3 and 6 on May 31st
- Mr. Leo will be celebrated in The Etobicoke Guardian next week—for our lovely garden!
- See the calendar for a summary of events in June

CSAC School Commitments and Requests

- see the attached green sheet for a summary of commitments and requests
- to be discussed at Treasurer's report

Ms. Morris spoke about the fact that this is her last formal CSAC meeting with the St. Louis community. She thanked the parents of the St. Louis community for their unwavering support of the school, the staff and the children, and of her leadership over the course of the past five years. Given her pending retirement, effective June 30th, she wishes to express her heartfelt gratitude for the experience of guiding such a lovely school community. She said that this has been a wonderful school with wonderful staff, parents, students and programs such as the Gifted program, PAST and the 5th Block.

Mrs. Senatore will be retiring on June 30th after 32 years of dedicated service to the TCDSB.

You are invited to a small reception to honour Mrs. Senatore in the school library on June 17th at 1:50 p.m. RSVP to Ms. Morris if you plan to attend to celebrate with Mrs. Senatore in this way.

A new Principal and school Secretary will be announced in the near future.

A letter to all families will go home as soon as the announcement is made.

Treasurer's Report

- GIC funds (\$3000) are still in the bank
- Ms. Gemma indicated that when funds are committed for a certain item/event, the funds should be used for that item/event. If not, the funds will be released and a new request can be made for those funds
- Request for sports buses – Money has been released
- Many classes used TTC to attend school trips and that is why not all the committed funds were spent for class trip buses.
- Each teacher has an allowance of \$100.00 . If the teacher has not used this benefit (and provided CSAC with receipts), the monies will be released.
- Dance-a-thon Refreshments and Water – Monies released as we did not have this event

- Smart board will not be purchased by CSAC and therefore, the partial funds committed were released
- Various items reviewed, committed and released – See attached green sheet
- Connie Gemma will hand over the cheques and all accounting items to the next Treasurer at the 1st CSAC meeting for the 2010/2011 school year
- CSAC Commitments –Green sheet passed around was reviewed and items were approved
- The signing officers on the account will have to change from Connie Gemma and Ms. Morris, to the new Treasurer and the new Principal for the new school year as Connie Gemma is also moving on
- Ms. Morris will follow up with the Board re: PRO Grant to see if we can receive our receipt for the Welcome to Kindergarten night spend
- School bus funds to be released if not used
- Lunch Lady – Ms. Devine has followed up with Lunch Lady regarding the cheque for March and found out that a cheque (for \$141) was dropped off in late March. St. Louis has since received the cheque (To be confirmed as cheque not received by Ms. Gemma.)

CSAC Chair's Comments

- Ms. Devine thanked Ms. Morris for the last 5 years and for her support.
- Ms. Devine thanked Connie Gemma for her excellent skills at accounting and being the Treasurer, Ida Foisy as Co-Secretary and the two Pizza Moms, Maria Brooks and Marianna Di Biasio – for the excellent work they have done with the Pizza days and with the chocolate fund-raiser
- Ms. Devine enjoyed her term as Chair and being part of CSAC over the last few years and as this is Ms. Devine's last year as Chair, if needed, she will mentor the next Chair over the next school year.
- Ms. Devine requested the receipts for the monies spent for the Welcome to Kindergarten night – as she needs to attach them to the PRO Grant Report Back form

Old Business

Pizza Lunch Update

Pizza Lunch is going well.

Lunch Lady

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

Dress Code

- We will have to implement the Board-wide 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 on how they would like to implement this initiative.

- Ms. Devine filled in and submitted the 'Appropriate Dress Code: Spring 2010 – CSAC Feedback Form' – on behalf of CSAC. This was a 2-pages questionnaire.

New Business

FUND-RAISING for 2010-2011 – to be determined by the new CSAC in September

Lamontagne Chocolate

Valerie Devine has followed up with the representative Catherine Hall to advise her to contact us in the Fall. A suggestion was made at the last CSAC meeting that we might be able to have this fund-raiser in the Fall, for 2 weeks.

Acorn Cards

CSAC would like to continue this fund-raiser – as it not only raises funds for the school and the cards are a great gift, they are also a great memory for the parents

Advent Fund-raiser

Lenten Fund-raiser

Dates for CSAC Meetings

No meetings remaining for the school year 2009/2010. Thank you to all parents who have attended the CSAC Meetings. We look forward to seeing you at the 2010/2011 School CSAC meetings. The next meeting will occur in mid to late September 2010.

Adjournment

- 8:20 pm