

Minutes of Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC)
MEETING OF THE 2008-2009 CSAC
St. Louis Catholic School
September 18, 2008

ATTENDEES	
Valerie Devine – Appointed Chair	Members-At-Large:
Connie Gemma – Appointed Treasurer	
Ida Foisy – Appointed Co-Secretary	Joanne Yano
Bernadette Aman- Appointed Co-Secretary	Oriana Bono
	Connie Antonacci
Rosanne Morris – Principal	Michelle LeBlanc
Giulia DiCarlo - Staff Representative	Claudette Piscione
Enzo Lofaso - Parent	
CSAC Members Absent: N/A at First Meeting	

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 June 2008

* The Minutes from June 2008 approved by Valerie Devine and seconded by Connie Gemma.

Principal’s Comments

Welcome Back to a New School Year:

- positive opening of school
- enrolment is positive: we projected 222, we have 222 students
- our new hires are complete: Ms. K Schneider in grade 3 full-time; Ms. T. Burke in grade 5/6
- our classes are full, especially in the junior division

Opening Mass at St. Leo:

Theme: All are Welcome as Peacemakers and Community Builders

- we celebrated mass with the St Leo School community
- we look forward to sharing a number of enrichment activities and Liturgical experiences with St Leo once again this year
- our work with Father Frank Carpinelli is rich and we are very grateful to him for his support and care as our pastoral parish Father

Safe Schools at St Louis:

- we are now benefiting from a video security system at our front entrance
- connected to the secretary's computer
- all visitors must buzz in and be scanned by the video camera
- lockdown practices: 3 per year to ensure best practices in case of emergency
- epi pens and anaphalactic protocol: our public health nurse will inservice our staff once again on November 6th ; 3 classrooms are nut free zones; letters have gone home to all families in classes involved

Facilities Report:

- we are grateful to the school board for the fresh paint on our walls, doors and stairwells over the summer
- we now have fresh tile in the jk/sk classrooms; in the office
- fresh carpet in the library
- new tiles in the staff washrooms will be installed in October

St. Louis Fundraiser Timeline for 2008 – 2009

We have planned for 6 Fundraising Projects this year, approved by the CSAC in Spring 2008:

1. Fall Fundraiser—Acorn Cards—CSAC Guided
2. Advent: GLOBAL Community Service Outreach Project—Staff Guided
3. Christmas—A Silent Auction at the Christmas Pageant—CSAC Guided
4. Lent: LOCAL Community Service Outreach Project—Staff Guided
5. Spring Fundraiser: Valentine's Day Dance-a-thon—CSAC Guided
6. Spring Fundraiser: Purple Day at St. Louis to support Meaghan's Walk—Staff Guided

St. Louis School Banking Audit for 2008-2009

- Ms. Morris will meet with Ms. Gemma following this meeting to review the reporting needs for CSAC re: bank reconciliation for August 31, 2008
- external auditors are Pricewaterhouse Coopers, who have selected an annual sample of schools from across the system
- thanks to Mrs. Senatore for her hard work preparing for this audit with Ms. Gemma and Ms. Morris

Sincere Thanks to the CSAC from 2007-2008

- Ms. Morris thanked the council from the past year for its dedication and commitment to the St Louis community.
- She looks forward to another positive year, working together on behalf of the children, their families and the staff

CSAC Chair's Comments

- Ms. Devine welcomed everyone and guided the discussion toward the election, with the St. Louis by-laws as a reference point
- St. Louis bylaws are posted on the school website

Election Process referring to CSAC By-Laws/Acclamation or Election

- * Ms. Devine appointed Chair
- * Ms. Gemma appointed Treasurer
- * Ms. Foisy appointed Co-Secretary
- * Ms. Aman appointed Co-Secretary
- * Oriana Bono, Connie Antonacci, Michelle LeBlanc, Claudette Piscione, Joanne Yano appointed Members at Large

Adjournment and First Meeting of Newly Formed CSAC

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Old Business/New Business

- * RBC Employee Volunteer Grant received from RBC Royal Bank \$500.00 with respect to Volunteer Hours by Ms. Devine

Presentation from Carole Kreidstein from “Lunch Lady”

- * Lunch Lady is in 15 schools in the area
- * All foods are nut-free and they use whole wheat, multigrain buns
- * Trans fat free, lower sugar and sodium, fruit sweetened foods
- * No contract required, no parent volunteers required
- * Fundraising for school - \$0.35 for each entry, statement received every month
- * Forms to go out for menu selection in late October/early November

Dates for CSAC Meetings

- * October 23, 2008 (amended)
- * November 20, 2008
- * January 15, 2009
- * February 19, 2009
- * April 23, 2009
- * May 28, 2009
- * June 2009 (to be determined)

Adjournment

- * Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.