

**Minutes of Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC)**  
**MEETING OF THE 2006-2007 CSAC**  
**St. Louis Catholic School**  
**October 26, 2006**

<b>ATTENDEES</b>	
Valerie Devine – CSAC Chair	Patrick Robins – CSAC Vice-Chair
Connie Gemma – CSAC Treasurer	Oriana Bono – CSAC Co-Secretary
Stefanie Dower – CSAC Co-Secretary	Rosanne Morris – Principal
Mrs. Cousineau – Teacher	Theresa MacLean - Staff
Margaret Kalsi – CSAC Information Officer	Connie Antonacci – CSAC Member-at-Large
Maria Soccorso Tonon	Kathleen Galvo
Ida Foisy	
CSAC Members-at-Large Absent: Claudette Piscione, Claudia Musetti, Maya Broglio	

**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

Prayers are also being said for Father Giuliano's recovery.

**Welcome and Introductions**

Ms. Devine and Ms. Morris:

- welcomed all

**Approval of the Minutes from September 26, 2006**

The Minutes from September 26<sup>th</sup> were approved by Mr. Robins and seconded by Mrs. Dower. Motion carried.

**Principal's Comments**

**Thank you** to everyone for the outpouring of support: telephone calls and Mass cards and gifts, both during my father's illness, and after his death. Your support and prayers are appreciated by me and my whole family.

**Leading Student Achievement**

- \* St. Louis is participating in a collaborative teaming: Ministry of Education, TCDSB, and Council of Catholic Principals of Ontario in an initiative to Support and enhance student achievement in literacy and numeracy
- \* we are one of 10 schools in Etobicoke working in collaboration to look at ways to enhance instructional practices in our classrooms
- \* focussed on a data-driven dialogue (EQAO, CAT-3, CCAT, Running Records, and Report Card Marks, using the Data Integration Platform on the TCDSB Intranet
- \* Divisional Teams of Teachers at St. Louis are meeting collaboratively to examine Data, and learn to inform instructional practice
- \* teachers are asked to set SMART goals: specific; measurable; attainable; relevant; and time-bound when planning curriculum

- \* Mrs. Cousineau is leading the way within her role as 5<sup>th</sup> Block teacher, and Primary Resource for Literacy, to work with teachers in the primary division and junior division to create meaningful data walls
- \* at our CSAC meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup>, we will examine the project in more detail

**Change of Date: PA Day on November 27<sup>th</sup>**

- \* Purpose: to promote Literacy and Numeracy Initiatives across the TCDSB
- \* St. Louis teachers will meet locally in the a.m.; and with teams from across Etobicoke in the p.m.: St. Leo; St. Teresa, St. Ambrose, Our Lady of Sorrows, and St. Mark

**Grade 8 Open Houses for Secondary Schools**

- \* November 1<sup>st</sup> – Bishop Allen Academy at 6:15 p.m.
- \* November 2<sup>nd</sup> – Michael Power St. Joseph's – International Baccalaureate Program 7pm
- \* November 7<sup>th</sup> – Father John Redmond Regional Arts Centre at 7 pm

**Ministry of Education PRO Grants for Schools—Parents Reaching Out Grants**

- \* the Ministry has developed a plan for CSACs to work together to generate funding in addition to the base funding of \$500 already approved for 2006 – 2007 for parent outreach
- \* we are invited to join with Holy Angels CSAC co-chairs at The Boulevard Club on Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 p.m. to discuss a possible joint proposal

**A Statement of Gratitude to Mrs. DePetrillo for the QSP Fundraising Success**

Thanks to Mrs. DePetrillo for all of her hard work in co-ordinating this effort. See Mrs. DePetrillo's notes for details and tallies.

**A Statement of Gratitude to our Pizza Moms for ongoing work with Pizza Days**

Thanks as always to Mrs. Kalsi, Mrs. Piscione, Mrs. Antonacci, Mrs. Bono and Mrs. Dower for their ongoing hard work and commitment to Pizza Days for our children. We could not do it without you.

**Hallowe'en Plans at St. Louis**

Thanks as well to the Dance-a-thon committee for the hard work in putting the activities together for Tuesday. The children are very excited. Thanks to Mrs. Reloza for the donation of the stuffed toys for the Hallowe'en Raffle, and thanks to Mrs. Kalsi for ensuring that all runs smoothly.

**Enrichment Activities in The Arts at St. Louis, and Request for Funding**

This year, a number of professional art performances have been booked through **Prologue for the Performing Arts.**

October 20<sup>th</sup> – The Tempest with Rag and Bone Theatre – cost \$691. (gr. 1-8)

November 22<sup>nd</sup>—The Great Canadian Songbook—cost \$600. (gr. 4,5,6)

November 7<sup>th</sup> – Puppetree Theatre Company: two shows—cost \$535. plus tax for both

The Alphabet Show (jk – gr. 2)

Too Much Garbage (gr. 3 – 8)

Total Request -- \$1826.

**Possible Considerations for Terms 2 and 3:**

- \* Scientists in the Schools
- \* Young People's Theatre
- \* Additional Enrichment performances in the arts

**Grade 7/8 Excursion to Ottawa—April 11<sup>th</sup> to April 13<sup>th</sup>**

We had a very positive response to our proposal for a trip to Ottawa.

To date: We have had 12 deposits from grade 7 students.

We have had promises of deposits from all but one gr. 8 student.  
= total of 36 students

Bus space is: 35 students minimum to run the trip.

We are looking forward to a wonderful experience.

Teachers attending: Mrs. Smith, Mrs. DiCarlo, Ms. Pacheco, Ms. Morris and one other TBA

### **St. Louis Athletic Calendar for 2006 – 2007**

**Soccer** – Girls: Ms. Pacheco, Mrs. Zimmer (Sept./Oct.)

**Int. Volleyball** – Boys: Ms. Sardina, Ms. Mondano (Nov.)

-- Girls: Ms. DiCarlo, Ms. Smith (Nov.)

**Primary Soccer** – Boys: Mrs. McIntyre, Mrs. Varey (January)

-- Girls: Mrs. Hirstwood, Mrs. Nocera (January)

**Basketball** – Girls: Ms. Pacheco, Mrs. Zimmer (Feb.)

**Junior Volleyball:** Boys: Ms. Sardina (March)

Girls: Ms. Micucci (March)

**Cross Country:** Mrs. DiCarlo, Ms. Pacheco, Mr. Bell, Ms. Smith, Ms. Micucci (May)

**Track and Field:** Mrs. DiCarlo, Ms. Pacheco, Ms. Smith, Ms. Micucci, Ms. Mondano, Ms. Zawadzki

**Softball:** Boys: Mr. Bell and Mrs. Zimmer (June)

Girls: Ms. Smith and Mrs. McIntyre (June)

### **Upcoming Events in November**

Nov. 1 -- Boys Volleyball at St. Teresa

Nov. 2 – Girls Volleyball at St. Teresa; Whole School Mass at St. Leo

Nov. 10 – Remembrance Day Ceremony at 10:45 in the gym

Nov. 14 – Cities Boys Volleyball at Humber College

Nov. 15 – Cities Girls Volleyball at Humber College

Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> – Sports Theme Uniform Day—Canned Food Drive

Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> – PD Day – No School

Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> – Scholastic Book Fair in the library

### **General**

Ms. Morris advised that Mrs. Zimmer's Grandmother had passed away and that the memorial will be in Parry Sound.

Mrs. Cousineau sincerely thanked CSAC, for the Mass card given to her on the passing of her father and all the support.

Ms. Morris advised of Father Giuliano's illness, and asked that we all pray for him.

### **CSAC Chair's Comments**

Ms. Devine had spoken to Mrs. DePetrillo regarding the magazines. Ms. Morris will discuss prize distribution with Mrs. DePetrillo.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Ms. Gemma indicated we had approximately \$10,123.00 in the account, with approximately \$7,775.00 committed. There is approximately \$500.00 available.

The following items are included in the committed funds:

- \$5600 - Pizza
- \$1900 – Enrichment activities

Commitments were approved by all. Motion carried.

### **Old Business**

#### **Dance-A-Thon**

The Dance-A-Thon will go ahead, as scheduled, on October 31, 2006.

### **New Business**

#### **General**

- A problem with lack of toilet paper and soap in the washrooms had been brought up. Ms. Morris had also been informed of this during her absence, as well as vandalism with the use of toilet paper. Ms. Morris will look into this matter.
- The water vending machine is no longer at school. Ms. Morris advised that the partnership agreement with the vendor is completed and the machine was removed. She has not heard anything more as to whether or not another water machine will be installed.
- CSAC will no longer be collecting Sobey's receipts.
- Ms. Devine brought in pop can tabs, which are still being collected.
- The high school open house dates are to be included in the next newsletter.
- Ms. Devine has prepared the next CSAC newsletter and sent it to Ms. Morris.
- Question arose to the whether or not the "Lightning" student newsletter will be ongoing. It is not known as of this meeting. Ms. Morris will follow up.
- The CSAC By-laws were revised at the last meeting. The revised By-laws will be filed by Ms. Morris. Ms. Devine has re-published the latest version of the By-laws in a slightly different format, for more clarity.

### **Dates of 2006-2007 CSAC Meetings**

Thursday, November 16, 2006
Thursday, January 11, 2007
Thursday, February 8, 2007
Thursday, March 22, 2007
Thursday, April 19, 2007
Thursday, May 10, 2007
Thursday, June 14, 2007

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

### **NEXT CSAC MEETING:**

7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 16, 2006 in the St. Louis Catholic School Library.  
All are welcome.