

**Minutes of Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC)**  
**MEETING OF THE 2007-2008 CSAC**  
**St. Louis Catholic School**  
**April 24, 2008**

<b>ATTENDEES</b>	
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	Bernadette Aman
CSAC Members Absent: Oriana Bono, Michelle O’Rourke, Connie Antonacci, Michelle LeBlanc, Maria Soccorso Tonon, Adelina Santaluce	

**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 February 21, 2008**

- \* The Minutes from February 21, 2008 approved by Valerie Devine and seconded by Connie Gemma.

**Principal’s Comments**

1. Welcome and Thank You
  - \* Thank you to the CSAC for the generous gift of time and support of our school— funding school programs, support of our out reach projects, support of our children and staff
  - \* Catholic Education Week is next week—WE ARE CALLED
  - \* Letter from Archbishop Collins will go home April 25, 2008
  - \* TCDSB is in the process of significant cutbacks due to issues of declining enrolment and budget deficit
  - \* There is a requirement that a balanced budget be presented to the Ministry of Education by TCDSB

- \* Letter from Mr. Kevin Kobus, the Director of our board, will go home ON Friday, April 25, 2008.
  - \* Program Cuts and Staffing Implications for St. Louis Catholic School:
    - \*the 5<sup>th</sup> Block Early Literacy Intervention Program is cut
    - \*0.50 day ESL is cut
    - \*2 classroom teachers have been declared surplus
    - \*0.20 French (20 minutes per day) is cut
    - \*0.20 Instrumental Music is cut
  - \* The Communications office of the board will be sending out press releases on Friday, April 25, 2008 to all media: tv, and the press
  - \* Thank you to CSAC for the lovely gift of fruit sent to the staff this week ; the gesture of support is much appreciated, most sincerely.
2. Enrichment Activities at St. Louis – See the calendar with the April Newsletter
- \*Grade 1 and 2—YP Theatre to see Robert Munsch Play, I’ll Love You Forever”
  - \*Grade 8s travel to Kleinburg on April 28<sup>th</sup> for Tree Planting
  - \*Beach Day Dance-a-thon on May 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - \*Metro Police Visits: personal safety; bullying; internet safety
  - \*Earth Hour and Earth Day celebrations
  - \*Grade 2 Spelling Bee
  - \*Artists in the School: grades 2, 5 and 6 this Spring
  - \*W5H—St. Louis Hosted
  - \*Regional Program for the Gifted Destination Imagination:
    - \*St. Louis will send a team to Tennessee
    - \*Grade 3 Trip to the Enoch Turner School House
    - \*And much more..... see the end of year calendar
3. Fundraising Timelines:
- \* we will set the timelines for next year’s fundraising at the next CSAC meeting in May
  - \* this year, in addition to the planned fundraising events, we added Jump Rope for Heart (May 1<sup>st</sup>—a full day of fun for the children); and Purple Day in support of Meagan’s Walk; EZ Rock Stu and Colleen supported this event with Mrs. Bebenek and Christopher Piscione and the grade 6 class

4. Curriculum News
  - \* St. Louis has hosted 3 regional team meetings to support the development of teaching strategies for literacy with staff from St. Louis guiding—St. Mark, St. Leo, St. Dorothy and Christ the King
  - \* Best practices in teaching are being developed with the support of the Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat
  - \* Focus on differentiated instruction and development of Teaching Learning Cycles of six weeks in duration; Precision Teaching and ongoing assessment of performance
  
5. Athletic Activities at St. Louis
  - \* we did very well in volleyball, basketball tournaments, cross country
  - \* we have 15 students moving to the next level (regionals for cross country on April 29<sup>th</sup> – we are sharing a bus with St. Leo and St. Mark
  
6. Celebration of the Feast of St. Louis -April 25, 2008
  - \* paraliturgy in the gym celebrating the virtues of St. Louis
  - \* presentations from grades 1 to 8
  - \* French café in the gym in the afternoon on a class schedule
  
7. Sacramental Preparation and Relationship with St. Leo Parish
  - \* Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation
  - \* Confirmation Retreat was held last Friday at Bishop Allen
  - \* First Communion will take place at Saturday Mass
  - \* We are very grateful to Father Frank, Mrs. Hirstwood and Mrs. MacLean, Mrs. DiCarlo and Ms Pacheco for their support in the process of preparing our children for the holy sacraments

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

- \* Prizes for dance-a-thon to be \$30.00 and Entertainment Book
- \* CSAC to provide \$50.00 for water for dance-a-thon and free pizza lunch for class who raises most money

### **Treasurer's Report**

Report to be provided by Connie Gemma

- \* Connie Gemma to re-order new cheques for St. Louis and new stamp for school also (\$160.00)
- \* New GIC has been set-up
- \* Buses for sports approved (Bill was provided to Connie Gemma – will pay half) (Estimated at \$200.00)

## **Old Business**

- \* None

## **New Business**

- \* Discussed Internet Bullying Situation in the Intermediate Grades
- \* Ms Morris sent a detailed letter home to the parent community describing the concern and the appropriate action taken: police services presentations; importance of parental involvement at home; education of the children; and ongoing diligence and instruction in the classroom, including review of Safe Schools policy and internet safety agreement
- \* In an assembly with the Principal, Grades 7 and 8 were advised of Safe Schools Policy which was implemented on February 1, 2008. Students have been advised of importance and consequences of bullying situations on and off school property.
- \* Kids Have Stress Too Program is a free program that will be held at St. Louis for 3 nights, 2 hour session (May 8, 14 and 22). For a small price, a light dinner and juice will be served. **Child Supervision will also be provided.**

## **Important Dates**

- \* See school calendar

## **Next Meeting**

- \* May 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.—Babysitting will be provided.

## **Adjournment**

- \* Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.