

Minutes of Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC)

St. Louis Catholic School

June 15, 2006

ATTENDEES	
Patrick Robins – CSAC Co-Chair Connie Gemma – CSAC Treasurer Valerie Devine – CSAC Co-Secretary Rosanne Morris - Principal Giulia Di Carlo – Teacher Louisa Senatore – School Secretary	
Connie Antonacci Angela Belair Oriana Bono Gina DePetrillo	Stefanie Dower Margaret Kalsi Jill Maslanka - QSP 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

Mr. Robins and Ms. Morris:

- welcomed all

QSP Fund-Raising Information

Jill Maslanka did a short presentation on the QSP (Reader's Digest) Magazine Fund-raiser.

- This is a fund-raiser that promotes reading
- Approximately 700 magazines are listed in the catalogue – some are available in foreign languages
- QSP provides the catalogues and order forms
- When the fund-raising period is over, people can continue to order on-line during the year, on-line and if they indicate that they are ordering under the St. Louis name, QSP will send St. Louis a cheque for the funds-raised
- Jill suggested that the Fall is the best time to do this fund-raiser as magazines can be ordered as Christmas presents
- To encourage staff to promote the program in their classes, staff will be able to order at a greater discount (50%) – at no extra charge to the school
- The school will only get billed (a couple of months following the end of the fund-raiser) for cash and cheque orders as parents will also be able to order with their credit card numbers
- Mrs. DePetrillo will meet with Jill Maslanka and Ms. Morris sometime next week, before Jill leaves on her one month summer vacation – to get more details about this fund-raiser

Approval of the Minutes from May 26, 2006

The Minutes from May 26th were approved by Mr. Robins and seconded by Mrs. DePetrillo
Motion carried

Principal's Comments

Appreciation

Ms. Morris made a heartfelt statement of gratitude, thanking each member of the council for their hard work and dedicated efforts guiding the growth and development of the Parent Council at St.

Louis Catholic School. She stated that it has been a pleasure to work with each person, and she said she looks forward to working with the next Council in the next school year 2006 – 2007. Also, she expressed thanks to Mrs. Senatore who works so carefully to ensure that the accounting process is accurate with both the CSAC bank account and the school bank account. Ms. Morris thanked Mrs. Kalsi for the work she has done in making the “We Are Family” DVD which shows photographs taken throughout the school year. This DVD will be shown to the students at the “We Are Family” assembly scheduled for June 29th, at 9:30 a.m.

End-Of-The-Year Activities

Talent Show – Grade 8s

- Date has been changed to June 19th

End-of-Year Mass

- Scheduled for Wednesday June 21st at 9:45 a.m.
- Farewell to Fr. Sultana
- Students will present a photo collage and a special message to Fr. Sultana
- Primary division is planning the Mass
- CSAC will be represented at the Mass to present Fr. Sultana with a small token (70 Euros = approximately Cdn. \$100) on behalf of CSAC and Ms. Devine will present this to Fr. Sultana on behalf of Mr. Robins and CSAC

Senior Kindergarten

- Graduation scheduled for June 22nd at 9:30 a.m.

Grade 8

- Graduation on June 23rd – preparation almost complete
 - Noon luncheon and dance to be held at The Canadiana restaurant
 - 7:00 p.m. Graduation Mass and Ceremony in the St. Louis gym

Play Day

- Scheduled for Monday, June 26th (rain date - June 27th)
- Mrs. Antonacci and Mrs. Belair have volunteered to help on this day

Report Cards

- Will be sent home on June 28th

Last Day Of School

- “We Are Family” Assembly on June 29th at 9:30 a.m.
- Early Dismissal on June 29th at 2:15 p.m.
 - Parents will be notified in writing
 - Transportation has been notified

Treasurer’s Report

Ms. Gemma provided the Treasurer’s report:



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- There will be at least \$3,000 available for next year’s CSAC
- The \$881 from the Ministry of Education will be used in this school year to help St. Louis increase involvement of parents in the school, to ensure that diverse parent voices are heard – this money will be used toward the Spaghetti Social to be held on the 26th
- Ms. Morris agreed to release the \$1,900 committed by CSAC (to be used for the school)) with the understanding that she would request them next year. Ms. Morris and the teachers have agreed that these funds should be used to buy an electronic screen for the gym
- All agreed to release the balance of the funds (committed but not spent) for:
 - Communion and Confirmation (\$200) – as Ms. Morris confirmed that affected teacher’s did not want to be reimbursed
 - Dance-A-Thon (\$76.29 + \$3.71)

- Teacher's Allowances (\$416.59) – as, after a number of reminders, the teacher's have not submitted their receipts
- Bus monies will be fully released once Mrs. Senatore confirms that all bills have been received
- Mr. Robins suggested we commit (an unknown amount) funds (if needed) toward the Spaghetti Social. Ms. Devine approved and Mrs. Dower seconded. Motion carried
- A suggestion was made that CSAC could present a small token to Fr. Sultana and another suggestion was made to buy him Cdn. \$100 worth of Euros for his trip to Europe this summer – which equates to 70 Euros. This suggestion was seconded by Ms. Devine. Motion Carried

Old Business

- 2006-2007 Fund-raising Plans
 - Dance-A-Thon
 - To be scheduled at Halloween
 - Acorn Cards
 - If we decide to do this fund-raiser, we will have to determine an appropriate time in which to run it
 - Mrs. Belair will hand-off the Acorn Cards information to Mrs. DePetrillo
 - QSP Magazine Sales
 - To be started in the Fall, in time for Christmas
 - Chocolate Sales
 - If we decide to do this fund-raiser, parents would be asked to pay 'up front' for the chocolates taken by their children
- Spaghetti Social Information Package
 - Mr. Robins and Ms. Morris have compiled a CSAC information package which will be handed out to parents at the Spaghetti Social
- Spaghetti (Penne) Dinner
 - Attendees with action items (see below) were asked to please provide updates to Mrs. Piscione who is leading this initiative
 - Approximately 200 attendees – from the numbers received to date, assume 100 adults and 100 students – we will order pasta for 175 people so that there is no waste
 - To ensure CSAC is able to mix and mingle, it was decided that we should get:
 - Penne pasta and sauce from Queen's Pasta
 - \$4.03/person (\$3.50 + 15% tax) x 175 = \$705.25
 - Mrs. Piscione will confirm
 - Garlic bread from No Frills or Costco = \$ 50.00
 - Mrs. Piscione/Ms. Devine
 - Salad and dressing from No Frills or Costco = \$ 50.00
(Mrs. Piscione/Ms. Devine to organize)
 - Parmesan cheese
(Mrs. Piscione/Ms. Devine to organize) = \$25.00
 - Plates and cutlery and serviettes = \$ 75.00
 - Mrs. Kalsi will check out the prices
At Costco and Ms. Devine will check out
The prices at Sam's Club
 - Table cloths from the Dollar Store(Ms. Devine) = \$ 10.00
 - Table Decorations (Ms. Devine will bring in) = \$ 0.00
 - Cookies from Mr. Christie = \$ 40.00
(Mrs. Piscione/Ms. Devine to organize)
 - Drinks (water and juice) (Mr. Robins will speak to Mr. Campese to see

- if he will kindly donate = \$ 0.00
- Serving utensils (Mrs. Piscione/Ms. Devine to organize)
 - Serving bowls (Mrs. Piscione/Ms. Devine to organize)
 - Mrs. Belair will bring in her Boom Box
 - Mrs. Di Carlo will ask the Grade 7s to make CDs with Italian music
 - Mrs. Senatore will ask Lorraine at St. Leo's if we can use the Hall
 - Ms. Morris will send out a notice telling parents that the location of the Spaghetti Social has changed
 - Ms. Morris suggested we leave an area of the floor as a dance area in which students can dance
 - Parent volunteers will show up by 4:00 p.m. on the 27th to help set up the Hall
- First Pizza Day of 2006-2007 Year
 - September 20, 2006

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

NEXT CSAC MEETING:

7:00 p.m. on **Tuesday**, September 26th, 2006 in the St. Louis Catholic School Library