

Minutes of Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC)
LAST MEETING OF THE 2005-2006 CSAC
St. Louis Catholic School
September 26, 2006

ATTENDEES	
Patrick Robins – CSAC Co-Chair Connie Gemma – CSAC Treasurer Valerie Devine – CSAC Co-Secretary Rosanne Morris - Principal Giulia Di Carlo – Teacher	
Connie Antonacci Oriana Bono Gina DePetrillo Stefanie Dower	Margaret Kalsi Claudia Musetti 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

Approval of the Minutes from June 15, 2006

The Minutes from May 26th were approved by Mrs. Kalsi and seconded by Ms. Gemma.
Motion carried

Principal's Comments

An Overview

- On behalf of the St. Louis staff, Ms. Morris thanked CSAC for everything they have done for the St. Louis school and students
- the school year has begun very favourably; a team thrives at St. Louis!
- our welcome Mass was held on September 25th at St. Leo with Father Giuliano; the Grade 7 and 8s planned the Mass: "We are a family in Jesus"
- school routines are well-established and numbers have settled (260 currently enrolled)
- our staff model is sound, and to date, no need for classroom re-organization; primary class sizes are small and junior and intermediate class sizes are comfortable, with no classes exceeding cap
- we have one split class this year: Grade 6/7
- we said goodbye in June to Mrs. Gula, who teaches at Josef Cardinal Slipjy Catholic School
- we said goodbye in June to Mrs. Radi, who retired from teaching
- we said goodbye to Mrs. Horich, Vocal Music, who changed schools
- these teachers will be sorely missed in our community
- we welcome a number of new staff members: welcome back to Mrs. Sestito in Kindergarten; Miss Micucci in Grade 3; welcome back to Mrs. Varey in Grade 5; welcome to Mrs. Smith to Grade 6/7 (a change from her original assignment in French); welcome to Ms. Mondano to French; welcome to Mrs. Zawadski to Intermediate Program Support; welcome to Mrs. Caliman to Vocal Music; welcome to Ms. Ross who works as a Physical and Health Ed. Specialist at St. Louis on Fridays only; and finally, welcome to Mrs. Ryan, our new Library Technician who is with us on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesday mornings

Leading Student Achievement

- a tri-level collaborative initiative has been embraced by the TCDSB, called "Leading Student Achievement"
- collaboration between the Ministry of Education Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat, the Catholic Principals' Association, the Principal Council of Ontario, and Curriculum Services Ontario
- St. Louis Catholic School is one of 8 lead schools in the West, and we will be benefiting from best practice sharing regarding the improvement of students' individual performance in the classroom and best instructional practice for teachers
- more information will be shared at the next CSAC meeting
- click on www.cpc.org for more details

General

Mrs. Cousineau asked Ms. Morris to sincerely thank CSAC, for the Mass card given to her on the passing of her father.

The Purpose Of This Meeting

- the sole purpose of this meeting is to elect a new Council
- we will read the new Bylaws together as they pertain to the Election process

CSAC Chair's Comments

Mr. Robbins had no comments and suggested we move on to the Election Process.

Election Process

Ms. Morris re-capped the Election Process while referring to the CSAC Bylaws. Although the Bylaws state that we need eight parent members, there were ten parent attendees who were interested in being on Council. Rather than turn away interested parties, a suggestion was made to amend the Bylaws. A vote was taken. All present agreed to amend the Bylaws.

Ms. Gemma approved the motion. Ms. Devine seconded the motion.

Motion carried

By acclamation, the following individuals are on the St. Louis 2006-2007 CSAC:

Devine, Valerie – Chair	Robins, Patrick – Vice Chair
Gemma, Connie – Treasurer	
Dower, Stefanie – Co-Secretary	Bono, Oriana – Co-Secretary
Antonacci, Connie – Member at large	Broglio, Maya – Member at large
Kalsi, Margaret – Member at large, Information Officer	Musetti, Claudia – Member at large
Piscione, Claudette – Member at large	

Once the 2006-2007 CSAC members were announced, Mr. Robins made a motion to dissolve the 2005-2006 CSAC. All approved

Motion carried

Updated Bylaws – September 26, 2006



St Louis CSAC Final
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FIRST MEETING OF THE 2006-2007 CSAC

Old Business

QSP Fund-Raising Information

This fund-raising activity has just started at St. Louis.

- This is a fund-raiser that promotes reading
- Approximately 700 magazines are listed in the catalogue – some are available in foreign languages
- QSP provided 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
- 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 has done an admirable job in starting off this fund-raiser
- Mrs. DiCarlo will help with the afternoon pick-up and morning drop-off, of the white envelopes containing the order forms
- Ms. Gemma and Ms. Devine have offered their assistance, if needed

Dance-A-Thon

The Dance-A-Thon has been scheduled for October 31, 2006.

- Ms. Devine has sent last year's letters and sponsor sheets to Mrs. Kalsi who has done a lot of work on the initial letter
- Ms. Devine has contacted Yolanda at Platinum Music and Entertainment Inc. to book the DJ and Yolanda has faxed a copy of the contract which Ms. Devine will drop off at the school for Ms. Morris to sign.
- Platinum will require a \$200 deposit and a post-dated cheque for the balance \$174.50, to be mailed to Platinum Music and Entertainment Inc., 910 Rowntree Dairy Road, Unit 23, Vaughan, Ontario, L4L 5W5

New Business

Meeting

Mr. Robins provided an update of his meeting on September 25, 2006 at which our Trustee, Ann Andrachuk and other schools were present.

- Most of the schools indicated that they face the same problems as do we at St. Louis
- The TCDSB and the TDSB are working closely together to find interesting solutions to known problems
- The Boards recognize that the Funding Formula may not be correct, however, they are doing what they can to make the situation better
- One of the suggestions which may be implemented is that a Catholic school may have to share facilities with a Public school
- There was no talk of merging the two Boards
- There was no talk of selling off school land – as it was mentioned that schools which may not be needed at this time, will most probably be needed in the future. In this case, if a school property is not needed as a school, other uses will be found for it – until such time as it is once again needed to be used as a school
- Mr. Robins suggested to the Ministry representatives that the number of students enrolled in a school does not change the cost of operating that school

Parenting The Net Generation

This is an information evening with Cathy Wing, Director of Media Awareness Network. The presentation will cover the following issues pertaining to young people's Internet use:

Online safety and responsible Internet use; online marketing and privacy concerns; and authenticating online information

The presentation which has been sponsored by the TCDSB and Area 2, will be held on Thursday, October 12, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. at Father John Redmond Catholic Secondary School and Regional Arts Centre, 28 Colonel Samuel Smith Drive (Kipling Avenue south of Lakeshore Blvd.). All are encouraged to attend.

Metro Toronto Catholic Education Foundation

We have been asked to help raise funds to help this organization and we will be asking students to bring in \$2 each at the Halloween Dance-A-Thon. These funds will be donated to this organization which has helped families in our school who have been in financial straits.

Inequality In Boys and Girls Sports

Ms. Devine questioned why there is an inequality between the boys and girls when it comes to school sports. As an example, there is a girls soccer team, but there is no boys soccer team. The same situation occurred last year and Ms. Devine was asking what could be done about this. Ms. Morris will provide a response to CSAC before the next meeting

Track and Field

Mrs. DePetrillo suggested that she could start train the students for Track and Field earlier than their current training schedule. She would be able to do so on a Saturday – if parents are willing to allow their children to train on the weekend.

As we have had a couple of sports-related queries at this meeting, Ms. Morris will ask Mrs. DiCarlo (St. Louis' Athletic Co-ordinator) to share information at the next CSAC meeting, about sports at St. Louis where items like the Track and Field training may be addressed and so that concerns can be shared.

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Gemma indicated we had approximately \$6,600 in the account, with no commitments. The following items were then committed:

- \$550 – Agenda Books
- \$1,350 – Teacher's petty cash (\$100 for each full-time teacher, \$50 for each part-time teacher)
- \$2,700 – Buses (\$300 for each of the 9 classes)
- \$900 – Dance-A-Thon (\$400 DJ, \$400 Prizes, \$100 – Pizza lunch and water)
- \$200 – First Holy Communion and Confirmation tokens
- \$200 – Senior Kindergarten and Grade 8 Graduation tokens
- \$50 – Water for the students on Terry Fox Run day

Ms. Devine approved the commitments. Mrs. Kalsi seconded the motion.
Motion carried

Dates of 2006-2007 CSAC Meetings

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

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

NEXT CSAC MEETING:

7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 19, 2006 in the St. Louis Catholic School Library.
All are welcome.