

Minutes of Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC)
MEETING OF THE 2008-2009 CSAC
St. Louis Catholic School
***February 19, 2009 ***

ATTENDEES	
Valerie Devine – Chair	Rosanne Morris – Principal
Ida Foisy – Co-Secretary	Connie Gemma – Treasurer
Bernadette Aman- Co-Secretary	Mrs. DiCarlo – Teacher Representative
CSAC Members Absent: Joanne Yano - Member-At-Large, Michelle LeBlanc - Member-At-Large; Oriana Bono - Member-At-Large , Connie Antonacci - Member-At-Large Claudette Piscione - Member-At-Large	

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 January 15, 2009

* The Minutes from January 15, 2009 were approved and seconded.

Principal’s Comments

Curriculum News:

Report Cards will be distributed on March 10th, just prior to March break, which means that teachers are busy with student assessment and marking student work.

Enrichment News:

Sunday, Feb. 1st--**Knights of Columbus Free Throw at Bishop Allen:** Mrs. DiCarlo supported 8 students from Grades 6, 7 and 8 in this venture, and our students did extremely well.

Feb. 2nd—**Ontario Legislature Tour**—grade 5s and 6s visited the legislative assembly with Ms Burke and Mrs Zimmer, participating in a mock trial.

Feb. 5th – Grade 3s hosted a **Scientist in the School**, working on the unit “Structures”, with Ms Schneider and her class

Feb. 6th – **Grade 8 and SK Grad Photos** were taken.

Feb. 9th Week—**Kiss-o-Gram sales** were completed by our grade 8 student leaders; 912 dollars were collected; over 4000 Kiss-o-Grams were distributed!!! And proceeds will be shared with Dr. Simone for the **Silent Children Project** to support abused children and mothers, and unborn children in Peru and El Salvador; half of the proceeds will go to support grade 8 graduation as well.

Dr. Simone will join us on Holy Thursday to accept the money on behalf of the project.

Feb. 9th – **Canadian Opera Company**—grade 5/6 visited with Ms Burke and Mrs Zimmer

Feb. 18th – Mlle Mondano hosted a trip to hear **Gregg LaRock—En Spectacle**, a francophone Canadian music star, at The Bathurst Street Theatre. Mrs. McIntyre, Ms Burke and Mrs Zimmer joined in the fun.

Feb. 24th—Jeff Salem will share his talents with all classes for **Drumming sessions in the Gym**. The school will run on a special schedule that day so that all students can participate from JK to Grade 8.

Sports News:

Our **boys and girls basketball teams** did very well at the recent tournaments with the support of their coaches—Miss Pacheco, Mrs. Zimmer for the boys; Ms Burke for the girls.

Junior boys and girls volleyball teams are now in tryouts. Coaches are: for the boys and girls both—Mlle. Mondano

A reminder that the **Athletic Calendar** is online on the school website.

Sacramental News:

- reminder to all parents that the sacramental preparation schedule is now online on the school website. **Confirmation time has changed to 7:30 on May 15th with Bishop Boissonneau.**

Liturgical Team News: Our Lenten Global Outreach Project:

- our project is currently being shaped by our team
 - we will be supporting a small school community in **Mzuzu, Malawi**—guided by Sister Ann MacDonald, CSJ
 - the project will run for a 2 to 3 week period with a **Lifestyle Calendar** as a guide; we will have more information in writing for parents sometime next week, prior to **Ash Wednesday**—Feb. 25th
 - **Father Frank** will distribute ashes class to class on Ash Wednesday
 - **Father Frank** will also join us, with Dr. Simone, for our **Holy Thursday Paraliturg**y, guided by our 7s and 8s
- * St. Louis has been nominated for an Award for Exemplary Practice for our Program to Assistant Social Thinking.

Treasurer's Report

- * \$3,000 GIC is available for next year's council.
- * Mass Card was also approved via e-mail approval.
- * CSAC approved \$650.00 being released as follows:
 - * CSAC agreed to pay for half of the \$600.00 Drumming Session cost on Feb. 24, 2009. Therefore, CSAC will pay \$300.00 towards this cost.
 - * We also discussed paying for half of a Power Point Projector and Ms. Morris had said the cost was around \$600.00 plus taxes. It was suggested and approved that CSAC commit \$350.00 for the projector.

CSAC Chair's Comments

- * We have received our Pro Grant in the amount of \$798.00 (\$300 + \$24 (PST) for 2 Wellness sessions plus \$150 for refreshments). This money will be used to increase parental involvement with a wellness theme. Ms. Devine will contact Vikki King, Registered Holistic Nutritionist to set up a time for this event. A few different days in April were proposed and Ms. Devine will contact Vikki King. The deadline to spend the \$798.00 is September 30, 2009.
- * The final tally for the Silent Auction was \$1,073.00 .
- * The Lunch Lady program will continue until the end of the year. Ms. Morris will encourage teachers to let parents know to call and cancel their child's lunch if their school trip falls on a Wednesday.

New Business

Accommodation Review--Invitation to Meetings

The Accommodation Review for the area including Christ the King, St. Ambrose, St. Josaphat and St. Teresa Catholic Schools has been completed and a report submitted to the Director of Education. The community is welcome to attend the next meeting of the Supervision Team (The Board) on February 25th at 7 p.m., however no decision will be made at that meeting.

Those interested in making delegations to the Board are invited to do so at the March 25th meeting. To register as a delegation, please visit the board's website at www.tcdsb.org or contact the recording secretary at 416-222-8282 ext. 2293.

A further report from the Director of Education, which will include input received at the March meeting, will be considered at the April 22nd meeting of the Board. This revised report will be posted on the Board's website prior to the April meeting.

Dates for CSAC Meetings

- * April 23, 2009
- * May 28, 2009
- * June 2009 (to be determined)

Adjournment

- * Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.