

**Minutes of Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC)**  
**MEETING OF THE 2008-2009 CSAC**  
**St. Louis Catholic School**  
**\*October 23, 2008\***

<b>ATTENDEES</b>	
Valerie Devine – Chair	Members-At-Large:
Ida Foisy – Co-Secretary	Michelle LeBlanc
Bernadette Aman- Co-Secretary	Claudette Piscione
Rosanne Morris – Principal	
Mary Anne Cousineau – Staff Representative	Fernando Campese – Parent
CSAC Members Absent: Connie Gemma – Treasurer, Joanne Yano, Oriana Bono, Connie Antonacci	

**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 June 2008**

\* The Minutes from September 2008 approved and seconded.

**Principal's Comments**

**1. Curriculum News at St. Louis**

**Teaching Learning Cycle 1—October 21 to November 18**

Focus on Reading from grades k to 8

Language Arts Strands:

- 1.5 Making Inferences
- 1.7 Analysing Texts
- 1.6 Extending Understanding

Teachers have collectively identified a teaching pathway.

A pre-assessment question has been determined.

A teaching period has been identified.

A date for moderated marking has been established.

And, high yield strategies have been identified to be used in every classroom:

- Go Chart, Q-chart, Story Map, Story Web as a consistent framework for instruction

St. Louis staff are viewed to be leaders in their hub, and in area two schools.

The professional hub consists of staff from:

- Our Lady of Sorrows
- St. Leo
- St. Mark
- Christ the King
- St. Louis

All of this excellent work is guided by the Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat at the Ministry of Education and our superintendent, Colleen Tovey-Shackleton.

## **2. Enrichment News**

Thanks to the CSAC for support for funding buses for class trips to the following sites:

- Ste Marie Among the Hurons, October 28<sup>th</sup> – grades 3 to 6
- Toronto Symphony—October 23, 2008—grades 7 and 8
- Toronto Swim Program—now completed—grade 4
- Lorraine Kimsa Theatre—first play “Ghosts and Ladders”—junior division
- Bishop Allen Drama—One Hallowe’en Night—primary division
- Bishop Allen Drama—Improv with the Intermediates—Grades 7 and 8
- National Me to We Day at Ricoh Coliseum—October 17<sup>th</sup> with student leaders
- Hallowe’en Plans—Grades 7 and 8 dance in the p.m.; Hallowe’en parade at 1:15 p.m. in the neighbourhood
- Primary Grades – You are a Good Man Charlie Brown - tba

## **3. Banking Audit**

- is now complete
- positive reports from Pricewaterhouse staff
- significant thanks to Ms Gemma, our CSAC treasurer and Mrs. Senatore, our secretary

## **4. Professional Activity Day—October 24<sup>th</sup>**

- focus on **Safe Schools and Provincial Priorities**
- School Leadership Team meeting: November 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 to review:
  - Safe Schools Action Plan
  - School Learning Plan
  - School Effectiveness Framework
  - CSAC representative is invited
- Safe Schools survey to be completed by staff tomorrow at the PA day
- Safe Schools survey will be completed by students and parents: tba
- all to be integrated into the Safe Schools Action plan as per the direction and partnership of the TCDSB and Toronto Police Services Board

\*\*\*\*\*Ms. Morris review locked down practice this evening. Please see attached for your reference.

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

- \* CPAC meeting had a poor show of schools – A parent representative was chosen from the Lakeshore area to represent a collection of schools in our Ward

### **Old Business**

- \* PRO Grant application to be filed to get two Wellness Presentations at our school - in an attempt to increase parental involvement in our CSAC activities.
- \* Acorn Cards - Working on cards this week and they will be delivered by December 12, 2008
- \* Photo Re-Take Day – November 18, 2008
- \* Lunch Lady representative spoke to all classes and all comments were well received. Healthy meal plans with no trans fat, pro-active eating, healthy foods. No parental involvement required.

### **New Business**

- \* Silent Auction – On Christmas Concert evening – If you have any donations, please deliver to the office by December 1, 2008. Letter to be sent home regarding donations .

### **Treasurer's Report**

- \* See Spreadsheet Attached. This spreadsheet includes the necessary statements and a spreadsheet of committed and possible commitments for 2008/2009.
- \* Due to the fact we will not be selling chocolates this year, the revenue will be lower
- \* Ms. Cousineau make a request for extra funds for lighting and sound system for special masses, assemblies and for drama effects.
- \* Ms. Morris will also request funds from the school board to cover partial costs, if possible, that is, if council approves this at a future date.

### **Dates for CSAC Meetings**

- \* November 20, 2008
- \* January 15, 2009
- \* February 19, 2009
- \* April 23, 2009
- \* May 28, 2009
- \* June 2009 (to be determined)

### **Adjournment**

- \* Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.