

**Minutes of Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC)**  
**MEETING OF THE 2007-2008 CSAC**  
**St. Louis Catholic School**  
**September 20, 2007**

<b>ATTENDEES</b>	
Valerie Devine – Co-Chair	Rosanne Morris - Principal
Margaret Kalsi – Member-at-large	Giulia DiCarlo - Teacher
Claudette Piscione – Member-at-large	Oriana Bono – Co-secretary
Connie Antonacci – Member-at-large	Stefanie Dower – Co-secretary
Ida Foisy	Maria Soccorosa Tonon
Michelle O'Rourke	Michelle Leblanc
Bruno Santaluce	Joanne Yano
Bernadette Aman	
CSAC Members Absent: Connie Gemma, Maya Broglio, Claudia Musetti	

**Prayer – For Catholic Education**

O God of all beginnings and endings, we praise and thank You for the gift of this school year. It has been a time filled with grace and blessings, with challenges and opportunities, joys and sorrows. The days have passed quickly, O Lord. The weeks, the months, the seasons, the holidays and Holy days, the exams, vacations, breaks and assemblies, all have come forth from Your hand.

Give us the rest and refreshment we need this summer. Let our efforts of this past year bear fruit. Bring all of our plans to a joyful conclusion, and bless us, according to Your will, with the fulfillment of our summer hopes and dreams. Watch over us in the weeks ahead, and guide each day as You have done this past year. Help us to return to school with a new spirit and a revitalized energy. May we continue to grow in wisdom, knowledge and grace of the days of our lives. Amen.

**Welcome and Introductions**

Ms. Devine and Ms. Morris welcomed all.

**Approval of the Minutes from June 26, 2007**

The Minutes from June 26th were approved by Valerie Devine and seconded by Claudette Piscione, with the following amendment: we will not be participating in the Terry Fox Run this year (previously scheduled for October, 2007), but instead will be celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Louis. We will resume participation for the Terry Fox Run in the 2008/2009 school year.

**Principal's Comments**

Ms. Morris welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for attending.

**On behalf of the St. Louis community, Ms. Morris thanked CSAC for all they have done to support children, their families and the school over the course of the 2006 – 2007 school year.**

- \* the 2007 – 2008 school year has opened very well
- \* there is a positive, enthusiastic spirit on staff, and with the children

- \* team work and team building are a top priority this year as we move forward in our work together to build a caring, Catholic school community
- \* our current enrolment is 250; staffing was reviewed
- \* our staffing model has not changed since projections
- \* changes in classroom re-organization can take place up until September 30<sup>th</sup> if need be; we are hopeful that we will remain status quo
- \* retirements noted: Mr. Bell, Mrs. Marentic, Mr. Pahulje
- \* new staff: Mrs. Petrone (0.50 Special Education Resource); Mr. DiGirolamo (Instrumental Instructor); Mrs. Wiley (Teacher of the PASS Program); Ms Ferreira (CYW with the PASS program); and a new CYW (tba)
- \* we continue with the DPA program this year on Fridays with Mrs. Ross, a Physical and Health Education specialist
- \* we celebrated our opening Mass today with children and staff from St. Leo at St. Leo Church with our new pastor, Father Frank Carpinelli
- \* school routines are well established
- \* our school has undergone a face-lift on the main floor, thanks to Mrs. Kalsi who has painted a number of the walls to host student artwork as well as photo displays of past celebrations
- \* the school garden continues to thrive thanks to the hard work of Mrs. Kalsi, Mr. Leo, and most recently again, the generous donations of flowers of the Campese family

Academic Focus: Leading Student Achievement in Literacy and Numeracy

- \* EQAO results for St. Louis have been very positive: well above board standard—see attached summary: results are available now on the equao website: [www.eqao.ca](http://www.eqao.ca)

Purpose of this meeting:

**Elections**

- \* the sole purpose of this meeting is to elect a new council
- \* Ms. Morris and Ms. Devine referred us to the CSAC Bylaws for St. Louis which are posted on the website
- \* the bylaws as they pertain to the election process were read and shared by all present

Dates of CSAC meetings were also reviewed by all present.

The 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations take place on October 20<sup>th</sup> with Mass at St. Leo at 3:00 p.m. with a reception to follow in the gymnasium. All are welcome.

### **CSAC Election for the 2007/2008 school year**

Ms. Morris read portions of the CSAC By-laws prior to the election.

By acclamation, the following individuals are members of the 2007/2008 CSAC:

Valerie Devine	Chair
Connie Gemma	Treasurer
Maria Tonon	Co-Secretary
Ida Foisy	Co-Secretary
Bernadette Aman	Back-up Secretary
Stefanie Dower	Member-at-large
Claudette Piscione	Member-at-large
Margaret Kalsi	Member-at-large
Oriana Bono	Member-at-large
Joanne Yano	Member-at-large

### **Dates of 2007/2008 CSAC Meetings**

Thursday, October 18, 2007*
Thursday, November 22, 2007
Thursday, January 17, 2008
Thursday, February 21, 2008
Thursday, April 17, 2008
Thursday, May 22, 2008

\* A public health nurse will be attending the October 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.