

Minutes of Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC)

St. Louis Catholic School

September 20, 2005

ATTENDEES	
Margaret Kalsi – CSAC Co-Chair Claudette Piscione - CSAC Co-Chair Michelle LeBlanc – CSAC Co-Secretary Oriana Bono – CSAC Co-Secretary Connie Gemma – CSAC Treasurer R. Morris - Principal Luisa Senatore – Non-Teaching Staff Giulia DiCarlo – Teaching Staff	
Angela Belair Connie Antonacci Gloria Campos Rosemary Carey (for Patrick Robins) Sandra Cocomello Gina DePetrillo Valerie Devine Vanora Devine-Turriff Stefanie Dower Doug Drury Sara McDonald	Michelle O'Rourke Deborah Osmanski Carm Rosso Bruno Santaluce Maria Soccora Tonon J. Whyte D. B. Whyte Lori Zaffino Joe Zupancic Rina Zupancic

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

CSAC members and staff of St. Louis who were present, were introduced to the meeting attendees.

Approval of the Minutes from May 17, 2005

The Minutes from May 17th, were approved by Valerie Devine

Approval of the Agenda

Today's Agenda was approved by Claudette Piscione

Chair's Comments

Margaret Kalsi spoke briefly about today's goal of the CSAC meeting which is the election / re-election of the CSAC Council

Principal's Comments

- Ms. Morris introduced herself as the new Principal who is extremely happy to be at St. Louis
- She has been teaching for twenty-five years
- She has a varied background in the TCDSB
- She:
 - met with Father Sultana in July
 - met with teachers in July and August
 - indicated that she had a very positive opening to the school year
 - reviewed with meeting attendees, the three TCDSB priorities (and their related goals), namely: Nurturing Our Catholic Community, Improving Student Learning and Achievement, Building Capacity To Lead And Learn
 - reviewed with meeting attendees the initiatives she supports at St. Louis, namely: supporting initiatives of TCDSB, enhancing a warm welcoming, inclusive community,

- enhancing the partnership with parents, ensuring timely communication, supporting teachers in the various school activities, developing a team approach to planning and sharing, ensuring an enriched environment in provided for learning
- indicated that her door is always open for students and parents
- briefly discussed changes in the demographics of the area which results in decreases or increases in the school population
- indicated that there were seven combined classes when the school year began and by the end of the second week, classes were re-organized so that there were only four combined classes
- outlined the following activities planned for September:
 - pizza lunch – tomorrow, September 21
 - Terry Fox Run – Friday, September 23
 - Teacher Professional Inservice: Math and Language
 - Divisional soccer week – next week
 - Special Services Inservices
 - Grade 8 Parent meeting re: Mansfield trip – September 29
- explained that she would work toward developing shared priorities with new CSAC Council
- indicated that she is looking forward to working in partnership with parents, teachers, students and Father Sultana, to create the richest possible experience for all members of the St. Louis community

Election of CSAC Council Officers

The following nominations for the CSAC offices were received prior to the meeting::

Chair

- Margaret Kalsi
- Patrick Robins

Co-Chair

- Sara McDonald

Treasurer

- Connie Gemma

Secretary

- Valerie Devine

Margaret Kalsi provided a hand-out outlining her many accomplishments as CSAC Chair, over the past year. Margaret also spoke briefly of her sincere wish to continue to help in the school regardless of the outcome of the voting.

In Patrick Robins' absence, his wife Rosemary Carey read a short speech written by Patrick accepting the nomination and accepting the outcome of the vote.

By secret ballot which were counted by Ms. Morris and Mrs. DiCarlo, the following officers were voted to CSAC Council:

Chair

- Patrick Robins

Co-Chair

- Sara McDonald

Treasurer

- Connie Gemma

Secretary

- Valerie Devine

Ms. Morris thanked last year's CSAC Council members for the great work done under their leadership and she welcomed the new Council members. She will meet with the Chair and Co-Chair prior to the next meeting to decide upon an agenda.

Terry Fox Run

Mrs. Cousineau is hoping to raise over \$5,500 for this cause, at the run to be held on Friday, September 23

Campbell's Soup Labels

The "No Frills" store in Mimico has agreed to label a drum in the front of the store, with our school name, to collect Campbell's Soup Labels for our school.

As discussed last year, the labels will be used to buy books for the school library.

Sobey's Tapes

Michelle O'Rourke passed along the school's collection of Sobey's Tapes to Rosemary Carey, to be given to Patrick Robins.

Parent Committees

It was decided that there will be a discussion on the various parent committees (Fund-raising, Greening, ...) at the next CSAC meeting.

Other Items

Ms. Morris thanked Michelle O'Rourke for the help she has given to the school over the past few years. Michelle and her family will shortly be moving out of the area, to Newmarket.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

NEXT CSAC MEETING:

7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 13, 2005 in the St. Louis School Library