

Minutes of Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC)
MEETING OF THE 2007-2008 CSAC
St. Louis Catholic School
October 18, 2007

ATTENDEES	
Valerie Devine – Chair	Rosanne Morris - Principal
Connie Gemma – Treasurer	Maria Soccorsa Tonon – Co-Secretary
Ida Foisy – Co-secretary	Claudette Piscione – Member-at-large
Bernadette Aman – Back-up secretary	Joanne Yano – Member-at-large
Connie Antonacci – Member-at-large	Bruno Santaluce
Michelle LeBlanc	
CSAC Members Absent: Stefanie Dower, Margaret Kalsi, Oriana Bono	

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 September 20, 2007

The Minutes from September 20 approved by Valerie Devine and seconded by Bruno Santaluce.

Principal's Comments

Ms. Morris welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for attending.

Public Health Nurse Visit

- ❖ Nurse called to advise she was unable to attend tonight's meeting
- ❖ She will attend at the next meeting on November 22nd instead and will be open to discussing the HPV vaccination and share information regarding community resources
- ❖ She will also discuss any other issues presented to her
- ❖ Gr. 8 students have received a letter for parents regarding the vaccination

60th Anniversary – October 20th, 2007

- ❖ 60th Anniversary takes place on Saturday. Ms. Devine and Mrs. Cousineau are co-chairs of the planning committee.
- ❖ Miss Cozzarini has been at the school preparing the choir for the mass and the liturgy has been carefully planned with Fr. Frank
- ❖ St. Leo's choir/musicians, Mr. and Mrs. Dodds will be assisting the choir
- ❖ Sgt. Mike McColeman and his family will be in attendance and he will receive a small honorarium of \$150.00 from the school budget to thank him for his participation
- ❖ John Leonard and the other artists will also be in attendance

Grade 8 Trip to Mansfield

- ❖ Trip was a huge success; positive feedback
- ❖ Staff chose to have this community building experience earlier in the year as its benefits are significant; Settlers' game went well and the students have all come together
- ❖ Thanks to Mrs. DiCarlo, Ms Pacheco and Mrs. Smith who spent four full days away from their families to be with our students
- ❖ Mrs. Cousineau, Ms. Zimmer and Ms. Morris all visited on the last evening – overall, it was a great experience

Academic Focus: Leading Student Achievement in Literacy and Numeracy

- ❖ Leading Student Achievement at St. Louis: we are continuing on the mandated pathway
- ❖ Re: Literacy/Numeracy Testing
 - ❖ - CAT3 – Grades 2/5/7
 - ❖ - EQAO – Grades 3/6
 - ❖ - New Assessment – RAD – Grades 7/8
- ❖ Professional Development work is on focussed instruction, student achievement, and developing a professional learning community of teachers who collaborate in goal setting and curriculum planning
- ❖ Ministry of Education website www.eqao.ca has more information for parents
- ❖ Parents may also search *Leading Student Achievement* on the web for more details
- ❖ Teachers are out of class for assessment and practice – looking at data, partnership and teaming

P.D. Day – Friday, October 26, 2007

- ❖ Continuing with Provincial priorities – leading Student Achievement
- ❖ St. Louis teachers will meet at the school on the PD Day to examine eqao data as it relates to instructional practice; Differentiated Education will also be the focus
- ❖ The PD Plan specific agenda is posted to the school website

Treasurer's Report

- ❖ Will present revised statement next meeting
- ❖ Presently there is a net loss of \$322 (revision pending)
- ❖ Fundraising \$ must be spent in the year the funds are collected
- ❖ Following committed funds were released this evening:
 - ❖ - \$43.62 (library magazine subscriptions)
 - ❖ - \$40.56 (play day 2007)
 - ❖ - \$206.44 (Retirement gifts)
- ❖ Current G/L balance in the operational account is \$4,241.23
- ❖ Raffle Account balance is \$55.44
- ❖ GIC \$3,000.00 (cashable at any time)
- ❖ Ms. Morris to forward a CSAC letter to board with a cheque requisition for \$1310.00 for Parent Outreach and Caravan Night expenses
- ❖ Balance is \$8,596.77 less committed funds of \$1,152.40 less the cost of pizza from September to December, 2007

Principal's Request for Funds

- ❖ Library – Ms. Ryan will be approached for funding request, to buy magazines
- ❖ - in need of improved computer equipment, however, this funding to come from Board
- ❖ Agenda Books – Assistance requested to offset cost \$550.00 **Approved**
- ❖ Teachers' Allowances - \$100.00/teacher x 14.5 teachers = \$1450.00 **Approved**
- ❖ Buses - \$300.00/class x 12 classes = \$3600.00 **Approved**
- ❖ Sacramental Gifts - \$200.00 **Approved**
- ❖ Graduation Gifts - \$200.00 **Approved**
- ❖ Mansfield Trip Bus Expenses - \$300.00 **Approved**
- ❖ Mansfield Trip Special Funding – in support of families in need – Angel Foundation donated \$500.00 for this year's trip
- ❖ Presentations – enrichment activities pending CSAC support - last year CSAC contributed \$1900.00 – Funding request **on hold**
- ❖ **Total Committed: \$6300.00**
- ❖ Ms. Morris thanks CSAC for their generosity

CSAC Chair's Comments

60th Anniversary

- ❖ Ms. Devine thanked all who assisted to this date
- ❖ Ms. Devine and Ms. Morris thanked the Piscione family for donating the program booklets

QSP Fundraiser

- ❖ No active fundraiser this year
- ❖ Soft sell
- ❖ Letter sent home with a brochure and instructions for on-line ordering

Acorn Cards

- ❖ Cards will be back in early December
- ❖ Timeline works well and the children will be invited to prepare Christmas themed cards
- ❖ Ms. Morris thanked Ms. Devine for taking on this project

New Business

Mrs. Yano – CSAC Chair at Fr. John Redmond

- Extends an invitation to our school community as well as other local schools to a Lecture Series, funded by a PRO Grant, which will take place next February at Fr. John Redmond
- Feedback requested on topics of interests, speakers, etc.
- Possible topics include: parenting teenagers, Cyber-bullying and bullying in general, speakers on Catholic Education, also consider co-coordinating with the Public Health nurse for presentations on body image and/or general health/safety in our schools
- Babysitting services to be provided by students who will earn community service hours in return
- Participating schools are asked to bring some goodies as coffee will be provided
- Objective is to provide a worthwhile lecture series that will be enjoyable and informative
- Need to have a strong voice for southern Etobicoke schools in working together Mrs. Yano suggests this is highly achievable
- Too often lectures, speakers are presented outside of our area
- Further information to follow

Fundraiser Schedule

Acorn Cards – Early November 2007

Chocolate Bars – Mid-November 2007

Dance-A-thon – Friday, February 8th, 2008 (Valentine's theme)

QSP – ongoing thru on-line orders

Chocolate Fundraiser

- Claudette Piscione – co-coordinator
- Aunt Sarah's chocolate bars will be sold
- Parent volunteers are required
- Kick-off Assembly – Friday, November 16th in the afternoon
- 2 week duration
- Top 3 fundraisers overall will get prizes
- Ms. Morris will reconvene with National Fundraiser Representative, Mr. Blum

Photo Retake Day

- Date for retakes is November 28th with Edge Imaging
- Siblings in the school will be given the opportunity to have photos taken together
- Letter will be sent home

Next Meeting

- Thursday, November 22, 2007, 7:00 p.m. in the library

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.