

Minutes of Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC)
MEETING OF THE 2006-2007 CSAC
St. Louis Catholic School
May 29, 2007

ATTENDEES	
Valerie Devine – CSAC Co-Chair	Giulia DiCarlo – Teacher
Patrick Robins – CSAC Co-Chair	Mary Anne Cousineau – Teacher
Connie Gemma – Treasurer	Oriana Bono – Co-secretary
Margaret Kalsi – Member-at-large	Maria Tonon
Ida Foisy	Peika Misic
CSAC Members Absent: Claudette Piscione, Connie Antonacci, Maya Broglio, Claudia Musetti, Stefanie Dower, Rosanne Morris – Principal	

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. Ms. Cousineau substituted in Ms. Morris' absence.

Approval of the Minutes from April 19, 2007

The Minutes from April 19th were approved by Mrs. Cousineau and seconded by Ms. Gemma.

Principal's Comments

May is the month of Mary, mother of Jesus. Ms. Ryan, Mrs. Zawadzki and Mrs. Marentic are organizing 'The Living Rosary' to take place in our gym in June 8 at 1:00 p.m. Parents are welcome to join.

Summer dress code is in effect, as follows:

- No backless halter tops;
- No 'spaghetti straps' for girls or 'muscle shirts' for boys;
- Skirts and shorts to be respectful length;
- T-shirts to follow the 'three finger rule' full straps;
- Sunscreen, hats & sunglasses are needed.

The boys and girls in Grade 2 and Grade 8 celebrated the Sacraments of First Holy Communion, First Reconciliation and Confirmation, respectively, with support from Teachers, parents and Father Joe Fennech of St. Leo Parish.

Students in Grades 2, 5 and 7 have completed the CAT 3 Testing. Students in Grades 3 and 6 have completed EQAO testing. The results of these assessments will be available to parents in the early Fall.

May 9th was Purple Day, organized by Mrs. Piscione and her son, Christopher. The students and staff wore the colour purple in honour of Meagan's Walk. Over \$300.00 was raised in support of brain tumour research at the Hospital for Sick Children.

Congratulations to our cross country athletes Melissa (4th), Ivan (11th), Thomas (15th) and Taylor (18th). Track and Field takes place on May 31st.

The 'Welcome to Kindergarten Night', held on May 23rd was a great success, with approximately 90 people in attendance. Special guests included Dolores Cascon from TCDSB, Edie Cade from the Public Health Department, Neil Mallou, Branch Manager of the Mimico Library, and Panthene Campbell from the Early Years Centre. Special thanks to the planning team: Mrs. Sestito, Mrs. Marentic, Mrs. Cousineau, Mrs. Senatore, Mlle. Mondano, Mrs. Hirstwood, Mrs. Nocera and Ms. Micucci.

Mural of love, hope and remembrance commissioned by Mrs. Ida Foisy in honour of her late husband Leonard, has been installed in the St. Louis gymnasium. This mural will be dedicated on October 20, 2007 for the celebration of St. Louis' 60th anniversary.

Director's Cut Film was sponsored by CSAC. Mrs. Johnson's and Ms. Sardina's students created 4 short films with the assistance of the film crew. CBC Television will be presenting some of the animated films. For more information, please visit the website, www.thedirectorscut.ca.

Many thanks to Mr. Leo, Mrs. Kalsi, Mr. & Mrs. Campese and other parents who contributed to our front garden. The garden is enjoyed by all in our community.

Scientists in the school visited Mrs. McIntyre's Grade 4 class on May 22nd. They experienced a hands on lesson of 'Gears and Pulleys'.

Summer Camp is available to students in Grades 1 to 6, from July 3rd to 20th at 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$290.00 plus bussing (optional) \$70.00. There is also a camp for Grades 7 and 8 students at Michael Power/St. Joseph.

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Gemma indicated that we had approximately \$8,055.44 in the account. The funds for Caravan Night and Parent Outreach, of approximately \$3,200.00 will require receipts in order for the Board to reimburse the school. CSAC has committed \$150 toward water and freezies.

Old Business

Mrs. Johnson and Ms. Sardina requested using their school bus funds for other activities. This was accepted by Council. Ms. Devine approved, seconded by Mrs. Kalsi.

New Business

It is anticipated that approximately 100 students and parents will attend Caravan Night. Italian dinner will be served and entertainment will be provided by the St. Louis Choir, the Purple Cows, and a little Hawaiian dancer. Tables displaying different cultures will be set up.

Future fundraising is scheduled as follows:

- Outreach Programs for Advent and Lent;
- Acorn Cards – September, 2007;
- Terry Fox Run – October, 2007;
- Chocolates – November, 2007;
- Dance-a-thon – February or May, 2008.

The Volunteer Appreciation Tea is scheduled for Tuesday, June 5 at 2:00 p.m. The bands from Grade 7 and 8 will perform a concert in the gym, after which, we will proceed to the library for the tea and presentations.

The Election will take place at the first CSAC meeting in September 2007.

Pizza day vendors, Pizza Pizza and Pizza Nova will be used throughout the year. However, if 6 orders are placed with Pizza Pizza, we will be entitled to a free order.

QSP will not be done in the 2007/2008 school year, however, magazines can be reordered using the order number which will be provided in the newsletter and the school will continue to receive credit for these orders.

Play Day is scheduled for Tuesday, June 26th. CSAC will not be buying ribbons. CSAC will buy water and freezies for all the students.

Dates of 2006-2007 CSAC Meetings

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.