



**STS. COSMAS & DAMIAN
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

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**CSAC – Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2007
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

Present – Donna Bonanno, Ms. Bernardi, Joe Pisani, Linda Silva, Lisa Demaria, Domenic Scali, Eva D’Andrea, Sabrina Aversa-Gineviro, Silvana Casa, Margherita Esposito-Perrella, C. Jaramillo, Monica Diaz and Tony Dias.

Absent – Rose Polifroni-Ficara, Domenic Fragale,

Treasurer’s Report – to be presented at February meeting.

Principal’s Report – Ms. Bernardi provided an update of on-going and upcoming events at Sts. Cosmas & Damian, it included:

- School Safety – Locking the gates during school hours: TCDSB has been informed that this is part of Police Safety Audit recommendations; decision to be made by TCDSB. Ms. Bernardi will want to give people notice re: possible gate closures IF the Facility department agrees to new procedure.
- Winter Safety – School had not been informed of contractor that will clean Sts. C&D community of schools. Unsafe school yards and / or cold temperature may mean indoor recess in December.
- Newsletter Next Edition – will ask for puzzles and books to be used for indoor recess activities.
- School Presentations – 2 have taken place to date (Mike Ford; Harriet Tubman)
 - Next celebration will be Feliz Navidad – Christmas Presentation.
- Ministry of Education Initiatives – Student Success Staff (intermediate) collaborating with Dante A. High School
 - OFIP 3 initiatives – day 2 of 5 will be next week.
 - Safe Schools – in-service to take place for Principals & other staff
 - School boards are to review and update their Code of Conduct; individual schools will align their own Code of Conduct with that of Board.
 - Website for input from TCDSB stakeholders was provided
 - www.tcdsb.org/communityconsultationsurvey/survey.asp
(input collected during Dec. 4-19)
- School Achievements:
 - Me to We Group meeting regularly
 - ECO School - Sts. Cosmas & Damian looking to get certification; and students are taking part in recycling initiatives
- Book Fair - \$100 more than in 2006-07; approx. ~\$1,600 in supplies
- Santa Pictures – took place on the morning of Dec. 4 due to Santa’s availability.
- Dental Screening to take place on Dec. 5-6.



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- Other:
 - After School Program introduced in previous meeting had not been looked into due to time constraints.
 - Our Lady of Assumption obtained funds for a Parenting & Family Literacy Centre.
 - Families and Children are welcomed to drop by 8:30-12:30
 - T-shirt sales @ PT Interviews
 - Use of T's was not high
 - Sales will be encouraged at large school events/meetings
 - T's will be available after Community Mass and to be mentioned in Newsletter

Sub-Committees – The following were discussed and/or agreed to:

- *Fundraising* – letter re: CSAC's one-time \$50 fundraising fee to be distributed at the end of January and at the end of February (allow families to recover from Christmas expenses)
 - Payments may be staggered
 - Families with more than 2 children will be capped @ \$100
 - Families to be given the opportunity to contribute beginning in February
 - No negative feedback was received re: \$50 fundraising fee
- *Communication Sub-Committee* – Discussion regarding school safety:
 - Ms. Bernardi to find out who will clean and salt the school
 - Further comments were made re: closing of gates during school hours – Right-of-way Law may impede closure as gates have existed for many years.
 - This issue was raised with TCDSB last year and turned down; this October it was flagged for board as it was also related to vandalism on school property and the Police Safety Audit recommendations.
 - Ms. Bernardi will wait until January before reminding board staff re: possible decision.
- *Social/Spiritual Sub-Committee*
 - Skating Event will be held on Jan. 29-08, 7:30pm Ledbury skating rink.
 - Annual BBQ to be held on June 11th, 2008
 - Supplier tbd
 - Community Mass:
 - Cookies are done
 - Rose to take care of coffee/tea/milk/sugar
 - Donna will take care of table clothes, paper towels
 - Water and Juice (Linda and Margaret)
 - Eva will pick up gingerbreads week of event.
 - Will be mentioned in newsletter (1-\$3 or 2-\$5)



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Fast Food Lunches

- Lunch Table will not help “traffic” as all visitors will still need to report to the office and sign-in; and table will obstruct exits.
- Ms. Lima would need to oversee all those coming in and going out.
- There are two issues that at times intersect: pick-up process for those who do not bring a lunch; and the fact that at times this is fast food
- Ms. Bernardi will issue a statement that will encourage healthy lunch/snack choices and the litterless lunches initiative.

Next Meetings – February 27th; April 16th and May 28th, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.