

**Catholic School Advisory Council Meeting
Prince of Peace Catholic School
Thursday September 24, 2014
7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

Attendees: Michael Colella, Mrs. Prescod, Mrs. Fenton, Mrs. Soo, Daphne Smith, Margaret Iskander, Sharmila Thanaraj, Alvina Chan

Presenters: Mrs Soo, Michael Colella & Daphne Smith

Minutes: Alvina Chan

1. Mr. Colella welcomed everybody and we introduced ourselves.

Opening Prayer – Michael Colella

2. **Music Grant**

Mrs. Soo presented Music Grant to members and she suggested applying for it as we could have a chance to receive a \$10,000 award for the music program, purchasing new instruments or repairing current.

Support letters are required from the school & CSAC; a power point presentation or video can be included too. The deadline for application is November 7, 2014. A contact the TCDSB can assist in the application.

Mr. Colella will assist with CSAC to provide the supporting letters.

3. **Halloween- Dance-A-Thon 2014**

Daphne distributed draft letter for the Halloween fundraiser. It was decided to motivate the students to continue with weekly prizes. Total of 18 prizes will be given to students and the grand prize to the student with the highest amount raised. The last paragraph of the letter; student permission to the dance-a-thon is to be removed. In past experience, all the students have participated in the dance-a-thon. All agreed.

Mr. Colella suggested we request parents to donate prizes as some of parents or friends or family member might have their own businesses hence able to donate. He will mention this at curriculum night and in the October newsletter. It was suggested by the teachers to translate donation part of the letter in Chinese. Mr. Colella would follow up.

Mr. Colella reminded that the pledge sheet should be coloured paper instead of white.

4. **Magnets (Distribution)**

Daphne 500 magnets were ordered to promote CSAC. The magnets will be distributed to one (1) per family. Mr. Colella will ask Mrs. Brennan to print a student list and distribute accordingly.

5. **Curriculum Night**

Meeting the teacher's night will be held on October 2, 2014. The plan is to begin in gym where the Principal will present a short speech, introduce the CSAC executives and also remind parents of the Halloween-Dance-A-Thon fundraiser. Mr. Colella to speak to Ms. DaCosta to confirm flow for curriculum night.

6. **Elections**

The election results are as follows:-

Chairman – Daphne Smith
Treasurer – Margaret Iskander
Secretary –Alvina Chan
Co-Secretary - Sharmila Thanaraj

Principal congratulated all the elected members.

7. **Any Other Business**

Mr. Colella asked if anybody else was interested to join the Toronto Catholic Parent Involvement Committee, those interested to fill the application form and send it back to him.

CSAC workshop at the TCDSB on Wednesday Oct/01/14, if anyone was interested in attending. Mr. Colella and Daphne possibly attending the workshop at the board.

8. **Next Meeting**

Next meeting will be held on October Tuesday 7, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss prizes for the Halloween-Dance-A-Thon.