



MINUTES
of a meeting of the
St. Theresa of Lisieux Catholic High School Advisory Council
(the "Council")
held at 230 Shaftsbury, Richmond Hill, Ontario on
Tuesday, September 30, 2008 at 7:00 pm. in the Library

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Present:

Peter Bahen, Acting Principal
Sharon Bellon, Non-teaching Staff Representative
Gary Borgacci, Past Chair
Theresa Byer
Angela Capozzolo, Teacher Representative
Sandra Daga
Angela D'Aversa
Susan Di Bratto
Bruce Endicott
Cosimina Gatto-Fruitman
Raimonda Kelly
Susan Mancini
Rosemary Marra
Teresa Moore
Anna Rossetti-Bortoluzzi
Viorica Rusu
Diane Sousa
Elaine Toomey, Past Secretary

Regrets:

Liz Farrell, Past Vice-Chair
Dennis Lam
Rose Leparulo
Paula Marchione
Sendra Samsoundar
James Stirling
Natalie Tsui, Student Representative

Others Present:

Frank Dalla Corte, Vice Principal
Iolanda Faraone, Vice Principal
Laura Pilla, Student Representative
Mary Ann Girard, Past Treasurer
Claire Sandrin, Student Representative
Laurence Tavallocci, Vice Principal

MATERIAL DISTRIBUTED:

- 1) Minutes of June 5, 2008.
- 2) Financial report for the Year ending September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2008.
- 3) Draft Mission / Values / Goals.

Chair and Secretary

Garry Borgacci took the Chair as Past Chair and Elaine Toomey, Past Secretary, recorded the

minutes.

Welcome / Meeting Objectives	Garry welcomed members to the meeting.
Prayer / Special Intentions	Susan Mancini led the Council in prayer.
Introduction of New Members	Peter Bahen, Acting Principal, addressed Council and briefly described his background. Council members introduced themselves.
Approval of Agenda	The Agenda was approved.
Approval of Previous Minutes	The June 5, 2008 minutes were approved.
Student Government Presentation	<p>Laura Pilla and Claire Sandrin, student representatives, reported on student activities. The Student Government Leadership Retreat was a success and Council was presented with a thank you card that included pictures from the event and comments from the students who attended. The Terry Fox Run was held last week and was successful. All councils participated in the planning and success of this event.</p> <p>The Chaplaincy Council is organizing a guest speaker for grade 9 and 10's, Blue Veil, a Christian rock band will appear on Friday, October 3 and a teddy bear and gently used toy drive is being organized. The last day for collection is Thursday, October 2. All toys collected will be donated to Rose of Sharon Charities.</p> <p>Students are continuing their recycle program initiative. A compost program will be implemented in the kitchen cafeteria. A park clean up will take place on Thursday, October 2.</p> <p>Garry Borgacci unveiled the new school flag to Council and student representatives and asked the students to think about pricing and sales strategies to promote and sell the flag to the students within the School.</p>
Treasurer's Report	Mary Ann Girard, Past Treasurer, reviewed last year's expenditures and distributed the financial report for the period September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2008. The major expense for the year was computers purchased for the Library. The closing balance was \$5,289.75 from which funds are to be paid out for the student retreat. Subsequent to the report, a cheque had been received for \$496.32, representing a refund cheque from the School Board, which has yet to be deposited. A motion for new signing authorities is to be approved to update signing authorities on the School Council's bank account. A motion will follow after the election of the Executive.
Election of Executive	<p>The following individuals were nominated and elected to the positions shown opposite their names:</p> <p>Garry Borgacci – Chair Susan Mancini – Vice Chair Teresa Moore – Treasurer Elaine Toomey – Secretary</p> <p>There were no candidates or nominations for Community Representative.</p> <p>Peter Bahen commented on the evolution of school councils and how they are a valuable support for schools.</p>
Principal / Staff	Peter Bahen noted that the current enrolment at STL is 1,740 students. STL is the largest

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catholic high school in York Region and is at a maximum in the use of its facilities. There will be a net loss of 250 students when Jean Vanier Catholic High School opens next year. The two-day grade 9 orientation was well attended. The grade 9 students were ready after their first week of school. There will be opening liturgies at the school tomorrow for St. Theresa of Lisieux Feast Day. Father Bob from St. Mary Immaculate will give the first mass.

Co-curricular athletic programs are off and running. A recent study by York Region athletic programs indicates that STL has the most participation by staff in terms of running activities. The School wants to keep this momentum going. There will be requests to Council for financial assistance in this area over the course of the next few months.

Iolanda Faraone reported that on Friday's PA day, the focus of discussions were centered on the three areas of the School's continuous growth plan: Catholic communities of faith, quality learning for all and safe learning schools. Strategies were discussed to meet the needs of our students and to help them achieve their goals successfully within the School through St. Paul's spirituality of hope, community and communications.

Frank Dalla Corte reported that 94% of last year's students were successful in the OSSLT. The OSSLT is a component for graduation, which all students must take in grade 10. 89% of grade 9 academic students achieved a level 3 or 4 in mathematics assessments and 71% for applied students.

Laurence Tavallocci reported on Safety Awareness Week. A fire drill was held this week. On the PA this week, the School will review the safe proper procedure in emergency situations, e.g., gas leak, lockdown, weather watch. Staff will be meeting to discuss these situations. A copy of the School's Crisis Response Quick Reference Guide is posted in each classroom by the phone for each teacher's reference. Each teacher will review the situations with their students to build the required awareness with students so there is a safe exit plan. The Ministry's initiatives are for every school to organize a safety committee to address safe learning schools and a School Crisis Response Team to address school emergencies such as bereavement. Bruce Endicott volunteered to be the School Council representative for the Safety Committee and the School Crisis Response Team.

Johnny Williams, a motivational speaker, who talks to students empowering student partnerships and Curtis Bell, former Toronto Argonaut, who works on building drug awareness, will join York Region representatives to talk to students and build awareness on health issues.

Peter addressed Council and encouraged concerned parents/guardians to call the School if they are concerned over any issues.

Chair's Report

Meetings for the remainder of the year will be held on a Tuesday of each month as follows:

Meetings for 2008 /
2009

November 4
December 2 (Advent Prayer Service – 6:45 pm in the Chapel)
January 13
February 3 (Lenton Prayer Service – 6:45 pm in the Chapel)
March 3
April 7
May 5
June 2

Review / Approval
of Mission, Values,
Goals

A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to update Council's Mission, Values and Goals as follows, in keeping with the School's Continuous Growth Plan:

Goal #2:

To increase the number of students achieving level 3 or higher in the

- a) Grade 9 Academic Mathematics Assessment from 89% to 91%; and
- b) Grade 9 Applied Mathematics Assessment from 71% to 73%,

we will assist financially and in the organization of the Math projects for the School Year 2008-2009 as needed.

Goal #7

Replace the word, “anti-bullying” with the words, “bullying prevention”.

Goal #9

Replace the words, “Camp Ekon” with the words, “Camp YLCC”.

Generally

Updating the goals to reflect the name change to Catholic School Advisory Council and to reflect the 2008-2009 School Year.

Committee
Membership for
2008 / 2009

The following committees were established for the 2008-2009 School Year:

Standing Committees:

Community Relations Committee

Garry Borgacci
Sandra Daga
Angela D’Aversa
Bruce Endicott
Paula Marchione
Raimonda Kelly
Sendra Samsouard
Elaine Toomey

Faith Committee

Garry Borgacci
Theresa Byer
Rose Leparulo
Susan Mancini
Rosemary Marra
Anna Rosetti-Bortoluzzi

Finance Committee

Peter Bahen
Garry Borgacci
Susan Di Bratto
Liz Farrell
Dennis Lam
Teresa Moore
Diane Sousa
James Stirling

Social Committee

Garry Borgacci
Theresa Byer
Cosimina Gatto-Fruitman
Rose Leparulo
Susan Mancini
Anna Rosetti-Bortoluzzi
Viorica Rusu

Chair’s Report

Garry Borgacci encouraged all members to attend the Annual Catholic School Council Conference to be held on Saturday, November 15 at St. Augustine Catholic High School. The keynote speaker is Barbara Coloroso. The focus of the Conference is on Safe and Caring Catholic Schools.

The Parent Reaching Out Grant Application is being passed on to the Community Relations Committee. Last year’s grant was used to fund a newsletter targeted to parents/guardians of students entering grade 9 and in particular STL’s successful “Getting Parents Ready for High School” event at STL. The application must be submitted by October 24.

Bank Signing
Authorities

A motion was made by Elaine Toomey, seconded by Rosemary Marra and passed unanimously by Council members changing the current bank signing authorizations from Paul Devlin, Principal, Livio Iannucci, Vice-Principal and Mary Ann Girard, Treasurer to Peter Bahen, Acting Principal, Laurence Tavallocci, Vice-Principal and Teresa Moore, Treasurer.

- Iolanda Faraone Iolanda Faraone has been assigned to Centro Scuola, a school in Italy where 25 students from our Board are studying this semester. She leaves October 30 and returns in January. Lolita Bruneau will be her replacement. Best wishes to Iolanda.
- Refreshment List School Council members were asked to participate on a rotational refreshment list and to make arrangements to switch with another member where attendance at the meeting is not possible:
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| November 4 | Sandra Daga, Susan Di Bratto |
| December 2 | POT LUCK (ALL) |
| January 13 | Liz Farrell, Cosimina Gatto-Fruitman |
| February 3 | Raimonda Kelly, Dennis Lam |
| March 3 | Rose Leparulo, Paula Marchione |
| April 7 | Rosemary Marra, Susan Mancini |
| May 5 | Teresa Moore, Anna Rossetti-Bortoluzzi |
| June 2 | Viorica Rusu, Sendra Samsoundar |
- Confirmation of next meeting /refreshment list The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 4.
Refreshments: Sandra Daga, Susan Di Bratto
- Adjournment and Thanks There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.