



2011-2012 CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES *Tuesday October 4th, 2011*

Present: Tim Lariviere, Gina Tousignant, Norm Roberts, Diana Jones, Anna Aidoo, Rosanna Battista, Valerie Campbell-Elliot, Shirley Carter, Rosana DeLuca, Nikki Gill-Burns, Roxanne King, Deborah Kusturin, Priscilla Manful, Antoneta Messner, Angie Poole, Debbie Puzzo, Yvonne Rossi, Carol Ruggiero, Satinder Singh, Kathy Charron
Student Council Reps: Jaspreet Kaur, Naomi Graham
Regrets: Ada Fiore, Suzanna Yesep-Shtanko

ITEM:	NOTES:
Opening Prayer <i>(Norm Roberts)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you!
Election <i>(Tim Lariviere)</i>	<p><u>Election results:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair: Anna Aidoo • Vice-Chair: Deborah Kusturin, Nikki Burns • Past-Chair: N.A. • Secretary: Kathy Charron • Treasurer: Carol Ruggiero • Community Representative: TBD @ November meeting • Parish Representative: TBD @ November meeting • Fundraising Chair: TBD @ November meeting • OAPCE: Priscilla Manful • Teaching Representative: Norm Roberts • Non-Teaching Representative: Diana Jones • Student Representatives: Jaspreet Kaur, Naomi Graham
Review & Approval of Minutes <i>(Everyone)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting began @ 7:05 p.m. • Nikki motioned to approve agenda; seconded by Antoinette • Nikki motioned to approve by Roxanne; Carol seconded • Minutes were from both June 6th and September 13th, 2011
Student Council & LINK CREW <i>(Jaspreet Kaur, Naomi Graham)</i>	<p><u>Student Council</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jessy Kaur, Student Council Prime Minister • Naomi Graham, Minister of Finance • Lots of new voices • Plans include a semi-formal • Objective is to increase # of activities to increase student engagement • Fundraising for charities <p><u>LINK Crew</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very successful for welcoming Grade 9s • LINK Crew is comprised of 60-70 Grade 11 students • The crew were trained in late August for a variety of ice-breaker games • Mandate is to build relationships and to help Grade 9s transition into secondary school

<p>Principal's Report (Tim Lariviere)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expression of gratitude to our new leaders for their excellent work <p><u>Introductions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions around the table • Welcome and thank you to everyone for their support and interest in C.S.A.C. <p><u>Enrolment Cap</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum enrolment has been reached • 981 students; 69 staff • Hundreds of students had to be turned away because of enrolment cap • Next year the school will have portables to accommodate student population • Public Secondary school is opening September 2012 • Impact will be reduction in 2012 Grade 9 enrolment • Prediction that by Year 6, #s will stabilize • Only 60% of Peel students remain in their schools • 40% of Peel students go to Catholic or private secondary schools • Peel is considering Grade 7-12 schools • Our Lady of Lourdes, Holy Spirit, St. Patrick's. Father Francis McSpirrit and next new school are feeder elementary schools <p><u>Awards Night - October 13th, 2011</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honour roll students are honoured in front of their peers during school day • Subject and special awards presented in the evening for students presently in Grade 10 and Grade 11 and their families <p><u>Math Help</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Math strategies group has started • Students, whose diagnostic testing indicates, are targeted for this extra support • Kudos to the Math department for their dedication and efforts • Opportunity for students and parents to reassess which level is most appropriate for success <p><u>Literacy Test OSSLT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the process of narrowing down appropriate strategies for preparing students • Flash marking • Parents encouraged to go to www.eqao.com for ideas on test practice, study, etc. <p><u>Activity Fee</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board level committee is reviewing the activity fees that schools charge • New financial guidelines • Cardinal Ambrozic charges \$65 for retreat, yearbook, various, agendas, etc. • If this fee is reduced to include only retreat, the other items will be sold on an individual basis with higher prices since bulk ordering will be reduced • No charges for essential learning materials • Schools may charge for supplemental learning fees where students have choice to purchase <p><u>Provincial Election</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Results will have impact on our education system <p><u>Football</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 118 students on our football team • Excellent student engagement • Opportunity for students to connect with a trustworthy adult through their coaches • Angie expressed gratitude to the coaches for their tremendous efforts and the positive impact they have on students' lives <p><u>LINK Crew & Student Council</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preceded by Prefect system • LINK Crew focus is to build school culture • Student Council is to increase student engagement <p><u>Grade 11 Realities ☺</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students who smoke must go across the street OFF school property @ the green
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	<p>box (<i>small group</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • please be aware of our novice student drivers • School staff is very aware of the particular students engaged in negative behaviours and works proactively with these children • No tolerance for students dealing drugs • Support is offered to help these students make more positive choices; ultimately though, the choice belongs to the student <p><u>Fundraising Projects</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rear projection screen in the cafeteria has been installed • Proxima needed for lecture hall – school will cover through own funds • Scoreboard costs \$48K • School sign is \$38 K • Drapes for stage also very expensive • Another school van to be purchased to reduce cost of taxis for retreats, teams, etc. • Some capital funds still available <p><u>Banners</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand imprints are from the inaugural Grade 9 class <p><u>Parent Night Out</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plans underway <p><u>Open House September 22nd 2011</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Math department has developed strategy for diagnostic assessment of students • Opportunity to meet the teachers
<p>B.R.A.V.E. Team (<i>Diana Jones</i>)</p>	<p><u>Facilitators:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diana Jones, Norm Roberts • Brampton River Hawks Against Violence Everywhere • Focus is prevention • Focus on equity and diversity e.g. multicultural celebrations, announcements, telling of our personal stories, etc. <p><u>Ribbon Campaigns</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White (<i>Montreal massacre</i>) and Purple Ribbon (<i>anti-abuse</i>) campaign • Health and Wellness e.g. healthy living, healthy relationships • Opportunities for positive influence but students ultimately decide <p><u>Anti-bullying Campaign in October</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 9 assembly October 24th for Grade 9 students with Mixed Company Theatre; focus on cyber-bullying; dramatized and interactive scenarios <p><u>Girls' Night Out</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girls focus on empowerment, nutrition, healthy relationships • November 3rd <p><u>Boys' Night Out</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • on November 10th <p><u>One Life to Live</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 2nd • Jaspreet Kaur will speak at this Peel conference • see Region of Peel website for more details <p><u>Breakfast Program</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • starting October 11th • will be offered 20 minutes before Period 1 <p><u>Young Drivers/M.A.D.D.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • assembly for novice drivers <p><u>One Voice, One Team</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orlando Bowen • Teachers training tutors on our learning process, so they work with students
<p>Chair's Report (<i>Anna Aidoo</i>)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gratitude expressed to all new members • Voiced importance of parental support and partnership with school team • Report will be given at next meeting

Treasurer's Report: <i>(Carol Ruggiero)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$865 was total in fall of 2010, \$400 for Parents Night Out, \$250 for staff appreciation breakfast, grants have been added into the total • \$1655 is total for 2011 • Recommendation that we look for new fundraising ideas, e.g. family event, fun fair, BBQ, chocolate sales, QSP magazine sales, etc. • Tap into community partners for financial support • Burning bush "hedge fund" to plant a perimeter hedge as opposed to putting up a fence
Enduring Gift DVD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DPCDSB Director, John Kostoff, recommended showing this to students, staff and members of Catholic School Advisory Councils • Stress the importance of not taking our Catholic system for granted • Emphasis on recognizing that our separate system is a hard-won right • Vital that we voice our rights to maintaining this system • cannot be complacent and apathetic if we want to keep this "enduring gift"
Next Meeting Date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to adjourn meeting @ 9:07 p.m. • Nikki motioned to adjourn; Carol seconded

NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday November 1st, 2011
7:00-9:00 p.m.