



2011-2012 CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday January 11th, 2012

Present: Tim Lariviere, Diana Jones,
Anna Aidoo, Rosanna Battista, Nikki Gill-Burns, Roxanne King, Deborah Kusturin,
Carol Ruggiero, Kathy Charron

Regrets: Gina Tousignant, Norm Roberts, Ada Fiore, Priscilla Manful, Angie Poole,
Satinder Singh, Suzanna Yesep-Shtanko, Valerie Campbell-Elliot, Shirley Carter,
Rosana DeLuca, Debbie Puzzo, Yvonne Rossi, Antoneta Messner

ITEM:	NOTES:
Opening Prayer <i>(Tim Lariviere)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you for the lovely University of Notre Dame prayer ☺ • Congratulations and blessings to Priscilla Manful and family on the arrival their beautiful Baby Girl!
Review & Approval of Minutes <i>(Everyone)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting began @ 7:09 p.m. • Agenda was amended to include Ottawa Trip and to delete Student Council presentation • Minutes were approved
Ottawa Trip <i>(Nana, Falan)</i>	<p><u>December 14th Trip to Japanese Embassy</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Leskun's history class learned about female sex slavery in Japan during World War II • A group of 145 Cardinal Ambrozic students traveled to Ottawa, to the Japanese Embassy, as part of social justice awareness • peaceful protest rally against the Japanese government; demanding an apology for the "Comfort Women" (young girls and women who were forced by the government to be sexually available for the soldiers) • Many of these women are still alive and continue to suffer from the trauma • Toronto Star, Ottawa Citizen interviewed the girls and Mr. Leskun • Articles were published • Falan was interviewed by the CBC interview which was aired (<i>available on YouTube</i>) • Falan emphasized the importance of parental support when their children want to pursue social justice causes • Congratulations to the Mr. Lariviere and his students and staff for their courage and commitment
Student Council & LINK CREW <i>(Jaspreet Kaur, Naomi Graham)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No presentation because of mix-up with dates
Principal's Report <i>(Tim Lariviere)</i>	<p><u>We Are Called</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newsletter from the board • Article about the ASD students helping at Dr. Simone's Food Bank <p><u>Update on School Events</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer to gold pamphlet • Exams begin on January 25th • Bus pick up will be regular time; students will be dismissed by 11:00 a.m. • Monday January 16th is Martin Luther King Day • Parent interviews for Grade 9 parents for Math/Science • River Hawk Carnival (<i>might be half-day this year to accommodate all students</i>) • Course Information Night on February 23rd (<i>different locations</i>) • March 1st Academic Update

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See brochure for more details <p><u>Christmas Concert</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great success; packed house ☺ • Congratulations and thanks to Mr. Frasson! ☺ <p><u>Math Strategies</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In full swing • After-school sessions to come up in Spring <p><u>One Voice, One Team</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group February 19th to go to Muskoka Woods • Mr. Roberts & Ms. Jones to supervise this excursion <p><u>Eco-Schools</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead by Ms. Crescenzi and Ms. Varnum • Earth Hour (<i>lights off one hour a day</i>) • Other initiatives to be undertaken in order to have school certified <p><u>Dance Classes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program is expanding • Guest instructors big success <p><u>New Board Chair</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congratulations to Mario Pascucci who was elected in December <p><u>CA Website</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being revamped to meet current needs <p><u>High Skills Major</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-profit and sports are the two areas slated for 2012-2013 <p><u>Course Selections for 2012-2013</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will include Native Studies, History of Africa • Can check course calendar on website <p><u>"I Believe" DVD</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tim shared this DVD on the Catholic Graduate Expectations
<p>B.R.A.V.E. Team (Diana Jones)</p>	<p><u>Latin & South America Month</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Artifacts, cultural items from various cultures are displayed • February will be West Indies • Ms. Jones will secure and lock any items loaned for display <p><u>PowerPoint on Impact of Violence</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students have been creating media presentations to share information <p><u>Black History Month</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will take place in February • Film festival "The Help" <p><u>Breakfast for Kids</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government gives \$3000 annually; actual cost is about \$5000 annually • Request for funds to support feeding 25-30 students each morning • Student who aren't hungry, have improved performance and behaviour • Ms. Jones requested \$500 in financial support, from CSAC, in order to continue to support this program and to compensate for shortfall • Anna suggested CSAC writes letters to solicit funds/food • Nikki motioned to accept; Roxanne seconded <p><u>Coping with Stress</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brochure about coping during exams; dealing with stress
<p>Chair's Report (Anna Aidoo)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome back and happy new year!
<p>Treasurer's Report: (Carol Rugeiro)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1641 in bank and \$500 to be deposited from Parent Involvement Grant (<i>e.g. for Parents' Night Out</i>)
<p>Next Meeting Date</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to adjourn meeting @ 8:23 p.m. • Motion to approve by Diane; seconded by Nikki ☺

NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday February 7th, 2012
7:00-9:00 p.m.