



# Central Committee for Catholic School Councils (CCCSC)

## Updates

### CCCSC Meeting and Minutes.

Please be sure to include the minutes from all CCCSC meetings or a summary report of the minutes at all School Council meetings. Meetings are held monthly at the school board offices, usually the first Thursday of the month, starting at 7:00pm. All School Council members are invited to attend.

### CCCSC Web Site.



This web site contains lots of valuable information including copies of annual report and annual survey templates, a timeline for individual school councils, The CSC handbook and much more. The URL for this web site is [www.dpcdsb.org/ccsc](http://www.dpcdsb.org/ccsc)

### Catholic School Council (CSC) Handbook and By-Laws Template

The handbook is available on-line on the CCCSC website. One ongoing area of development is a section on "Best Practices". Please forward any that you may have for your School Council to your CCCSC representative. The School Council Handbook is currently under review and a revised binder will be issued to school councils as soon as possible. The By-Laws template is being finalized and will also be posted to the website. All school councils can download this document and fine tune it to meet the needs of their council. Once these documents are both complete, they will also be copied to disc. Each school council and school main office will receive copies of this disc for their use.

### School Council - Executive Member Training and Mass for Volunteers

Saturday October 25, 2008 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – St. Francis Xavier S.S. The executive members of school councils are invited to attend this event where training will be provided for all school council executive roles. Each year we are blessed with wonderful presenters who are experienced and informed. Council members, both new and experienced, will gain a wealth of information to help them manage their roles throughout the year. Details of this event will be sent out to school councils and principals September 2008. Gail Robinson, Superintendent of Finance, will be making a presentation regarding Finances for School Councils



At 11:00 a.m., everyone will walk next door to Saviour of the World Chinese Catholic Church to celebrate a mass in honour of all the Volunteers in Dufferin-Peel. The celebrant is Auxiliary Bishop John. A. Boissonneau. All volunteers in Dufferin-Peel are invited to attend. There will be a time of fellowship and refreshment following the mass.

## In-Service and Vendor Market Place

Saturday April 4, 2009 - 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. location TBD - This annual event is one of the highlights of the year. It is lively, energetic and very informative - a must for all parents interested in their child's' education. Parents, volunteers, school council members and administrators all come together to hear an exciting keynote address, attend valuable topical sessions on current educational issues, mingle and network with peers and leaders and chat with the various vendors. More details and information will be forthcoming in the fall through your school council, school newsletter and on the CCCSC website.

## School Council Annual Reports 2007/2008 school year

Annual reports for the 2007/2008 school are to be submitted to your superintendent on or before October 30,2008. Template available on the CCCSC website. Principals have received a copy of the template to share with school council.

## School Council Annual Surveys 2008/2009 school year

Each school year the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board Catholic School Council Annual Survey document will be sent to each Catholic School Council Chair with the request that the document be developed, reviewed or revised by the Catholic School Council, in accordance with the approved template for comment. All members of the Catholic School Council should have the opportunity to review the document and have input into the creation of it. The information provided by each Catholic School Council through the completion of this document will assist the board and its educational officers in a number of ways. This includes goal setting by the principal, identification of budget concerns and school improvement plans. The information provides a means of better understanding each unique school community.



**The survey outlines key competencies in an effective school administrator. While all qualities are essential, the last question asks councils to select and highlight 1 or 2 major leadership attributes that are needed in your school administrator. Administrative changes can occur as a result of retirement but can also be made after a number of years in a school community. School councils can also add other items that they would like to see in a new school Principal or Vice Principal.**

Please take time to develop, review or revise the Catholic School Council Annual Survey document and forward the completed document to the Superintendent of your Family of Schools, by **November 30, 2008**.

## Parent Reaching Out Grant (PRO Grant)

**2008/2009 PRO Grants** – The Ministry is again offering \$1000 for school based initiatives and \$30,000 for regional initiatives. The purpose of the projects is to reach parents who face barriers to becoming involved in their child's education. Schools may

develop proposals individually, with other school councils in the same board or with other groups in the school or in the community. The Ministry states the following: *School councils may apply for grants to support school-based initiatives focussing on engaging parents who may experience challenges in becoming involved in the school due to language barriers, recent immigration, poverty, newness to Ontario's school*

*system, or other factors.* The website to apply for a grant and get details regarding grants is as follows: [www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/reaching.html](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/reaching.html)



## **Other Events To Watch For**

**Thursday February 12, 2007 – 7:00 p.m. – Joe Rich, Family Counsellor**

CCCSC is pleased each year to offer an evening for parents where they can hear an engaging keynote address by one of today's notable educators or celebrities. This year, we are excited to present Joe Rich. Joe Rich has practiced social work for over 25 years. He has provided counseling and group leadership services to couples, families and individuals in a variety of therapeutic settings. He is best known for his practical & empowering relationship advice in his role as guest therapist on the nationally syndicated television show *CityLine* over the past ten years and for his role as relationship therapist on the Global Television series *Last Chance For Romance*.

As a presenter he has been able to bring his "figure it out and fix it" approach from television to audiences in Canada and the United States. As a public speaker Joe is known for his entertaining and informative style, offering a memorable and fun entertaining experience.

As an author Joe has written Parenting: The Long Journey (John Wiley and Sons, 2006) a book dedicated to assisting parents of children of all ages in creating positive and lasting changes in the way in which they parent their children.

### **Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) Updates:**

For information on SEAC, special education, support services, the special education newsletter "Especially Yours" and links to associations such as: Easter Society, Autism Society, LD Society etc please visit [www.dpcdsb.org/seac](http://www.dpcdsb.org/seac)

SEAC website currently under construction. Many enhancements and links to community organizations will be easily accessible.

SEAC meetings are held once a month at the board office. Parents are welcoming to attend as observers. Generally the third Wednesday of each month.

When searching for community supports, parents may find the "Community Information Database" for Peel region a helpful place to start. The link is: <http://www.pinet.on.ca/>

Look for Special Education updates on the CCCSC minutes. The SEAC meetings and the web site are valuable resources for parents and educators.