

Minutes of the Catholic School Council Thursday, May 29th, 2008

- 1. Opening of the Meeting:** Fiorella DiRubbo, Co-Chair
- 2. Opening Prayer:** Read by All
- 3. Approval of the Minutes:** Kevin McGuire/ Fiorella DiRubbo
- 4. In Attendance:** Kevin McGuire-Principal; Brian Bieth-Vice Principal; Dolores Proietti-Vice Principal; Fiorella DiRubbo-Co-Chair; Vikki Miller-Secretary; Penny Greco-Treasurer; Andrea Pearl-Teacher Representative; Esmerelda DeMeiros-OAPCE Representative; Laura Genoway-Non-teaching Representative; Ivy –Student Council Prime Minister.
- 5. Business:** Fiorella welcomed everyone to the final meeting of the school year. The floor was then turned over to Ivy who updated us on the Student Council happenings. Kevin congratulated Ivy on being nominated and voted in, as the new School Trustee in our area.
- 6. Treasury Business:** Penny then updated us on our bank funds. In the new year there will be changes made to the banking system, our account will no longer be under the school account and no council member can sign out funds.
- 7. Andrea Pearl:Update.....**
 - 1) Grad – 320 students are attending, I passed around the list of important dates and times. Grad ceremony is on Wed. June 25th and the final mass is also that day
 - 2) Cultural Night – 120 students representing 18 countries
 - 3) Attawapiskat – 19 senior students traveled to Ottawa Wed and Thurs to take part in a Rally to support the students of Attawapiskat in their efforts to have a new school built
 - 4) Girls Night In – took place in early April. An evening dedicated to the grade 9 girls and the issues they face. The girls attended several workshops ranging from self-esteem/body image to conflict resolution and nutritional education. The girls were lead by a group of our senior students and had a sleep over party as well.
 - 5) Black History Month conference – 9 Champion students were chosen in March to debate issues related to their cultures with a York University professor, they did a fabulous job
 - 6) Athletic Banquet – Wed June 4th at Sparanza Banquet Hall – over 400 athletes participating
 - 7) Junior Boys and Girls Soccer teams placed first in their divisions
 - 8) Track and Field is at SOSSA
 - 9) Boys Baseball placed first
 - 10) Girls Softball in Semi-finals
 - 11) Senior students organizing Feeder School Flag Football tournament

8. Dolores Proietti:

Brampton West Community will involve the students in the running of the Cassie Campbell Centre. Some of the students have already been hired. There will be many speakers in the upcoming school year. We will continue the “Girls Night” and “Black History Week”. Our Literacy scores have gone up. “Me to We” is trying to get the Mayor to help sponsor a course, three of our students are planning to present a power point presentation to Council. There is a plan to raise funds to adopt a Village.

9 Kevin McGuire: Brampton Guardian voted our Web page as the top one. Our students are coming forward regarding Social Justice issues.

Most of College/ University students have been accepted, marks are up and there is a 12% drop Failure rate.

Twenty-five students will take an Alternative Education program, which will be run by two teachers who will help them, follow their path to graduation, each week they will be doing different things, as an example...one week it will be Dog Sledding.

It’s been a great year, and there have been community officers speaking to parents to reassure them that all is well in our school.

Next year our meetings will take place every other month starting in October. We will be booking speakers for most/or all of our meetings. May we will have our closing meeting of the year, with no speakers present.

Elections will take place at the first meeting in Sept. to set up our new Council.

Thanks to everyone who served on Council this year, it’s been a fabulous year with more to come in the future. Have a great summer.

Next meeting to be held in Sept. 2008