



**ST. AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

**February 16, 2010**

**Location: E-Place**

**PRESENT:**

Bernie Smith (Principal), Christine Couperthwaite (Chair), Sharon Perrier, Marilyn Trentos, Wendy Lameiro, James Kan, Carolyn Tom, Joy Vaz Jones, Laura Vaz Jones, Sandra Fusca, Donna Coughlin, Sandra Bocking, Corina Grecu, Angelina Fung, Shandra Still, Theresa Lim

**ABSENT:** Diane Olmstead, Jozine Teofilo

**Opening Prayer**

Mr. Smith led the group with the Opening Prayer

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES/AGENDA:** Motioned by Joy. Seconded by Marilyn. All approved.

**Student President Update – Laura Vaz-Jones**

**Student Council:**

- For Valentine's Day, Student council sold carnations to students and delivered them to homeroom on Friday
- Semi Formal is happening next Friday at Crystal Fountain and the theme this year is Alice in Wonderland. Tickets are being sold for \$50 and the capacity is 500 students.

**Matt 25**

- Matt 25 just had their annual Lets Just Love. They had a raffle, Café D'Amour, a bake sale, henna tattoos and Hug a Sumo Wrestler Day. Proceeds will be used to purchase an animal for a small community in Africa

**OSAID**

- OSAID sent our Valentine cards to every student in the school, encouraging them not to drink and drive.

**Olympics**

- Wore red and white this past Friday for Canada Flag Day and to support Canada for our endeavours in the Olympics

**E-Team (Environmental Council)**

- The Eco-teacher competition has started and classrooms will be judged once a month, base on various criteria. Scores will be tracked on a scoreboard in the main foyer and monthly prizes will be given out. At the end of the year, the teacher who is the most eco friendly will receive a plaque.
- The Outreach Group is almost done their presentation to give to the feeder schools on consumerism, they hope to be presenting as early as next month.
- The Fundraising group is seeking donations and grants from various organizations to build a peace bridge behind the school. They are just in the initial steps of planning right now. The Chaplaincy council has offered their help to maintain it.
- Town of Markham Councilors Erin Shapero and Valerie Burke come to our school last Thursday to educate E-Team about their proposal to protect Markham's Food Belt (farmland). On February 16<sup>th</sup>, a group of about 10 students are giving deputation to the mayor and city council at the town public meeting

### **Chair's Report – Christine Couperthwaite**

#### **Christine shared with Council**

- 1) Copy of the Annual Community Profile was circulated. The original copy was sent to the Superintendent
- 2) Greetings from Mr. Crocco

### **Treasurer Report – Joy Vaz Jones**

Joy circulated an updated High School Ledger . Board does not want to move towards Mac-based computers. Few departments have been reminded to spend dollars allocated as soon as possible.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Budget – Marilyn Trentos**

- No report for this meeting.
- Awaiting update on TV Monitor.
- 2 security cameras have been installed in the front foyer.
- Marilyn requested for a Budget meeting prior to March to re-address proposals and items allocated.

- Arts council working on 2 banners (\$500 each)

### **Safe Schools**

No report

### **Faith –Wendy Lameiro**

St. Justin Martyr Parish 2010 Spring Gala – Friday, April 23, 2010 at Crystal Fountain Banquet Hall. Details to follow in upcoming weeks.

Stations of the Cross beginning February 17th – Mass celebrated every Friday evening during Lent at 7 p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross.

New youth minister – Andrew Santos is taking 15 kids to World Youth Day in Spain in 2011. New youth mass first Saturday of every month at 5 p.m. – need youth lectors, musicians, eucharistic ministers as well as a new youth band which welcomes new members.

Volunteer opportunities should be available through the new web site and if the school wishes to advertise anything on the web, email [administrator@stjustin.com](mailto:administrator@stjustin.com) .

Andrew is also running a CLIMB (Catholic Leadership: Inspire, Motivate, Believe) program designed for youth aged 13–19. Involves 4 full day interactive workshops on March 20, April 10, May 1 & 15 either at St. Justin or St. Patricks, exploring leadership and skills required to be a great leader. (brochures delivered to school).

### **Graduation**

No Report

### **Community – Diane Olmstead**

Christine sent around Community Report

### **Fundraising – Sandra Fusca**

No Report

### **Staff Report– presented by Carolyn on behalf of Leo**

- On–line Course Selection has begun.
- Students are encouraged to visit the website [Career.cruising.com](http://Career.cruising.com)
- Girls swim team won this year’s championship
- French classes are currently in St Donat, Quebec
- Alpine Ski students made it to the OFSSA

### Principal Report – Bernie Smith

- Semester 1 Exams went well
- There was an issue with parents/students wanted to schedule vacations during exam week
- Students had the opportunity to review Exams from first Semester on their 1<sup>st</sup> day back in Semester 2. There was a computer glitch that affected 5 classes (ie. Some teachers did not click on update button or selected the wrong class session)
- Parents can call the respective VP if they would like to review exam results. Exams are kept on file for 1 year.
- Bernie Smith shared Semester 1 Results. The exam results were favourable
- Sandra made the recommendation that the \$80 Student Fee be more visible (ie. Larger font)
- Trip to Mount Tremblant Skiing on Feb 19– 22. About 30 students will be in attendance.
- Gr 12 Retreat will take place week of Feb 22.
- Semi-Formal will take place Feb 26 at Chrystal Fountain.

Meeting Adjourned at 8: 33 PM.

#### **Next Meeting:**

Monday, April 19, 2010