

**OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL**  
**Catholic School Council Minutes**  
**Tuesday, September 21, 2011**

1. Welcome at 6:35 p.m. In attendance: Sante Visca, Mary Byers, Anna Maria Colangelo , Anna Pascuzzi, Anna Racine, Angela Morocco, Elizabeth Davey, Mary D’Uva, Melissa Roma. Absent: Nicole Aubin.
2. Opening Prayer: Led by Mrs. D’Uva, Miss Morocco, Anna Maria Colangelo Melissa Roma.
3. Anna Racine presented the following items: An overview of Catholic School Council yearly activities, Parent Reaching Out Project activities for the 2010-2011 year.
3. Election of Chair – Anna Racine was nominated from the floor and accepted the nomination for the position of Chair of OLOMC Catholic School Council. Mrs. Davey will be the secretary for the Council.
4. Members signed up for the following committees:

**School /Board / Council Activities for 2011-2012**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Lead Person</b>
Meet the Teacher Night	Sept. 13, 6:30 p.m.	Melissa, Nicole, school staff
Food Days	October	Mr. Visca
Annual Catholic School Council Opening Mtg.	Wed. Oct. 13. CEC 6:30-8:00 October 20 <sup>th</sup> – Monsignor Clancy 7:00 p.m.	-CSC Chair -CSC Chair and parent reps
Confirmation	Nov. 11	-----
Pro Grant Activities	You’re the Chef! Early in the new year	Anna Racine
Special Needs Rep		Anna Racine
SNAC		Tara Tarczy, Anna Racine,
Catholicity Projects	School cross project	Mary Byers
Family Advent Mass	Nov. 27 <sup>th</sup> First Sunday of Advent 11:00 am	
Bishop’s Gala	Jan 27 <sup>th</sup> 2012	
Dance-a-thon	Feb. during Kids helping Kids week	School committee
Shrove Tuesday	Feb. 21, 2012 (day after Family Day)	Nicole
Faith Formation CSC	Date TBD	
Annual CSC Spring Convention	Date TBD	
Partners in Cath. Ed.	Date TBD	
Gr. 8 Grad.	June 26	Anna, Nicole,

**Prayer and Refreshment Sign up**

<b>Meeting date</b>	<b>Prayer</b>	<b>Refreshment</b>
Sept: 20	Mrs. D’Uva, Miss Morocco, Anna Maria, Melissa Roma	OLOMC
Oct: 18	Anna Maria	
Nov: 22	Anna Racine	
Feb: 7	Melissa Roma	Melissa Roma
Apr.: 19	Anna Pascuzzi	Anna Pascuzzi
May :15	CSC Social	

- 5. Principal’s Report:** Mrs. Davey presented the Council with a copy of the 2011-12 Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic School Council Annual Report. The school year started off smoothly. Meet the Teacher Night was successful and very positive comments were made by the parents. Our first school Mass was held on Sept 12<sup>th</sup> and students reviewed the new Mass responses with Fr. Stuart. Preliminary EQAO results showed very good results in the areas of writing and reading. Mathematics is an area that will continue to be a focus. It is a need across the Province. The Bd. has resources and in-services scheduled for teachers . The three posters with the new Board Mission Statement, Strategic Direction & Priority Indicators and the Virtues based education model were presented to the council and posted in the foyer. The School profile will be published later in the fall in the school newsletter with a more detailed account of results. Senior Administrative Staff for the 11-12 year were presented to the council. Mr. Lefebvre, former principal of OLOMC is now the Superintendent for Niagara Falls. The council will invite him to attend a subsequent meeting.
- Marathon Challenge: October 23<sup>rd</sup>. More than fifty students are participating at this point.
- Power of One Presentation taking place Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> to support our Bully Prevention Program.
- Safety Month: Mrs. Davey and the staff will be reviewing all safety protocols for the month of September so that the staff is prepared to respond to an emergency should one arise.
- Mrs. Davey will survey parents to determine which families would prefer a hard copy of the newsletter.
- An overview of the four school improvement goals were presented to the council as a focus for the year’s activities. Literacy – TLCs, Numeracy - problem solving, Pathways – supportive transitions from division to division as well as to high school, Culture of Caring – CSC, Church connections, Bully Prevention through social skills teaching.
9. Next meeting date: Tuesday, October 18, 2011 @ 6:30 p.m. (Library).
10. Adjournment @ 8:30 p.m.