

St. Christopher School Council

Agenda for October 25th, 2010

In Attendance: Sue Boychuck, Antoinette Nardelli, Lena LaFratta,

Regrets: Cynthia Nolet

Opening Prayer: Syl Roach

New Business:

(Any items to be added to the agenda...at this time)

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Poverty Reduction and Awareness Committee :

Administrators are asked to assist the NCDSB Poverty Reduction and Awareness Committee in identifying neighborhoods that require support in establishing community programs and/or services.

Please consider utilizing the following questions during your inaugural Catholic School Council Meeting:

What are your community assets? 1) What are your community assets?

- Multi-cultural community
- Pic Leason Park nearby
- Merriton Community Centre
- Merriton Lions Club
- Early Years Centre
- Knights of Columbus
- Catholic Women's League
- 2 YMCA Programs after school
- Weekly Masses
- Merriton Soccer League
- St. Vincent de Paul (St. Thomas Aquinas Church)
- School Healthy Snack program

2) What does your community need?

- varying social economic backgrounds (approx. 20% of students)
- more parent involvement with school community
- nutritional support programs for parents
- parenting skills programs
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- What does your community need?

Principals are asked to e-mail Deborah Ogilvie, Community Outreach Coordinator at deborah.ogilvie@ncdsb.com with your meeting information

Parent Volunteers

- What is the general practice regarding parents paying for school trips when volunteering? There has been some discussion that parents are wondering about paying for themselves to volunteer, and perhaps if they didn't have to pay, more would volunteer....Thoughts?

Updates/Highlights

- Author Michael Wade Visit –Gr.2-8 (November 4th)
- Christmas Concert –JK-Grade 3 (December 15th)
- Little Mermaid-Brock University Production-JK-Gr.4 (December 6th)
- Spring Performance –Gr. 3/4-7/8 (May 5th-Education Week)
- Continuation of Heart Healthy Program (Jump Rope for Heart - booked for May 6th)

Fundraising

- 12 Days of Christmas – Ticket Sales: November 15th –November 29th
- Poinsettias- Orders: November 22th –December 3rd

How is the fundraising money going to be spent? Need to Prioritize.....

- purchase of St. Christopher polo shirts (Spiritwear)
- tarmac replaced or improved and/or extended
- performance equipment (microphone system replaced or fixed), costumes
- school advertisement sign in front of school
- BBQ purchase
- offset the cost of school trips

Principal's Report

New Business:

- School Improvement Plan

St. Christopher SMART GOALS

Literacy:

To improve student achievement by implementing a teaching learning critical pathway (one per term) in the area of literacy, focusing on clustered expectations in targeted areas of reading as identified by EQAO and early diagnostic assessments (Observation surveys, PM Benchmarks, DRA and a variety of ongoing assessments).

Numeracy:

To improve student achievement by implementing a teaching learning critical pathway (one per term) in the area of numeracy, focusing on clustered expectations in targeted areas of need as identified by EQAO and early diagnostic assessments (Observation surveys, PM Benchmarks, DRA and a variety of ongoing assessments).

Pathways:

To improve student achievement by identifying instructional supports, programs, strategies and resources that support student transition: from home-school entry (outside agencies), between divisions, between elementary-secondary panels, in order to reduce learning gaps and to improve success by June 2011. By June 2011, the Grade 8 teacher, Educational Resource Teacher, Educational Assistants, outside agencies (where necessary) and Principal will have participated in a number of Transition Meetings with the Denis Morris Student Success Teams to discuss the delivery of the Literacy and Numeracy Program to the Gr. 8 students, with an emphasis on special needs students for seamless transitions.

Faith, Community, Culture and Caring:

To have all students demonstrate an understanding of the monthly virtues/Gospel Values in conjunction with the implementation of St. Christopher's 5 school rules fostering a safe, equitable and inclusive environment leading to increased student achievement by June 2011.

- TLCP pathways – Overview -Powerpoint Presentation

Other Items:

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Dates Coming Up:

- **Holy Childhood Walk – 12:15**
- **October 27-** Rosary Circle begins
- **October 28–Nov 1-** Grade 7/8 Cyberquest
- **October 29-**Halloween Activities (afternoon only)
- **November 4th:** Author Michael Wade visit (Gr. 2-Gr. 8, afternoon)
- **November 5th** –Pizza Day
- **November 11th** – Remembrance Day (10:30)
- **November 11-15** – Grade 6/7 Cyberquest
- **November 12th** – Progress Reports Go Home
- **November 15th** – Xmas Raffle Letter and Tickets go home
- **November 19th** – Pasta Day
- **November 22th** – Poinsettia Sales Begin
- **November 29th** – Xmas Raffle Ticket Returns
- **November 29th** – School Council Meeting (5:15)
- **December 1st** – Confirmation (Gr. 8)
- **December 3rd** – Raffle Draw Begins (Ends Dec 18)
- **December 3rd** –Poinsettia Sale Orders Due
- **December 6th** – “Little Mermaid” Brock University (Gr. K – 4)
- **December 6th** – First Day of Christmas Draw
- **December 9th** –Poinsettias Pick-up
- **December 15th** – Christmas Concert JK-Grade 3 (Dress Rehearsal -12:30/Concert -6:00)
- **December 21st** – Last Day of Christmas Draw
- **December 23rd** – Last day before Christmas holidays.

Meeting Dates for 2010-2011 School Council Year:

Monday, November 29th @ 5:15
Monday, February 28th @ 5:15

Monday, January 24th @ 5:15
Monday, April 18th @ 5:15

ALL DATES ARE TENTATIVE