

St. Christopher School Council

Agenda for September 24th, 2012

In Attendance: Sue Boychuck, Antoinette Nardelli –teacher representative, Lena LaFratta –teaching representative, Syl Roach – parish representative,

Opening Prayer: Syl Roach

Elections for Chair and Newly Accepted Positions:

Role of School Council

- Black Binders
- Process of Complaints/Concerns/Suggestion/Recommendations: Thanks to all of you who have chosen to dedicate time and energy in your children's education by being part of our school council. You are parent representatives of all St. Christopher students and community. To that end, one of your roles as council members is to continue to be positive in all endeavours and school goals that we set for our St. Christopher community. Often, many 'parking lot' conversations occur with council members and our parent community regarding the many school events, activities and programs here at St. Christopher. This is great news! Keep up the encouraging and helpful conversations, as the more parents involved, the better our school will be! I would ask that any concerns, suggestions, complaints and/or recommendations heard from our parent community be directed to the principal, at which time I will meet with the parent at their convenience. It is important to know that our council meetings will not be the venue or forum for individual parent concerns or suggestions brought by any council member. Please continue to encourage parents to call/visit the principal.
- Recognition/Blessing of Our Council Members: This year, on behalf the director the NCDSB, school council members of all schools are invited to attend a special mass recognizing and blessing our council members. Father Basque will reside over St. Christopher Catholic School Council Installation Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas Church (-9:00 a.m.) for all of you. Possible dates are September 30 or October 21st.

New Initiatives

- √ Author Kevin Sylvester visit at Our Lady of Fatima (Nov.21st–Grade 4-6)
- √ Carousel Players-"Water Under the Bridge" (Grade K-3)
- √ Scrabble Club-at the Board Level (Grades 4-6)
- √ NCDSB Faith Formation Program: Wisdom, Witness, Worship
- √ "Spotlight On"
- √ Passport Niagara (War of 1812 –Grade 3-8, Launch in October)

Continuation of Initiatives for St. Christopher 2012/13

- Milk Program
- St. Christopher School Rules
- Christmas Concert –JK-Grade 3
- Spring Play Performance (Grade 4-8)
- Continuation of On-line Magazine Fundraiser (in newsletter monthly)

- Continuation of Heart Healthy Program (Jump Rope for Heart-May)
- Continuation of ECO School Participation (gold level achievement in 2011)
- Continuation of SMART Goals
- Continuation of Charity events (Terry Fox, Holy Childhood, Kids Helping Kids, Development and Peace, United Way)
- Rosary Circle
- You're the Chef
- PALS Program (Playground Activity Leaders in Schools)
- Weekly Masses

Principal's Report

New Business:

- **Review of School Council Annual Report: (handout)**
- **NCDSB Policies Currently Being Vetted:**
 - Elementary Standardized Dress Code
 - Employee Code of Conduct and Ethics
 - Attendance Support Program Policy
- **Asphalt Update:** As of September 20th, site approval for St. Christopher was given. The civil engineering manager will be contacting the paving company to begin the work. The paving company will be directed to speak to Ms. Boychuck regarding timelines and working around the students' day.
- **Laptop Update:** As of September 20th, the superintendent of Technology, Mr. Cicarrelli, said our laptops should be arriving mid to late October.
- **Building Parent Engagement-Tool Kit and Guidebook plus New TEEN document and WEBKEY (Hand out to members)**
- **Lunch Survey (June 2012) Update:** Thirty families responded. Results indicate that the majority of parents (25 out of 30) who responded would like to see specialty lunches provided at least twice or three times a month. The majority of parents would also like to see the same lunches provided in the past three years to continue (subs, pizza, pasta)
- **NIAGARA CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE ANNUAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCILS' CONFERENCE 2012 FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS** The Niagara Catholic District School Board in partnership with the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee will be hosting the Annual Catholic School Councils' Conference 2012 for Parents and Guardians on Saturday, November 3, 2012, at Notre Dame College School in Welland. We are pleased to announce that Bishop Bergie will be celebrating Mass to begin the conference.
- **School Council Agenda Protocol:** Items to be added to the agenda need to be approved by the chair and the principal three days before the date of the meeting. All future meetings will have a "Principal Report" section and then "School Council Items – Chairperson" section.

Fundraising

- School Council Goals for 2012/13
- Things to consider when discussing/planning for Fundraising:
 - Purpose of Fundraiser -What are we looking to purchase/support this year?
 - ✓ offset the cost of school trips/presentations
 - ✓ You're the Chef - \$400.00 Budget
 - ✓ Creative Playground Lines
 - ✓ Communication Sign for front of School
 - ✓ Power-of-One Bullying Presentation (\$750.00)
 - ✓ other suggestions...
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 - What type of fundraising are we interested in?
 - Financial goal for the fundraiser?
 - Timelines? When to send home initial letter? Closing date?
 - Delivery procedures/dates?
 - Prize Program? Sales Pitch to Kids?
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St. Christopher's School Council Email List:

- Please fill out/check following information on the chart provided

School Council items-Chairperson

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Dates Coming Up:

- September 28 – Terry Fox Walk
- October 11– Safety Village (JK-Gr. 2)
- October 12- Battle of Queenston Heights (Gr. 4-8)
- October 15-Carousel Players –“Water Under the Bridge” Gr. K-3 @ 9:15
- October 16- Picture Day
- October 5 and 19 – Pizza Day/Sub Day?
- October 20 – Regional School Council Mtg-Monsignor Clancy @7:00
- October 26- Rosary Presentation –Grade 4-8 (gym)
- October 26 – Holy Childhood Walk (1:00)
- October 29- St. Christopher Catholic School Council Meeting (5:15)
- October 31-Halloween Activities (afternoon only)

Meeting Dates for 2012-2013 School Council Year:

Monday, October 29th @ 5:15

Monday, January 28th @ 5:15

Monday, April 29th @ 5:15

Monday, November 26th @ 5:15

Monday, February 25th @ 5:15

ALL DATES ARE TENTATIVE