

St. Christopher School Council

Agenda for October 24th, 2011

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

Regrets:

Opening Prayer: Syl Roach and Presentation

- Rosary Circle Update (news article-The Vineyard)

Principal's Report

New Business:

- Niagara Catholic System Priorities Final Achievement Report - Powerpoint Presentation
- EQAO Results
- School Improvement Plan

ST. CHRISTOPHER SMART GOALS

Literacy:

To improve student achievement by implementing a teaching learning critical pathway (two 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 (two 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) and implementing the Collaborative Inquiry Model.

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 2012. By June 2012, 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 2012.

To encourage more active participation during the mass using the new responses implemented by the Catholic Church as of November 2011.

- TLCP pathways – Overview -Powerpoint Presentation
- ELMO Projector -5 minute commercial (Possible purchase)
- Bullying Update – Canadian Half Pints feedback/ NRP Cyberbullying presentation/Posters
- ECO Request:- Mrs. Peressotti requesting wood chips for the front garden in the spring

School Council Items - Chairperson:

- Picture day company – can we look into switching?
- Pizza Day supplier – can we look at another company?
- Student Agendas – are they mandatory? Not all teachers seem to be using them.
- Bank interest rate charges for school banking account. Can we look into switching account type or bank? Susan D.
- Mental Health seminar paperwork. Complete paperwork for 2012-2013 school year. **The application form, guidelines, terms and conditions for the Parents Reaching Out Grant can be found online by typing in “Parents Reaching Out Grant”. The application must be filled out by May 2012.
- Fundraising Ideas/Set the Purpose

Dates Coming Up:

- **October 26-** Rosary Circle begins
- **October 28–** Holy Childhood Walk – 12:15
- **October 31-**Halloween Activities (afternoon only)
- **November 4th** –Pizza Day
- **November 7th** – Sr. Boys Volleyball (St. Christopher hosting)
- **November 8th-** Sr. Girls Volleyball (St. Christopher hosting)
- **November 11th** – Remembrance Day (10:30)
- **November 11th** – Progress Reports Go Home
- **November 18th** – Pasta Day
- **November 28th** – School Council Meeting (5:15)
- **November 30th** – Board Spelling Bee
- **November 30th** – Confirmation (Gr. 8)
- **December 14th** – Christmas Concert JK-Grade 3 (Dress Rehearsal -12:30/Concert -6:00)
- **December 23rd** – Last day before Christmas holidays.

Meeting Dates for 2011-2012 School Council Year:

Monday, November 28th @ 5:15
Monday, February 27th @ 5:15

Monday, January 30th @ 5:15
Monday, April 30th @ 5:15

ALL DATES ARE TENTATIVE