

St. Christopher School Council Agenda for October 29th, 2012

In Attendance: Ms. Boychuck, Miss Nardelli, Mrs. LaFratta,

Regrets: Mrs. Breen

Opening Prayer: Mrs. Roach

Principal's Report

New Business:

- Smart Board Presentation (Mr. Sauriol)
- Letter (Titled: 'Council Info Required') sent by Mrs. Cabral to Niagara Catholic Board on behalf of the parent members of St. Christopher Catholic School Council
- Specialty Lunches
 - EQAO Results
 - ST. CHRISTOPHER SMART GOALS (School Improvement Plan)
 - YMCA Youth Gambling Awareness Program
 - Building Parent Engagement Toolkit

SMART GOALS FOR 2012-2013

Literacy:

To improve student achievement in the area of literacy by focusing on clustered expectations in targeted areas of reading and writing as identified by EQAO and early diagnostic assessments (Observation surveys, PM Benchmarks, DRA, a variety of ongoing teacher and student self-assessments) Program implementation will take place through teaching learning critical pathways, mentor texts and success criteria strategies.

Numeracy:

To improve student achievement in the area of numeracy, focusing on clustered expectations in targeted areas of need as identified by EQAO and a variety of ongoing teacher and student self-assessments. Program implementation will take place through teaching learning critical pathways, the collaborative inquiry model, numeracy nets and context for learning mathematics strategies.

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 2013. By June 2013, 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 introduce the new three year theological theme: Growing in Wisdom to Worship and Witness to staff, students and the parent community. The implementation of this three year theme will be integrated into the Journey Retreat program, monthly and daily prayers, resource packages, related virtues, classroom teaching and all faith events.

Updates

- Bullying Presentation Update – Power-of-One (are we interested?)
- Parent/Brock Volunteers (Reading with students)
- Asphalt and Creative Playground Designs (Mike Sheahan-Physical Education Coordinator for the NCDSB)
- Fundraising Suggestions

School Council Items - Chairperson:

- Therapy Tails Niagara-Sue
- New Regal Fundraiser – Liz
- Fundraising Ideas-Liz
- Ideas for the fundraising funds-Liz

Dates Coming Up:

October 30- Nutrition Milk Program presentations (JK-Gr. 3)

October 31-Halloween Activities (afternoon only)

November 9th – Pizza Day

November 9th- Remembrance Day Service (10:30 – gym)

November 9th-Random Acts of Kindness Day

November 9th-Spelling Bee (Grade 4-8)

November 12th – Sr. Boys Volleyball (St. Christopher hosting)

November 13th- Sr. Girls Volleyball (St. Christopher hosting)

November 14th–Picture Retakes

November 16th – P.A. Day (No School)

November 21st – Progress Reports Go Home

November 21st – Kevin Sylvester (author @ Our Lady of Fatima-Grade 4-6)

November 22nd –Healthy Kids Center Visit (Jk/Sk/Grade 1)

November 22nd-28-Cyberquest (Grade6/7)

November 26th – School Council Meeting (5:15)

November 27th –Parent /Teacher Interviews (3:00-7:00)

November 30th – Pita Day

December 5th – Confirmation (Grade 8 @ 7:00)

December 12th – Christmas Concert JK-Grade 3 (Dress Rehearsal -12:30/Concert - 6:00)

December 21st – Last day before Christmas holidays.

Meeting Dates for 2012-2013 School Council Year:

Monday, November 26th @ 5:15

Monday, February 25th @ 5:15

Monday, January 28th @ 5:15

Monday, April 29th @ 5:15

ALL DATES ARE TENTATIVE