



**ST. AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING  
January 18, 2010  
Location: E-Place**

**PRESENT:**

Bernie Smith (Principal), Christine Couperthwaite (Chair), Sharon Perrier, Marilyn Trentos, Wendy Lameiro, Joy Vaz Jones, Diane Olmstead, Laura Vaz Jones, Sandra Fusca, Leo Tucci, James Kan, Donna Coughlin, Sandra Bocking, Charmain Barker (Vice Principal), Jozine Teofilo, Corina Grecu, Angelina Fung

**ABSENT:** Theresa Lim, Carolyn Tom

**Opening Prayer**

Christine Couperthwaite led the group with the Opening Prayer entitled "The New Year Prayer".

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES/AGENDA:** Motioned by Diane. Seconded by Joy. All approved.

**Student President Update – Laura Vaz-Jones**

**Student Council**

- On December 17<sup>th</sup>, Student Council hosted a Neon Dance, which was a huge success. We had approximately 330 students in attendance and we showcased the talent of our very own student deejays.
- Student Council also had a Christmas Spirit Week, filled with fun lunchtime stage activities.
- We are currently in the process of organizing the Semi Formal and the theme this year is "Alice in Wonderland", inspired by Tim Burton's upcoming movie.
- The week of Valentine's Day, SAC is going to be selling carnations and they will be delivered to homerooms on the Friday before Valentine's Day.
- At our meeting today, Student Council suggested holding a fundraiser to support Haiti. We would like to do a joint event with the other councils called BYOB (bring your own blank). The purpose of this event would be for each council to sell a different item and all proceeds would go towards Haiti relief. For example, in the past, Student Council has held a Bring your own Banana Day. Students brought in their own banana, and SAC made them a banana split, however we would charge students this time.
- Government grant for carnival from Ontario Government to support HEART

**Matt 25**

- The Christmas Drive went really well this year and the turnout was very impressive this year. Grade nine and ten students brought in items for the elderly and grade elevens and twelves brought in baby items.

- Let's Just Love Week is coming up, From February 8 – 12<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of this event is to create a loving atmosphere throughout the school, by hosting stage events, selling baked goods, homeroom activities and Café D'Amour.

#### **Athletic Council**

- On February 19<sup>th</sup>, Athletic Council is hosting a Hoops for Heart in support of the Heart and Stroke Foundation. The teams will pay to play 3 on 3.
- Athletic Council is going to be updating their bulletin board with Canada's medal count and other exciting news during the Olympics.
- Currently, they are brainstorming for coach's lunch in and the buyout.
- Pep rally went really well. It took place on December 10<sup>th</sup> and was themed "Party in the STA".

#### **OSAID**

- OSAID is going to be sending out Valentine cards with messages about impaired driving on Valentine's Day.

#### **E-Team**

- The Environmental Council sold candy-grams before the Christmas holidays and delivered them to homerooms. Attached to each Candy Gram was a personalized message written on recycled paper made by E-Team's very own members.

#### **DECA**

- The DECA Provincial Competition is occurring from February 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>. Michael Cheung and Jonathon Poon have already qualified for internationals which are taking place in Kentucky.
- Matchmakers have been pushed to June

#### **Academics**

- EQAO testing is taking place from January 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> for the grade nine math students.
- Students are currently preparing for next week's exams (January 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>).

#### **Chair's Report – Christine Couperthwaite**

##### **Christine shared with Council several "thank you" cards that had been sent**

- 1) Math Department – thanking us for our support
- 2) Arts Department – "generous allocation"
- 3) Cdn World Studies Dept. – thank you for all the various items

#### **Treasurer Report – Joy Vaz Jones**

Joy circulated an updated High School Ledger and accounting of the "in trust" account at the School Board. Many of the allocated funds have not been spoken for.

Many of the items have been ordered but billing has not been received and payment has not been made.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Fundraising - Sandra Fusca**

An additional \$2,100 has been received taking our total raised to date to \$36,456

### **Safe Schools – Corina Grecu**

Corina circulated a handout regarding “Anti Cyber Bullying”. The presentation included what Cyber Bullying is, what parents can do, what schools can do, what students can do and finally, is your child a cyber bully. A discussion ensued about the information on the handout and a discussion about how to prevent and educate our school body and the parents. It was agreed that the information should be on our website and added to the Parents Resources Website.

### **Budget - Marilyn Trentos**

- Budget committee has not met since our last Board meeting in November.
- The Budget expenditures had been presented in November and mostly approved. We are waiting for final prices of TV monitors and security cameras from Bernie Smith so we can finalize those expenditures.
- Based on the updated fund raising figures depending on the school needs and the final quotes, we may have additional funds to allocate during the second term.

### **Faith –Wendy Lameiro**

- Saturday, Feb 6<sup>th</sup>, Spaghetti and Karaoke Night
- Youth Mass 5 pm on the first Saturday of every month.
- Youth Volunteer binder has been updated

### **Graduation – Ray Lefaive**

Ray will call members of the Graduation Committee to schedule their 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in February. February 16<sup>th</sup> Grad pictures will be taken.

Baby pictures for grad students for year book must be in by January 29<sup>th</sup>

The prom will take place at the Markham Event Centre on June 11<sup>th</sup>

**Community – Diane Olmstead**

All high school scores are on line

Dec 19 – Josh Domingues fundraising for cancer – cut 4 a cure

**Staff Report- Leo Tucci**

- Course Selection – finalized offerings
- Career cruising.com
- Student Success – Core resource – special attention
- Ontario University applications – deadline was January 10, 2010
- Ontario College applications – deadline is February 1, 2010

**Vice Principal Report – Ray Lefaive**

- Bullying week
- Math GRADE 9 – EQAO over a 2 day period
- Grade 10 – Literacy Test is on April 8 (counts for graduation)
- Providing one period per week for sample tests
- Applied students – all welcome 2 night per week after school for extra help
- Student mentor program is beginning later than planned
- Ray explained the mentor program and said that success on the program depends on the mentor
- Mentor gets volunteer hours (4 average)
- This looks good on college/university applications

**Principal Report – Bernie Smith**

- Retreat (Dec 8) turned out to be a big bad snowy day
- Another retreat day is scheduled in February
- Grade 9 assembly – early morning – to read them the “riot act” and remind them of the rules and uniform requirements
- Dance was well attended
- Laptop night was well attended (108 student max in program)
- Department allocations are done

- February 19 – there is a delegation from England

Meeting Adjourned at 9:18 PM.

**Next Meeting:**  
February 16, 2010