

**St. John French Immersion Catholic School: Parent Council Meeting Agenda**  
**February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010**  
**7 pm – Library**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>REP</b>
7:00-7:05	Opening Prayer	Jo-Anne
7:05-7:10	Approval of January minutes (see attached) Approval of February 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2010 agenda	All
7:10-7:20	Principal's report - see attachments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Principal's Report</li> <li>• Keeping Our Kids Safe at School</li> <li>• What Parents Need to Know</li> <li>• Policy Program Memorandum</li> </ul>	Jo-Anne
7:25-7:30	Vice-Principal's report (no report submitted)	Daniel
7:30-7:35	Teacher's report (no report submitted) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	Idalia
7:35-7:40	Vice Chair report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information from District Council <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Coping With 2010</li> <li>2. Coping With 2010 Open Forum</li> <li>3. Student Support Leadership Initiative</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	Veronica
7:40-7:45	Catholicity Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update</li> </ul> Communication Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update</li> </ul> Green Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing to report</li> </ul>	Lara
7:45-7:55	Board Watch Team (no report submitted)	Phil
7:55-8:00	New business	All
8:00	Adjourn	

- Next Meeting: Tuesday March 9, 2010 7:00 p.m.

**St. John French Immersion Catholic School: Home & School Meeting Agenda**  
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<b>TIME</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>REP</b>
8:00-8:05	Approval of January minutes (see attached) Approval of February 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2010 agenda	All
8:05-8:10	Fundraising Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary and/or update</li> </ul>	Lara
8:10-8:15	Hot Lunch Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary and/or update</li> </ul>	Lara
8:15-8:20	Library Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary and/or update</li> </ul>	Michelle
8:20-8:25	Social Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary and/or update</li> </ul>	Lara
8:25-8:35	Financial report (no report submitted)	Cindy
8:35-8:40	New business	All
8:40	Adjourn	

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## **Principal's Report**

### **Bill 157**

The purpose of responding to incidents of inappropriate and disrespectful behaviour is to stop and correct it immediately. "Behaviour that is not addressed becomes accepted behaviour." - Shaping a Culture of Respect in Our Schools: Promoting Safe and Healthy Relationships A board employee who becomes aware that a pupil of a school may have engaged in an activity for which a suspension or expulsion is considered, shall as soon as reasonably possible report it to the principal. The purpose of reporting incidents of inappropriate or disrespectful behaviour is to ensure that the principal is aware of any activities taking place in the school for which suspension or expulsion must be considered. Possible actions taken can include anything on the progressive discipline continuum e.g., warning, contacting parent, removal of privileges, or suspension. A copy of the reporting form and documentation indicating the action taken must be filed in the OSR of each student whose behavior was inappropriate. The names of all other students that appear on the form – both aggressors and victims – must be removed from the form before it is filed in the student's OSR. The principal must provide the person who submitted the report a written acknowledgment of receipt. If the principal believes that a pupil has been harmed as a result of an activity described in s.306(1) or 310(1), the principal shall, as soon as reasonably possible, notify the parent or guardian of the student. Bill 157 received Royal Assent on June 5, 2009. It came into force on February 1, 2010.

N. B. Please refer to MOE attachments included in this electronic correspondence.

### **Staffing**

We welcome Victoria Tillapaugh to our staff. Victoria has accepted the LTO SPST position at St. John Catholic French Immersion. Further, we extend our greetings to Gloria Madrzyk, who joins our staff as a French Literacy Support Teacher until the end of June.

### **JK Enrolment**

We are anticipating compiling a waiting list of those parents wishing their child to begin JK at St. John in September 2010. As of Friday, February 5th, 2010, we have processed 41 JK registrations.

## **Teacher's Report.**

### **Graduation Awards 2010**

This is in response to the suggestion of a reduction in awards commemorating the achievement of the Grade 8 students this year:

After much debate and careful consideration we, in conjunction with Madame Hogan-Bakai, have decided against the proposed reduction in Grade 8 awards for the following reasons:

1. We feel it is too late in the year to reduce the awards. The Grade 8 students and parents have not been notified of any changes to our traditional program.
2. Due to the number of graduating students (60), we feel that the current number of awards is appropriate.
3. We feel that the students merit these awards and that most of them will not otherwise have the opportunity to be recognized for their achievements.

Thank you for your attention into this matter and we would be willing to revisit this discussion at a later date if you would like to talk about changes for the upcoming school year. *Shannon Mero and Jocelyne Furtado (Grade 8 Teachers)*

**Catholicity Team.** We are looking into ways we can be of help for Lent at the school and will report on that as soon as possible.

**Communications Team.** We are beginning to assemble the Winter Newsletter from Council and plan to distribute it in February. We are asking that each team: a) let us know of any planned meetings for Mar, and Apr. and b) provide us with an update on their activities. As well, if any member of council knows of information that parents would like to see, please let us know so that we can include it.

**Green Team.** Nothing to report at this time.

#### **Board Watch Report**

1. I had a series of discussions with Mark Weaver with regard to the location of a new French Immersion School. This would be accomplished by either building a new school and/or locating French Immersion at an existing school. Basically we agreed to disagree. I stressed that parents should be involved at the outset of the decision making process. He felt that parents should let administration make preliminary recommendations and then react to those. I will continue my discussions in an attempt to get us involved as early as possible.
2. There are reports that High School Immersion will eventually be split between Mother Teresa and the new Secondary School to be built in Hyde Park. I have no official confirmation of this but parents should be aware of this possibility.
3. I am making a presentation at our next District Council meeting in an attempt to make sure notification of parents when their children are injured or even killed on a field trip or while at school is codified in the Emergency Response Protocol of the Board. I will advise as to how this goes.
4. On February 9 I have to be at the Northwest ARAC so will miss our meeting. My apologies. If you have any questions about this report please contact me.

**Fundraising Team.** We had our meeting January 14<sup>th</sup> to review the events from the year to date and to continue to plan Franco Follie. We are continuing to gather information from past events and have a plan in full swing for Franco Follie on May 7<sup>th</sup>. The auction

has been merged back into Franco. We need lots of donations for the auction and volunteers to run the entire event. Please let Lara or Mona know if you can help.

To date, we have \$3460 in donations (directly to the school + to Mon. Feeney Foundation) from 49 families. That's about 22% of the target from 12% of the families. Last year at the end we had \$4800 from 74 families (30 % of the target from 18.5% of the families).

**Hot Lunch Team.** Pizza and Real Food Hot Lunches continue. We are helping Mme Pimentel with a pancake Tuesday lunch, proceeds to the grade 7 class.

**Library Committee Report.** Preparations are underway for the annual Read-A-Thon, The Read-A-Thon will be held from Monday March 8th- Friday March 19th. Forms will be distributed to the classes the week of March 2nd.

All monies raised will be used by Mariola to pay for the upcoming author visits. I am looking for some help to photocopy and count the forms for distribution. Anyone available to help, please contact Michelle at 519-453-5139 or by e-mail

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**Social Team.**

Carnival is to take place on Friday, February 26 in the afternoon. Parent Council will again host the Chocolat Chaud Station. We need parent volunteers from noon to 3. Please let Lara know if you can help out. An email will go out requesting help which can be replied to.

Franco Follie is on May 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 8: Franco Follie this year will include the BBQ, Games, Bottle Room AND the Silent Auction. Again, we need lots of donations for the auction and volunteers to run the entire event. Please let Lara or Mona know if you can help. Please mark the date on your calendar!