

Mary Ward Catholic School Advisory Council Meeting

February 24, 2009

Attendance:

Terry Pastore Chair	Jerry Joseph Treasurer	Angie Cornacchia Secretary
Fouad Chalabi Council	Cecilia Coutinho Council	Jude Coutinho Council
Lisa DiGaetano Council	Andrew Farinha Council	Ermina Lumia Council
Marian Robertson Council	Bob Robertson Council	Carmela Giardini Principal
Patricia Coburn New Principal	Santo Visconti Vice Principal	

Guests: Lidia Kairska, Gary Bryant

Regrets: Dennis Hastings, Alemeshet Banjaw, Alfredo Andrenacci, Andrea Magee, Krisel Abulenci, Jennifer King

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Terry Pastore at 7:31 p.m. Copies of the agenda and copies of the January 27th minutes were circulated.

Opening Prayer: Was offered by Jude Coutinho.

Welcome: Terry Pastore welcomed everyone that attended.

Student Council Report: The student representative was not available for the

meeting, so there is no report.

Agenda: Terry Pastore motioned to approve the agenda, Lisa DiGaetano seconded the motion. Motion carried.

January 27th Minutes: Copies were given out and a couple of questions and answers were corrected. Marian Robertson motioned the minutes, Jerry Joseph seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Principal's Report: Presented by Carmela Giardini. Report attached.

Farewell to Carmela Giardini, as she moves on to a new position at the Board as Program Coordinator.

Transition of New Principal - Patricia Coburn to take place March 2nd.

Introduction to Patricia Coburn as incoming Principal to Mary Ward. She comes to us from a year and a half at Pope John Paul.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Jerry Joseph. Copy of report was given out.

Community Advisory Committee - Terry will be sitting as a member of this committee which will provide advice directly to the supervision team on matters of Board operations.

Jude Coutinho at CPIC meeting, suggestions on going back to the basics. Mandate by the Wards - from parents, for input for changes, to have a voice, to have clear communication lines when policy changes or new initiatives are introduced at the Board or the Ministry.

E-Newsletter - Terry Pastore suggests to subscribe to this newsletter at - www.tcdsb.org . In addition, all parents would benefit from signing up on the "OPEN" link on the Ministry website as well.

Pro Grant - Update on the Pro Grant is that the proposal was declined.

Halpern's - As it stands, they are not yet ready for the replacements on the Navy Blue Gulf Shirts. They will issue a letter to the school when they are available.

Mandatory for March 1st is the uniform dress code for elementary schools in

colors navy blue and white.

NOTE FROM CHAIR FOLLOWING MEETING:

Information provided by Chair incorrect, as Board changed direction on this matter and has decided to solicit further input from elementary CSAC's and parents before finalizing policy change.

Adjournment: Marian Robertson called to adjourn the meeting. Cecilia Coutinho seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.