

# Mary Ward Catholic School

## Advisory Council Meeting

January 19, 2010

### **Attendance:**

Terry Pastore Co-Chair	Angie Cornacchia Secretary	Lisa DiGaetano Council
Andrew Farinha Council	Marian Robertson Council	Lidia Kairska Council
Nancy Gregorio Council	Bob Robertson Community Rep.	Patricia Coburn Principal
Violet Keenan Vice Principal	Derek Chen Vice Principal	Karen Heisz Staff Rep.

**Guests:** Faye Lee Pack, Lorna Quigley

**Regrets:** Dennis Hastings, Anita Atri, Annie Cheung-Chu, Erminia Lumia, Diane Roach, Alfredo Andrenacci, Student Rep.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Patricia Coburn.

**Opening Prayer:** Was offered by Patricia Coburn.

**Welcome:** Patricia Coburn welcomed everyone that attended.

**Student Council Report:** Student Council not available. Patricia Coburn noted that there is a Semi Formal to be held on January 29<sup>th</sup> at Ella Banquet Hall, and the sales were very good.

**Agenda:** Terry Pastore motioned to approve the agenda. Bob Robertson and Lisa DiGaetano seconded the motion. Motion passed.

November 24<sup>th</sup> Minutes: Terry Pastore motioned the minutes. Lisa DiGaetano and Marian Robertson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Principal's Report: Prepared by Patricia Coburn. Report attached. The school financial statements can be found at the [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org) website under [www.tcdsb.org/homePage/ministry%20supervision/supervision.htm#Breifing\\_Notes](http://www.tcdsb.org/homePage/ministry%20supervision/supervision.htm#Breifing_Notes).

Chair's Report: Prepared by Terry Pastore.

- Terry Pastore motioned to engage Dr. Ashleigh Molloy to provide presentation to parents and surrounding schools on catholic parenting and inclusive education. Angie Cornacchia and Marian Robertson seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Survey follow ups:

Parent Engagement Policy – Parent Feedback to OAPCE. Input date is January 31<sup>st</sup> and the link to survey is [www.peopleforeducation.com/school\\_survey](http://www.peopleforeducation.com/school_survey).

The results from the survey provide valuable data that will not only help you in your work, but also help all of us to keep track of how well Ontario's parent involvement strategies are working. We'll know more about fundraising, we'll gain insight into what school councils see as their purpose and we'll have useful information about communication between parents and the school system.

Full Day Kindergarten – CPIC to TCDSB, info available on website.

Of Interest to elementary parents – keep up with Long Term Accommodations Reviews – available on the front page of the TCDSB.org website.

- Toronto Association of Parents in Catholic Education – We are continuing to follow the issue of the Attendance Boundaries issue. If you are interesting in getting further information go online to [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org) under parents/policies and select the attendance boundaries and you should find up to date info.

- Pro Grant – I have contacted the Ministry again, but no decisions as yet. Its at end of January or early February for grant. School Council grants a priority. Marian Robertson to write up Pro Grant for next year with others.
- Fundraising – Some great ideas coming out. Anyone interested in working with the SAC – Lisa DiGaetano volunteers for Student Council.

Treasurer's Report: Prepared by Annie Cheung-Chu. Report attached. The Hand Sanitizer for \$700.00 was approved on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009. No funding support needed for DECA.

A request for funding in the amount of \$480.00 to support a Carnavale trip to Quebec for the French Dept. February 3-5, 2010 was put forward. Andrew Farinha motion and Marian Robertson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Adjournment: Terry Pastore called to adjourn the meeting, Lisa DiGaetano seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.