

# Mary Ward Catholic School Advisory Council Meeting

May 5, 2009

## Attendance:

Terry Pastore Chair	Jerry Joseph Treasurer	Angie Cornacchia Secretary
Cecilia Coutinho Council	Jude Coutinho Council	Lisa DiGaetano Council
Andrew Farinha Council	Ermina Lumia Council	Patricia Coburn Principal
Andrea Magee Vice Principal	Santo Visconti Vice Principal	

Guests: Lidia Kairska

Guest Speakers: John Del Grande (Trustee, Ward 7), Rosanna DelGrosso ( Director of Public Relations of ABC Ontario)

Regrets: Dennis Hastings, Aleshet Banjaw, Fouad Chalabi, Marian Robertson, Alfredo Andrenacci, Bob Robertson, Krisel Abulenci, Jennifer King

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Terry Pastore at 7:30 p.m.

Opening Prayer: Was offered by Jude Coutinho.

Welcome: Terry Pastore welcomed everyone that attended. Terry introduces Rosanna DelGrosso ABC Presentation.

ABC Ontario (Association for Bright Children of Ontario): Rosanna DelGrosso - Director of Public Relations

What is ABC?

The Association for Bright Children of Ontario is an all-volunteer, provincially incorporated support and advocacy group, with many chapters across Ontario. It is dedicated to providing information and support to parents of bright and gifted children and adolescents through newsletters, networking, an annual conference and local workshops. It offers the parents'

voice to local school boards, educators, professional groups and the Ontario Ministry of Education.

Membership is free. Visit [www.abcontario.ca](http://www.abcontario.ca)

Terry welcomes John Del Grande (Trustee, Ward 7)

Status of Trustee situation at the TCDSB - After eleven months, the Board continues to be under Ministry of Education Supervision. Supervision's primary purpose is to fix the Board's financial situation and return it to a balanced position.

What has been done so far?

Trustee expense policies reformed

Non-essential purchases tightened or frozen

Staffing and educational models reviewed

This year we are expected to post a small surplus however a multi million dollar stranded debt will carry forward.

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, Cecilia Coutinho seconded the motion. Motion carried.

February 24th Minutes: Lisa DiGaetano motioned the minutes, Terry Pastore seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Principal's Report: Presented by Patricia Coburn. Report attached.

Student Success Smart Board - Asking CSAC to fund \$600.00. Terry Pastore motioned the fund, Ermina Lumia seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chair's Report: Presented by Terry Pastore.

Waived in order to open most of the rest of the meeting to discussion on current education issues:

1. Find a School - link on the Ministry website
  - What does this mean?
  - How could this effect our school system?
  - Questions being asked? Our CSAC opinion?
  - Reporting back to OAPCE by May 15th.
2. Parent Engagement Funding 2009-2010.

See attached report I provided to CPIC. Discussion related to this matter to take MW CSAC's views to the supervisor at meeting on May 6th, 2009.

PRO committee to work on next year's application.
3. Graduate Expectations Revisions.

The above expectations are being written after seven years with input from all Catholic partners. OAPCE has been asked to solicit feedback from all school councils on what suggestions they may have to amend or add to this document. The deadline is quite short and I will need all input by May 10, 2009. I am attaching the details.

Date and times for next year's calendar. First meeting is 4th Tuesday of September, which is the Annual General Meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Jerry Joseph. Report attached.

Receipt of \$5,000. MW activity fees. MW has put this through.

Funding for purell soap supply for one year. \*Last year we purchased one year supply of anti-bacterial soap and got four dispensers free which were placed around the cafeteria area. The reason for this was to promote good hygiene among students. We have three bottles of soap left, which should last another couple of months, however, it would be time to order more so we are good over the summer and next fall. The cost, I believe, was approximately \$700 and that lasted us a year.

Terry Pastore motioned the \$700 for 1 year, Lisa DiGaetano and Ermina Lumia both seconded the motion. Motion passed.

OAPCE Parent Conference May 22-24, 2009 in Toronto at Father John Redmond School. Registration for weekend \$180.00. Those requiring accommodations will be charged extra approx. \$79 per night. Should you just wish to attend Saturday it costs less, Saturday evening less, etc. Brochures available. Funding for MW parents wishing to attend would require vote. Chair does not vote, however, declares conflict of interest as a Director of OAPCE.

Planning the year end CSAC dinner. Email choices of restaurant to Terry Pastore. It will be Tuesday May 26th. Lisa DiGaetano to plan this.

Adjournment: Terry Pastore called to adjourn the meeting. Angie Cornacchia seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.