



**ST. GREGORY CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL
CHAIRPERSON'S ANNUAL REPORT
SEPTEMBER 2009 – JUNE 2010**

Members

Parents: Nancy McInnis (*Chairperson*), Joanna Viczian (*Council Secretary*), Len Lanthier, Christine Rick, Jan Coyne, Karen Mogridge, Angie Punnett, Angie Gagnon,

Staff: Robin Van Mierlo (*School Secretary/Treasurer*), Mary Houghton, Corry Ruttan

Sacred Heart (Trout Creek) Parish Liaison: Fr. Adolphus

Principal: Mike Courchesne

Introduction:

The primary purpose of the St. Gregory Catholic School Advisory Council is, through the active participation of parents, to improve student achievement and enhance the accountability of the education system to parents.

Meetings

The St. Gregory Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC) held nine (9) meetings between September 2009 and June 2010 (inclusive), normally on the second Tuesday of each month. School administration and staff representation were present at all meetings. Meeting agenda's, minutes, and a list outlining parent membership of the 2009-2010 St. Gregory Catholic School Advisory Council are all available for viewing in the school, and are posted on the School Council page of the St. Gregory School web-site.

Our monthly meetings were held at 7 p.m. in the school boardroom and our doors were always open to the public. This format encourages input from parents and other members of the school community. New members are always encouraged to participate!

Priorities:

In September, the St. Gregory Catholic School Advisory Council began to set priorities for the 2009-2010 school year. As work was accomplished, new items were added to the list. The following are some of the priorities that were set:

- Partner with school staff and administration to promote Literacy and Numeracy at all grade levels
- Partner with St. Joseph (Powassan) and Sacred Heart (Trout Creek) parishes to strengthen the relationship between church/school/home. Faith based activities/programs are promoted at all grade levels.
- Student Code of Conduct
- Safe School Guidelines
- Implementation of new Ministry Nutritional Guidelines
- Report Card Assessment

Accomplishments:

The St. Gregory CSAC promoted parent involvement through a variety of ways: holding regular monthly meetings, volunteering (in the classroom, library, and office) hosting family events (i.e. barbecues and parent nights), in-service sessions and workshops, etc. In looking back over the year, the following list highlights some of the activities sponsored by our dedicated volunteers.

Date	Event
September 2009	Back to School Corn Roast
	Open House BBQ and Scholastic Book Fair
October 2009 (on-going)	Faith Enrichment Programs ROCC Retreats for each grade level

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November 2009	Christmas Craft Bazaar
	Scholastic Book Fair
December 2009	Scholastic Book Fair @ Parent Teacher Interviews
	Refreshments @ Parent Teacher Interviews
	Student/Staff Christmas Luncheon
	Christmas Family Fun Night
January 2010	Family Literacy Day BINGO
	Parent Reaching Out Grant
February 2010	Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast
	Winter Carnival Refreshments
March 2010	Hockey Challenge Donation
April 2010	Powassan Maple Syrup Festival
May 2010	Education Week BBQ & Chinese Auction
June 2010	Faith Enrichment - First Communion
	Grade 8 Graduations Awards
	Kindergarten Open House
	Water Day Popsicles

Recommendations for 2010-2011

- Establish a list of priorities early in the school year.
- Encourage all parents/guardians to actively participate in their child's education. Parent Involvement is a key factor in student success.
- Review all school policies to ensure that they are serving the needs of the students as well as the school community.
- Continue to support literacy and numeric programs throughout the school.

- To support student programs and initiatives such as the Breakfast Program, and Faith Enrichment Programs (ROCC and Sacrament Preparation).
- Provide on-going support to school administration when making decisions regarding school policies and procedures.

In Closing:

It has been an honour serving as your Council lead for the 2009-2010 school year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy McInnis
Chairperson
2009 - 2010