



Chairperson's Annual Report
St. Gregory School Catholic Advisory Committee
September 2010 - June 2011

The St. Gregory Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC) held seven (7) meetings between September 2010 and June 2011 (inclusive). Meetings were held at the school every second Tuesday of the month; with school Administration and staff representation at each meeting. Our meetings were publicized in advance and were open to all parents, grandparents and other members of our school community. Meeting agendas, minutes, and parent membership are all available for viewing on the School Council page of the St. Gregory School web site.

The purpose of the St. Gregory Catholic School Advisory Council is to help improve student achievement and to enhance the accountability of the education system to parents. School councils are advisory organizations, as its name implies. A school council's primary means of achieving its purpose is by making recommendations to the principal and to the school board.

Please accept this summation of the Council's work as we align our goals with the strategic plan of the NPSCDSB and the St. Gregory School Improvement Plan.

Our achievements include:

- Activities to Support Parent, Family and Community Engagement
(Hosted or supported workshops, presentations, and/or social events)
- Kept parents and community informed
(Flyers, school and council newsletters, email, council meetings)
- Parent and School Council involvement in school policies and practices
(Involvement in student code of conduct policy, homework policy, student success initiatives)
- Requested input from parents
(Surveys, focus groups, forums, participation at council meetings)
- School safety efforts
(Yard safety and supervision, Restorative approaches, anti-bullying initiatives)
- Supporting school activities through the lens of inclusivity
(Field trips, refreshments)
- School spirit and student social events
(Lunches/barbeques, assemblies, student recognition, collaborative community events)
- Promoted healthy living to students
(supported athletic initiatives, Healthy Schools initiatives)
- Character education
(offering a variety of Faith Enrichment programs such as ROCC and CLAY)
- Improvements to school/school grounds

(Support of Green Team initiatives and improved signage)

- Resources and programs
(Occupational Therapy tools for special needs students)
- Collaboration with local businesses and organizations
(community partnerships with St. Joseph Parish and Sacred Heart of Jesus Knights of Columbus and CWL; Powassan and Trout Creek Lions Club, North Bay and District Health Unit, and Tim Horton's Children's Foundation)

As a school council we had several opportunities during the 2010 – 2011 school year to collaborate, network, share and interact with other Catholic School Advisory Committees within our school board.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the many individuals who volunteered their time to contribute to the success of our school council. A sincere thank you is extended to the following members: Jan Coyne (*Vice Chair*), Karen Mogridge (*Council Secretary*), Len Lathier, Angie Gagnon, Angie Punnett, Joanna Viczian, Della Oshell, Penny Desormiers and Wendy Aultman, Robin Van Mierlo (*School Secretary/Treasurer*), Fr. Adolphus (*Parish Liaison*), Mary Houghton (*Staff Representative*), Corry Ruttan (*Staff Representative*), and Mike Courchesne (*Principal*)

As this CSAC term quickly comes to a close, issues we foresee as being important matters for 2011 – 2012 are: continued focus on actively promoting parent involvement within our school community, to emphasize fundraising as a means to achieve their long-term goals and to continue building upon relationships and programs significant to our Catholic Faith.

Respectfully Submitted

Nancy McInnis
Chairperson