



## St. Gregory Catholic School

### School Council Annual Report September 2011-June 2012

Throughout the 2011-2012 school year, a committed group of members continued to be the heart of the St. Gregory Catholic School Advisory Council. Without fail, monthly meetings (Sept., Oct., Nov., Feb., Mar., Apr., May and June) were well-attended by a diverse group of valued council members. In addition to committed parent representatives, we were fortunate to have ongoing involvement by teaching staff, school administration and local Parish.

As we reflect on the year, our efforts have followed the pathways set forth by the Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board, in our vision “Rooted in Faith, Alive in Spirit” using the pillar of Community, Culture and Caring categories.

We can be proud of the work the St Gregory School Council has achieved in the 2011/2012 year ...

#### **We built community by communicating:**

- Actively fundraised to purchase a new display sign for the front of our school.
- TigerTalk Council updates are delivered via ‘kiddy-mail’ to parents, as well as being posted in the office and on our school website.
- Increased visibility to families in our school community by maintaining a display board in the school office.
- Implementation of a new electronic ‘Parent Feedback Forum’ as a means of sharing information.
- Ensured meeting agendas and minutes were posted on the school council web-page
- Sponsored and advertised two board-wide parent symposiums throughout our school community

**We created a culture of openness, and respect:**

- Participated in joint meetings for all School Councils.
- Our school was host to the All Canadian Half Pints anti-bullying basketball team.
- Actively participated in events such as Open House, Scholastic Book Fairs, and Graduation.
- Stuck to timelines when holding monthly meetings.

**We cared for one another:**

- St. Gregory actively participated in local food drives, and took part in several charity events.
- Financial contribution was made to the Ignatius Memorial Water Fund.
- Hosted a Christmas luncheon for students and staff
- Served pancakes to the school community on Shrove Tuesday.
- Maintained the St Gregory School Council Graduation Award.
- Supported grade appropriate faith retreats for all students.
- Sponsored joint faith initiatives and Sacrament preparations.

We achieved all this because we had a dynamic group of people that were committed to making a difference to the school.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy McInnis  
Chairperson  
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