

Catholic Council of Chairs' Meeting
Thursday, May 15, 2008
St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School, Oakville
6:30 p.m.

AGENDA

Meeting Chair: Josh Duijvestein, St. Timothy Elementary Catholic Council Chair

1.	6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Networking Session of Chairs and Senior Administration		
2.	7:00 p.m. – Opening Prayer, Welcome	5 minutes	Josh Duijvestein
3.	Information Items (see attached)		
4.	Ontario Association for Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) Update	5 minutes	Ian McDermott
5.	Regional Meeting Possibilities	5 minutes	Jim Rowles / Josh Duijvestein
6.	Small Group Discussion Topics: Elementary-Sharing of best practices-Fundraising/Volunteers Secondary-Engaging Parents Regional Meeting Possibilities-Discussion	30 minutes 30 minutes	
7.	Home/School/Parish Partnership Day -Fall 2008	5 minutes	Mary Tessari
8.	Third World Initiative/Board Quilt	5 minutes	Larry Clifford
9.	2008 Catholic Parent Conference-November 15, 2008	5 minutes	John Quinlan/ Lisa Koster
10.	CPIC Logo	5 minutes	Lisa Koster
11.	Activities/Virtues Fair	5 minutes	Michelle Sparling
12.	On-Line Feedback	5 minutes	Josh Duijvestein
13.	Director of Education- Closing Remarks	10 minutes	Lou Piovesan
14.	Open		
15.	Closing Prayer	2 minutes	Michelle Sparling

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Next Meeting –Fall 2008

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SUBJECT		INFORMATION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
1.	Third World Funding Initiative	See attached information	Larry Clifford, Superintendent
2.	Feedback from January 24 Catholic Council of Chairs' meeting	<p>This is a summation of the responses received:</p> <p>a) What topics would you like to have addressed at the Catholic Council of Chairs' meeting?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Third World Initiative • Impact of trustees on the collaborative process- establishing an effective communication process- why they decide what they do? <p>b) What topics do not need to be addressed or repeated?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication with Trustees <p>c) Insights regarding the meeting format. What would the Catholic School Council Chairs like to see?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional meetings • Opportunities to meet with Families of Schools in their own community 	James Rowles, Superintendent

HALTON CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

THIRD WORLD SCHOOL FUNDING INITIATIVE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The School Services department of the Halton Catholic District School Board wanted to investigate the possibility of a demonstrable collective effort by all the schools and the Catholic School Councils to see if the financial resources from staff, students and parents could go to build, outfit and staff a school for less fortunate pupils in a third world country.

PURPOSE:

The idea that each school within the Halton Catholic District School Board would donate \$1000.00 to a central fund that would be managed by the Business Services Department was presented to and supported by the following stakeholders:

- Senior Staff – September/October 2007
- Elementary Principals and Vice-Principals – September 2007
- Secondary Principals and Vice-Principals – September 2007
- Catholic Parent Involvement Committee – September 2007
- Catholic Council of Chairs – October 2007

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

A search committee consisting of Four (4) elementary Principals, Two (2) elementary Vice-Principals and One (1) Secondary Principal was established.

The search committee met on the following dates:

- December 18, 2007
- January 16, 2008

The search committee established the following criteria for selecting organizations that would meet with the interview committee:

1. Philosophy and goals of the organization must be linked to our Catholic Christian faith and values.
2. A face to face contact must exist between the organization and the Halton Catholic District School Board.
3. An opportunity for a valuable learning experience for the students of the Halton Catholic District School Board must exist through presentations and follow up communication with the organization and students who attend school.
4. 80% of the funds must go directly to the education of the children who will attend the school (Administration costs must be low).
5. The school must be sustainable beyond the initial commitment of the Halton Catholic District School Board.
6. There must be an equal opportunity for girls and special needs students.
7. In addition to receiving and education, the students who attend the school will receive adequate health care.

The search committee reviewed the following organizations:

1. Development and Peace
2. Bethany Children's Hospital Kijabe, Kenya
3. Caring Partners Global
4. Rafiki Orphan Care home
5. Free the Children
6. Solidarity – Haiti
7. Wells of Hope

The search committee recommended the following organizations to be interviewed by the interview committee on June 5, 2008.

The interview team will consist of One (1) Trustee, Alice Ann LeMay, One (1) Superintendent of Education, Larry Clifford, Two (2) Principals, Maria Ivankovic and Nancy Dinolfo, Three (3) Vice-Principals, Rita DeLuca – Malatte, Camillo Cipriano and Linda Triantafillou.

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The interview questions are as follows:

1. What type of educational commitment does your organization intend for this school - curriculum – faith based - Reading, Writing , Math
2. What is the vision of your organization
 - goals / objectives
 - philosophy
 - faith
3. We are looking to build a partnership, how much input will the HCDSB have in the process of building the school?
4. Accountability – Can we be provided with a breakdown of specifics where the money will be going? Can an annual report be provided to Board?
How will staffing needs be met?
What percentage of funds will go directly to the education of children?
Will the government provide qualified teachers?
5. Will there be opportunities for HCDSB staff and students to visit or volunteer in some capacity at the school?
6. Will there be equal opportunity for girls attending? How will this be assured?
7. A breakdown of forecasted operational expenses that encompass the following must be provided:
 - capital expenses of structure
 - resources
 - utilities
8. Will there be an opportunity for us to name or dedicate the school?
9. Why should HCDSB Catholic School Councils partner together with your organization.

At the meeting of the Catholic Council of Chairs on May 15, 2008, financial support will be confirmed.

Next Steps:

1. Confirm funding – May 15, 2008
2. If funding is secured, interviews will take place on June 5, 2008
3. Selection of an organization will be announced in June 2008
4. A Board of Directors consisting of Halton Catholic District School Board stakeholders will be put into place to monitor the initiative and channel the funding
5. Suggested Board of Directors are as follows:
 - One (1) School Services Superintendent of Education
 - One (1) Trustee
 - One (1) Elementary Principal or Vice-Principal
 - One (1) Secondary Principal or Vice-Principal
 - One (1) Elementary Catholic School Council member
 - One (1) Secondary Catholic School Council member
 - One (1) Board Chaplain
 - One (1) Senior Business Administrator

CONCLUSION:

This proposed initiative has unified numerous stakeholders in the Halton Catholic District School Board in a project that gives witness to helping those who are less fortunate.