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**Bishop Scalabrini Catholic School Council, 2009/2010:**  
**Co-Chairs:** N. Dermit & A. Komada  
**Secretary:** A. Almeida **Treasurer:** L. Struminikov-  
**Parish Rep:** N. Almeida **OPACE Rep:** VACANT  
**Community Rep:** VACANT **Communications Officer:** S. Pinto  
**Teacher Rep:** L. Ballarin & V. Racicot  
**Non Teacher Rep:** A. Milidoni  
**Parent Member:** E. Castelletto, A. Alagappan, V. Macerola, C. Melo, V. Serapiglia,  
 R. Varone

**PRINCIPAL:** S. Taccone  
**VICE PRINCIPAL:** D. McKNIGHT

Date: October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009

2009 – 2010 Catholic School Council

- ◆ S. Taccone, along with D McKnight hosted a presentation to inform interested member of the roles and responsibilities of the Catholic School Council. Once the presentation was completed, nomination accepted and new and old council members resume specific roles. (Refer to the list above)
- ◆ OAPCE and Community Representative are positions that remain vacant.
- ◆ Co-chair – Nadia shared her experience with the parents and she did state that to ensure effective council results, setting objectives is highly recommended. Also, communication is needed to share with the community to clear up the misconception that the only intent of council is to raise money. An information night hosted by council can be a way to communicate and answer questions for parents.

**Special Note:**

All parents can participate in council and are encouraged to attend our monthly meetings. Council meetings are scheduled on the first of every month @ 7:00pm, unless notified differently.  
 If you are unable to attend these meetings, but wish to volunteer with school events or fundraisers, council can use and appreciates any assistance. Any amount of available time is great.

#### Open House Community BBQ Oct 01, 2009:

- ◆ Overall, was very successful. The food was great and the teachers' participation was very warming and welcoming for the parents. Some minor concerns to consider for next years event:
  - Add additional bbqs or begin earlier to avoid long waiting period for the food
  - Relief for the teachers so they may be available to meet with the parents.
  - Determine if the Principals "words" should be presented before the parents meet the teachers or after, as this years turn out to listen to her words was low. Most parents after meeting the teacher went home.

#### Fun Fair 2009/2010:

- ◆ As a result of previous successful events, a small committee that includes Carol Melo, Vittoria Serapiglia and Doug McKnight will lead this event.

#### Treasurer Report:

- ◆ Council has opened the year with \$5, 000.00. (\$2,000.00 of this amount is reserved for the literacy program of the school). Although, this is a great amount to start the year with, feedback has been shared that only a minimal amount of funds (approx. \$500.00 should be what is carried forward to the next year.

#### Community Events:

- ◆ Suggestion is that we have 1 event per term. There are currently 3 school terms.
- ◆ Family mass is being considered in February.

#### Fundraisers:

- ◆ All parents can participate and present their ideas.
- ◆ Our fall fundraiser this year will be to order magazines through **QSP**. A newsletter will be sent home shortly to inform the parents and at a later date, packages will be available to be sent home with the children.
- ◆ School assembly to be on Nov 2: 10:30 and 11:15.
- ◆ You can order magazines online under <http://www.qsp.com/>, (Group ID # 8398) or complete the order sheets found in the information envelope sent with your child.
- ◆ QSP is also offering a 2-year loyalty program ... we get an additional 5% profit for year 1 sales if we decide to run the program next school year.
  - There are prizes to be won under the following categories: QSP to provide prizes depending on # of magazines sold – siblings selling together is encouraged
  - Top selling class - pizza lunch
  - Top selling student (online and/or paper) - \$50 Mastermind Gift card
  - Students who promote online sales - chance to win 1 of 6 \$20 movie or Chapters gift cards

#### Online Group:

- ◆ A Google group has been up for parents to review current events and post messages to the school council. Alex, Nadia & Sara will work on the modus operandi of getting parents to log in and become members.

- ◆ The links are as follows:

Group home page: <http://groups.google.ca/group/bscalparents>

Group email address [bscalparents@googlegroups.com](mailto:bscalparents@googlegroups.com)

There are your three access mode options:

1. **Public** - Anyone can read the archives. Anyone can join, but only members can post messages and view the members' list. Only managers can create pages and upload files.
2. **Announcement-only** - Anyone can read the archives. Anyone can join, but only managers can post messages, view the members' list, create pages and upload files.
3. **Restricted** - People must be invited to join the group. Only members can post messages, read the archives, view the members' list, create pages and upload files. Your group and its archives do not appear in public Google search results or the directory.



Is extended to Alex Alagappan for recommending and taking the lead on creating this Google group.

#### [ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT NEXT MEETING AND WITH NEW COUNCIL](#)

- ◆ Decided on a Hot Lunch Program - Lunch Lady?
- ◆ Fundraiser ideas – Present any new ideas.
- ◆ Review Bishop Scalabrini's Wish List:
  - Baseball diamond required to be resurfaced. Quote close to \$2000.00 for limestone and weeding.
  - Musical instruments to accompany the wonderful music program the school council funded last year for grade JK-6. (\$3,000.)
  - Quality gym mats for the physical education program and phys ed equipment. (\$5,000)
  - Continue to build resources for leveled literacy libraries for all grades.

Next Meeting: [November 17, 2009.](#)