

VITAL GRANDIN CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNCIL

THREE YEAR PLAN (2012-2015)

Goal #1 Communication To improve communication between School Council members, Division Office, School Council and staff and School Council and the parents at large.	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
Strategies: <u>School Council and Parents:</u> Summaries of School Council discussion and invitations to attend in monthly school newsletter; posting agenda and minutes on school website and School Council Board; additional mail outs for issues, initiatives or upcoming events. <u>School Council and Staff:</u> School Council Chair and Vice-Chair meet with principal prior to Council meetings to discuss agenda items and any additional concerns or issues raised by parents. <u>School Council Members:</u> School Council members have shared e-mail addresses with Chair for each contact. <u>School Council and Committees:</u> Committee Chairs have e-mail access with one another. <u>School Council:</u> Maintain School Council By-Laws and job descriptions for Council Executive.	Completed Done Regularly Completed Completed – Added Classroom Representative	Ongoing Ongoing Working with Staff to have Classroom Representatives to have emails of parents Completed	Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing
Goal #2 School Culture To enhance the positive school community, spirit and parent involvement.	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
Strategies:			

<p><u>Spirit Events:</u> To organize events for families and staff to create a family community atmosphere.</p> <p><u>Care and Share:</u> To supply frozen meals to families in crisis.</p>	Halloween Dance; Carnival	Halloween Dance; Galaxyland	Halloween Dance; Carnival; 150 th Year Celebration; Popcorn Days
<p>Goal #3 Staff Appreciation</p> <p>To acknowledge the excellent work of the staff.</p>	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
<p>Strategies:</p> <p><u>Staff Lunch/Breakfast:</u> To provide a meal/or treats for staff to demonstrate parent appreciation and to have children participate in some way.</p> <p><u>Public Acknowledgement:</u> Excellence in Teaching Nominations, positive word of mouth from parents in community at large, letters to editor, school sign messages.</p>	<p>Dinner provided on second night of Interviews in March 2013; Staff Appreciation Luncheon to take place May 2013</p> <p>Nomination submitted.</p>	<p>Dinner provided on second night of Interviews in November 2013 and March 2014; Staff Appreciation Luncheon to take place May 2014</p>	<p>Dinner provided on second night of Interviews in November 2014 and March 2015; Staff Appreciation Luncheon to take place May 2015</p>
<p>Goal #4 Ecological Footprint</p> <p>Work with staff and students to reduce the school's ecological footprint, beautify the school grounds, maintain the learning/prayer space and emphasize to students our roles as stewards of the earth.</p>	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
<p>Strategies:</p> <p>Students encouraged to take all garbage home from lunch; offering parents an online newsletter instead of copies;</p>	Ongoing; Moving towards water	Ongoing	Add new planters for vegetable

<p>continue awareness for a reduction of idling in front of school.</p> <p><u>Garden Committee:</u> Maintain a beautiful natural space to improve curricular opportunities in outdoor classroom; create living history of school by encouraging class involvement in planning, planting, upkeep and extension; and to create an outdoor prayer space (see Goal #5)</p>	<p>bottle free school</p> <p>Repairs to prayer wheel will take place</p>		<p>garden in the Spring.</p> <p>Repairs to prayer space committee in Spring to make it beautiful again; discuss Friends funding it in the Spring.</p>
<p>Goal #5 Prayer Life of School</p> <p>To enhance, further and build on existing spiritual aspects of the school.</p>	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
<p>Strategies:</p> <p><u>Report with Holy Family Parish:</u> To continue to support Administration in building and maintaining a report with Holy Family Parish</p> <p><u>Support Catholic Education:</u> Continue to provide resources as needed (eg. Prayer cloths, books/learning resources).</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Will work towards</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Determined by School Council on November 6, 2013, we will not continue with the goal to provided faith based resources for parents in the Library.</p>	
<p>Goal #6 School Council Membership</p> <p>To increase parent involvement in School Council.</p>	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
<p>Strategies:</p> <p><u>Invitation:</u> Continue Invitations to parents through monthly newsletters, Parents info board, from school signage (See Goal #1)</p>	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing sign-up sheet on website for

<p><u>Opportunity:</u> Continue to provide sign-up sheets at school wide events to encourage involvement of parents.</p> <p><u>Awareness:</u> Create a one page information and sign-up sheet to be included in registration packages to explain School Council objectives and roles.</p>	Ongoing	Completed	Friends Events
<p>Goal #7 Positive Awareness of School</p> <p>To continue a campaign of positivity to bring awareness to the creative and interesting events at our school.</p>	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
<p>Strategies:</p> <p><u>Invitation:</u> To newspapers and television stations to join us on LTTA days, assemblies and other important events in our school. Health and wellness initiatives (eg. SWAT)</p> <p><u>Awareness:</u> Bringing good news to the Council of Councils.</p>	Ongoing	Ongoing	Plan for TV in front foyer
<p>Goal #9</p> <p>Strategy: Succession Planning for School Council.</p>	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
<p><u>Opportunity:</u> Create a Planning Template for when it needs to be done i.e. when to review three year plan; by-laws; give notice for AGM</p>	Checklist completed	Checklist is being used	Checklist is being used.
<p>Goal #10</p> <p>Strategy: Playground equipment upkeep with available funds.</p>	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
<p><u>Invitation:</u> School Council will create a committee and sub-committees.</p> <p><u>Invitation:</u> The Playground Committee will seek input from school or community</p>	Committee in place.	Completed	Upgrade/put basketball hoops and outdoor play facilities.
	Proposals being	Completed	

<p>stakeholders.</p> <p><u>Opportunity:</u> School Council will encourage and support the fundraising efforts of Friends of Vital Grandin Society</p>	<p>reviewed.</p> <p>Funds in place</p>	<p>Motion made to keep contingency funds for playground repairs, etc.</p>	
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