

CATHOLIC EDUCATION OFFICE

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MEMO TO: Father DoyleFROM: Sr. Joan PowerRE: Doveton

Tom,

Alan Dooley asked me to pass on the following information to you.

During the past week Graham Sleeman and some teachers were planning a parent night for the school and decided to ask Maurie Cooney to attend. However, when they sought Father Searson's approval, he refused to grant it because Maurie is "unorthodox".

Graham became very upset and rang Monsignor Connors immediately. He told Graham to report the matter to you.

In reporting this Alan raised a couple of concerns related to Graham.

- (i) Graham is quite obsessed about Fr. Searson and is constantly looking for a reason to confront him.

I believe that Alan has to spend an inordinate amount of time with Graham trying to calm him down and focusing his attention on his real responsibility viz, the children, teachers and the school.

- (ii) Peter Connors seems to bolster up Graham's ego by listening to him and encouraging him etc. This has the effect of making Graham feel that he can take liberties in attacking Searson because he (Graham) has so much official backing.

Alan is concerned again that Graham gets too caught up in issues and allows himself to be distracted from his job as Principal.

I mention this for your further information.

Many thanks,



SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_