

CSPC Meeting Minutes - Wednesday April 20, 2016

Time: 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Location: St. Gregory Music Room

Attendees: PannoZZo, J (Principal), Pirez, A (Vice-Principal), Grnak A (Co-chair), Vokins P, Bridger M (Vice-Chair), Falcone D (Secretary), Morrone D (Treasurer), Goncalves C, Fanelli L, Dametto A, D'Aprile J, Skinner M, Filippozzi E, Salmond J, Rowlison S, Sachanowig C, DiBattista L, Ruso D, Mishko A, Balsamo D, Pyz J, Morrone D.

1. Welcome: prayer led by Mr. PannoZZo.
2. Chairs Report: Phil Vokins
 - Council reminded to respond in a timely manner to meeting minutes
 - Dance-A-Thon- total raised \$7427.54. Kids had fun. DJ was well liked.
 - Family Bingo Night- approximately 180 people in attendance; kids, parents, aunts, uncles and grandparents. A thank you goes out to all who helped. Although the event is not geared to be a fundraising event, some funds are raised and goes to the CSPC account.
 - BBQ fun Night - Thursday June 9, 2016. A silent auction will be added to the event. May 4th sub committee meeting. If you are interested in helping out please attend. Suggestion made to change next school year's BBQ to a weekend in the early Fall as a way of starting off the school year with a fun community building event and meet and greet for families. Others suggested to run the BBQ on a Saturday in June vs. week night as it can be difficult for families to attend on busy school nights. More discussion will follow.
 - Health and safety Questions - mice were spotted around school building. One found in a toilet and one in a classroom. Orkin came in for inspection and concluded the building secure. No droppings or other evidence of mice problem. Traps were put out. Mr. PannoZZo thinks it is possible that a few mice may have entered the building from the outside door being left open and the surrounding home construction. Board protocol on rodent issues available from Mr. PannoZZo if necessary.
 - Teacher Luncheon - Teachers send their appreciation to CSPC.
 - Swim Meet- approximately 100 kids took part in the April 2nd and 3rd meet. St. Gregory came 4th overall which is the highest we have ever finished. Kids were well behaved. Mr. PannoZZo showed his support for the kids by attending the event. There is some consideration for hosting this swim event in 2 more years. It is a huge fundraiser but even bigger undertaking.

- Our next CSPC meeting has been moved from Wednesday May 18th to Tuesday May 17th, 2016.

3. Principal's Report: Joe Pannozzo

- Boundary Review - The school board is in dialogue with other schools in our community to re-assess the boundaries of our school. The planning department is considering changes to our current boundaries. Our school is considered an oversubscribed school. This affects classroom availability and may lead to the addition of portables in the playground. Students already enrolled are safe, including siblings. Any potential changes would affect people moving into the area. First meeting is next month (May). Meeting with 5 surrounding schools. The schools existing boundaries can be viewed on line. Seven hundred and ten students are presently enrolled at St Gregory. Email Adam Grnak, Phil Vokins or Joe Pannozzo if interested in being part of this meeting. One hundred and thirty-five spots were available for JK enrollment, currently 6 spots left.
- Extra-curricular activities up and running - girls and boys hockey, volleyball, swim meet, track and field
- Sacramental lunch changed to May 3rd because grade 8's will be in Quebec City
- Grade 3 EQAO will be written on May 26, 27 and 30th; grade 6 will write on May 31st, June 1st and 2nd.
- Confirmation is on May 14th at 10 .am., First Communion will be held on May 28th at 10 a.m.
- Mr. Viera our school caretaker of 15 years transferred to a local high school. Ms. Silvestre is off on maternity leave.

4. Vice Principal's Report: Anna Pirez

- Math night held on March 1st - A night focused on promoting a love of math. Successful turnout. Funds spent on mini bags filled with dominoes, dice, a pack of cards and activity booklet for each child to take home.
- May 3 Catholic Education week -
- Professional development sessions will be held for teachers focusing on math and EQAO questions to help prepare the kids writing this school year. A second session will run in early May.
- Thirty percent of the math budget is left. Planning to use remainder on consumables for subject area.

- SK grad in the works. Will be held in the gym late morning for senior kindergarten kids. Potential gift idea - t-shirt with “kinder grad” and school name printed on it, the back of the t-shirt is a blank space for kids to sign. Cost is \$12.95/shirt. SK team asked for a donation of \$400 from CSPC to help off-set the cost of the gift. We will consider a possible donation to the SK grad. Money has already been allotted for graduation. CSPC will get back to sub-committee on how to divide the money up by next the meeting.

5. Treasurer Report: Diana Morrone

- Diana was able to contact someone at the board who has agreed to release the Canada Helps money in our account by writing a cheque directly to Scientist InThe School. The amount of the invoice matches our Canada Helps balance. Good work Diana!
- Treasurer’s report attached.

6. Sub Committee Report:

- Tanya Giaquinto - Luana Fanelli has stepped forward to take over BRICKS. There is a committee who receives information on the builders and then uses a guide sheet to vote on the nominations. Andria Dametto has kindly offered to join the nomination and evaluation committee as the CSPC rep.
- HAT and FFF - Theme this year is healthy snacks. Events running well and kids are happily enjoying taking part in building their own trail mixes. Tanya is making her way through all the grades. Wellness day for grades 7 and 8 is on April 28th and includes a martial arts fun fitness trainer, time for reflection, a surprise guest speaker and nutrition information by Tanya G. Tanya could use help with set up the day before and clean-up day of event. Contact her directly tanya.giaquinto@rogers.com
- Artucate - Jen Pyz spoke on behalf of Lori Tenuta. Work is underway on this visual arts focused event. Team is considering changing the format for next school year. Adding a play instead of visual art. Several council members would like to discuss the change. Goal is to include more, not less students. Visual art includes more kids vs. kids who have the ability to ‘perform’. CSPC will discuss what approach to take for next year. Admin will also discuss with Mr. Vennare who spear heads the event. Many CSPC members prefer not to lose the visual event. Issue to be discussed at next meeting.
- Suggestion from parent community for a new fundraiser Mother’s Day event. Not for this year but possibly next. Every child brings in a few dollar store items. The items get set up flea market style in the gym the day before mother’s day. The items are slightly marked up in price. Kids bring in a

suggested (nominal) amount of money to school and go shopping with their classes to purchase a gift for their moms. Not a huge money maker but fun for kids. Will be discussed by CSPP.

- Julie D'Aprile - suggested we send home a volunteer notification form. Parents could check off AM or PM availability and be notified via email when volunteer events are being held at the school. Julie is willing to build the email spreadsheet. Considering having a volunteer organizer. We are looking for ways to increase event communication to parents who are interested in becoming involved but just don't have the information.