

CSPC Meeting Minutes - Wednesday January 20, 2016

Time: 7:00 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

Location: St. Gregory Music Room

Attendees: Pires A (Vice Principal), Vokins P (Co-chair), Falcone D (Secretary), Morrone D (Treasurer), Goncalves C, Dametto A, Pyz J, D'Aprile J, Tenuta L, Tenuta L, Bridger M, Passera E, Hall T, Ruso D, Rowlison S.

Andria has proxy for Joanne R.

Marjorie has proxy for Luana F.

Phil has proxy for Adam G.

Diana has proxy for Sherri B.

Julie has proxy for Anne M.

Fifth meeting of school year

Ms. Pires - lead opening prayer

1. Co-Chairs Report - Phil V. addressed the following notes below...
2. It was suggested Mr. Pannozzo send out a tweet once the CSPC minutes have been posted to the web site in order to alert parents when the documents become available.
3. Coffee Sunday - Domenic R. - nice turnout. Special thanks to Lori for helping to organize. Great event that we would like to continue to support. School choir was not able to perform. We are hoping to have the school band and/or choir perform at the spring coffee Sunday. We are thinking April is a good time to host this event. Domenic will confirm an April date with the church and notify Mr. Pannozzo to communicate to school band/choir for preparations.
4. Shrove Tuesday - Feb. 9/16 in the morning. Parent volunteers help serve pancakes to students. Adam will be here to organize.
5. Parent Teacher Interviews - Feb. 11 & 12/16 at the school. CSPC will have a table set up with coffee to promote remaining events we have planned; possibly spirit wear, fun skate event (which is running that same weekend). We are hoping this can help parents plan ahead to help volunteer with such events. Phil will put the list of CSPC events together and send it out.
6. Julie D - offered to run a school Instagram page to promote school events.
7. Family Fun Skate - Sun Feb. 14/16 booked at Mastercard. Some minor prep work to be done before hand. We may need to gather some extra pairs of skates. A few members suggested dividing the rink with pylons to separate the smaller kids from the older and faster ones. A form with details of the event will go home to parents.

8. Dance-A-Thon Fundraiser - March 10/16. Adam runs this event during the day. Parents can come and watch. Phil to check with Adam on details and organize a theme.
9. MATH Night - March 1/16 proposed date. School admin planning to have specialists present from the board. Guest presenter will start the evening. Some school staff will participate, 6:30 or 7:00 p.m. start. The purpose of the night is to engage families in fun math activities. The night is for all ages/grades. Ms. Pires showed us the 6 new math kits sent from the ministry; "Inspiring your child to learn and love math", published by Ontario Directors. Parents will be able to sign the kit out for home use. The kits will be available to view on math night. More information to follow in the school newsletter.
10. Next week January 25-29, is family literacy week - each day will involve 15 minute participation in a new challenge, activity or competition for all classes and grades. Some activities will be completed at school, some sent home. Mr. Panno and Ms. Pirez will choose the winners of the challenges daily. This information will also be posted in the school newsletter found on our school website.
11. Kindergarten Registration has gone smoothly. Currently 60 students registered. 80 spots available in total. Very close to being at full capacity.
12. School Improvement plan which is re-visited each year is posted on the school web site. This year's focus is on math. The school improvement team is made up of a teacher per division plus a teacher from special education. They work to brainstorm on how to enrich our students learning on math.
13. There is an open house for parents and students interested in our extended French program on February 25th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Extended French starts in grade 5 and runs until grade 8. Enrollment in this program is on a first come first serve basis.
14. Sub Committee Meeting - Feb 3/16 - Open request for help on HAT (health action team) and Bricks. The Jingle Foodraiser Update - raised \$850. Sherri will report more details on it at our next meeting. This money was not budgeted into our current school year expenditure. There was a suggestion to give the money to Mr. Cooper to purchase new team jerseys. The cost to purchase new sports jerseys is \$28.00 + hst per jersey. He needs 40. This purchase will cost \$1265.00. Typically council waits to vote on purchases over \$1000.00 but considering we have the money, the request was made several months ago and the fact the our students are in need of proper jerseys to represent our school (as we speak); we as a council interpreted the notes on this issue from the last meeting minutes to adopt the motion to go ahead and vote on this purchase. All of council was in favour of the purchase. 13 for, non against.
15. Next CSpC meeting Feb. 17/16
16. Note from Mr. Panno - the school board has asked to consult CSpC on the December 2016 holiday school schedule - after some discussion the majority vote was for vacation to take place from December 26/16 - January 6/17. This is not the final decision simply our recommendation to the school board.

17. Treasures Report -Jennifer P presented her report on CSPC finances; expenditures and money raised from 2014/15 school year. She went through deposit books, bank statements and accounting records. The only thing she could not clarify was the the amount of money in our *Canada Helps* account. Her full report and recommendations are attached.
18. Parent concern - re: spread of communicable diseases in the primary school areas. Concern to improve cleanliness in jk/sk washrooms, not as a result of caretaking as they work to keep the school clean. Suggestion is to purchase safety step stools and/or submit a work order to lower the sink inside the washroom so children can use the sink inside the washroom vs. the sink in the class room. Leaving the toilet area spreads more germs. Possibly post reminders for parents on talking to their children on the importance of proper hand to be added to school newsletter.
19. Second Parent Concern - re: students not being allowed to use the green outdoor area of the playground during recess. Ms. Pires said the school is trying to keep the kids safe from mud slips since the ground has been soft in that area. Less traffic also saves the sod under the snow. If we get more snow school will re-vist the issue of areas to be used by students.
20. FYI - the TCDSB recently tweeted an additional P.A. day was added to the school year calendar on April 15/16. Please note this does affect our school.