

CSPC Meeting Minutes – February Meeting

Date: Wednesday February 15th, 2017

Time: 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Location: St. Gregory School Staff Room

Meeting Attendees: Julie D'Aprile, Phil Vokins, Marj Bridger, Christina Sachanowicz, Jacqueline Wewior, Matthew Akelaitis, Maria Skinner, Natasha Abramowicz, Lori Tenuta, Jennifer Pyz, Rebecca Smith, Monika Boszormenyiova, Mary-Catherine Telemaque, Lara Attardo, Celia Goncalves, Lisa DiBattista

CSPC Members apologies: Vanessa Thomas, Stephen Thomas, Dori Falcone, Diana Morrone, Sonia O'Brien, Luana Fanelli, Andria Dametto , Nataliya Arcidiacono, Susan Rowlison, Daniela Balsamo

Meeting called by CSPC Chair Julie D'Aprile

Opening Prayer led by Principal Pannozzo

Co-Chair Report - led by Julie D`Aprile and Phil Vokins

- Square has arrived (payment method for events - app downloaded to your phone) we will not be passing the cost of use on to parents during the Artucate event- the fees will come out of the profit (CSPC will absorb it) For other events we are still undecided on how the fees will be charged (or absorbed) more on that will be discussed after Artucate
- Tables have been purchased - they arrived February 14th. There is need for another table cart (roughly \$219.99 plus taxes) Julie motions we allocate the funds to purchase it. Lori seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously

- The ice machine (in the office that treats kids with bumps and bruises) has broken. Julie motions we allocate the \$200 to purchase a new one. Celia seconds the motion and the motion passes unanimously
- Some tier 2 items (extended French materials, the monthly buttons and some other items) have had receipts submitted for reimbursement - it is decided that we need to finalize tier 1 items prior to paying out the tier 2 items - council decides at this time to not pay any tier 2 items and have a treasury report next meeting that outlines what has been paid out from tier 1 (what is left to be used) and then discuss what on the tier 2 budget can now be paid out (in order of importance possibly - council will decide) and also what tier 2 items are no longer relevant
- Julie updated that Pizza Nova will now include plates free of charge.
- Subway Lunch is now a possibility (8 options for kids, no volunteers needed to distribute, not a nut free facility but very wary of making sure there is no contamination) Subway delivers the sandwich one at a time to each child. Potential profit is \$1.25 for 6 inch sub, .75 for a foot long each sandwich) Julie will try it once to see what the feedback and participation is (should be in March or April)
- Mr. Pannozzo has invited Carla Marchetti (TCDSB coordinator who is responsible for parent and community engagement) to come to the next meeting to discuss with us amending the Constitution (proper protocols and procedures) so that we can incorporate the long term funding goal into our bylaws
- Phil reminds council that although we all have disagreements and different views the bottom line is we need to work together to be productive for the kids and to make positive changes as a council

- After the proposal to pay another \$2250 towards Chromebooks was introduced last month Phil (as IT subcommittee head) motions that we vote again. The initial vote is only 8 in favor (3 written in by proxy votes as yes - 3 written in proxy as no) motion does not pass. Discussion begins on why not everyone on council is in favor. Christina Sachanowicz (myself) advises that there is hesitation personally because the overall ask would end up being \$11,000 of the IT budget (all of it essentially) for tools that only benefit grades 5 and up while nothing has been spent to date to enrich the IT learning of the younger primary grades. \$1350 was voted on and approved in October to buy brand new headphones and splitters for the primary grades ipads but was never used as council received donated ports and headphones. It has been voiced as a concern by some teachers that those do not entirely work. An audit will be done on these items and full data documented and reported back to the IT Subcommittee. That being said if we are putting more funding into the chromebook pilot project some members of council would like it to be agreed upon that we also take a look at the new revenue that has come in with IT designated Parent Social funds as well as the already voted and agreed upon \$1350 for primaries and use that to enrich IT learning in the primary grades. With that in mind it is motioned by Phil that we vote again, seconded by Lori and this time it passes with a vote of 11 in favor.

Principals Report - led by Mr. Panno

- FDK has 92 applications for 65 spots - a total of 135 spots (jk/sk) are currently available for next year so the board will be looking at the numbers again and redirecting some applicants
- African American heritage month presentation happened February 3rd with Shaun Booth (motivational speaker) kids and teachers enjoyed it and thought it was a wonderful learning experience

- Successful family math night January 19th, over 60 families attended
- January 24th Extended French meeting occurred and was heavily attended by both current and out of school parents - currently all St Gregory's families interested have a spot
- Chess team has begun 40 kids in the morning and 40-45 kids in the lunch hour
- Dress down day raised \$776 for Spina Bifida earlier this month
- Ms. Roy & Mrs. Martinez went on their Mat Leave effective last week
- First term report cards went home Tuesday February 14th with interviews Thursday February 16th and Friday February 17th
- Friday February 24th is another dress down day to support the angels of learning foundation
- FDK liturgy 9:30 grade 1-8 9:45 Ash Wednesday Masses
- Boundary review decision was differed to a board Meeting March 30th and then another letter with resolution will be sent home

2017 Treasurer's Update

(Vanessa Thomas is away so there will be no treasurer's report this month)

2017 Subcommittee Update

- Social Committee provides update on sales of 94 tickets and numerous fundraising inside the event that resulted in a revenue of \$3,125.00 - the parent social was both a financial and social success - the feedback was very strong that this should be an annual event
- Lori Tenuta provides update on behalf of ARTucate subcommittee - the event is meant to provide art enrichment within the school, as well as provide a fun art filled night for the students, teachers and families. Ms. Visconti is this year's teacher lead. All classes are involved in the ARTucate event and using many different mediums for art. To 'kick off' Artucate and motivate students, Lisa DiBattista has volunteered her time to run art workshops (2 per division - Primary, Junior and Intermediate). With the proceeds from the last years events (about \$3000) 16 teachers requested funds for art enrichment in the school that totals about \$2000. The remaining \$1000 will be used to help with supplies needed to run the workshops and any leftover funds will be carried over to next year's budget to continue to enhance the arts i.e. art in the class/art workshops. The budget funds allocated towards the costs of getting ARTucate running will be used for signage, banners, flyers, refreshments, materials for ARTucate setup, etc.
- Jacqui Wewior updates on Pancake Shrove Tuesday - items have been generously donated by Walmart and Loblaws. We are offering a gluten free station as well this year (all mix is egg and nut free this year) permission forms will be sent home early next week
- Jacqui proposes to have the sacramental lunch actually be a faith based building workshop rather than just a lunch (or in place of a lunch) the cost of bringing in a company (such as beading buddies) would be over the budget of \$500 but if we outsource materials and have the kids assemble rosary bracelets

ourselves than the cost would be less than \$2 per child. Its noted that the older grades may already have made the rosaries so we may use the rosary bracelets for the Grade 2s and have the 7/8s help them assemble and then do something separate for the older grades

- Buddy bench is an idea that is being thought about for anti-bullying. There are concerns about it being vandalized or stolen so the idea is still being weighed
- Marj Bridger gives an update on Family Skate - it is this Sunday February 19th at 5pm. Skaters will be charged \$2 and there will be complimentary coffee, hot chocolate and cookies (cookies donated by Metro Cloverdale) the high cost of funding a community event like this is discussed (almost the entire \$1500 community events budget has gone to rink time and coffee and hot chocolate - it's something that is noted and will be looked at again next year - possible new location or new type of event or further negotiation with current venue)

Goodnight and meeting closed by Co-Chairs Phil Vokins and Julie D`Aprile