

CSPC Meeting Minutes – January Meeting

Date: Wednesday January 18th, 2017

Time: 7:00pm to 8:45pm

Location: St. Gregory School Staff Room

Meeting Attendees: Phil Vokins, Julie D’Aprile, Marj Bridger, Christina Sachanowicz, Nataliya Arcidiacono, Monika Boszormenyiova, Lisa Geelen, Dori Falcone, Andria Dametto, Domenic Russo, Maria Skinner, Jennifer Salmond, Matthew Akelaitis, Jennifer Pyz, Natasha Abramowitz, Diana Morrone, Celia Goncalves, Lori Tenuta

CSPC Members apologies: Sonia O’Brien, Vanessa Thomas, Stephen Thomas, Jacqui Wewior, Luana Fanelli, Susan Rowlison, Daniela Balsamo

Meeting called by the CSPC Chairs Julie D’Aprile and Phil Vokins.

Opening Prayer led by Principal Pannozzo

Guest Speaker - Lisa Geelan

- Speaking on type 1 diabetes awareness and her program, Coffees on me, what symptoms to look for and how to live with the disease on a daily basis. Her program is meant to bring awareness and shed light on the disease so that no parent misses the signs (www.coffeesonme.com)
- No current policy in place in any Ontario school boards on how to deal with children in schools that have diabetes
- Information cards have been left at the office

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

- Events coming up Family Skate (February 19th) and Parent Social (February 4th)
- Last day to purchase tickets for parent social is Monday January 23rd, currently sold around 60 tickets with goal to hit 100
- BRICKS is a ceremony for grade 8s that presents recognition awards to grade 8 students that are eligible. Andria Dametto and Diana Morrone volunteer to help Luana with the committee this year

Principals Report - led by Mr. Pannozzo

- Construction has concluded at the school
- Full day kindergarten registration is now open and underway - most spaces have already been claimed (as long as documentation is validated)
- Next week the registration process (interviews and document collection) will begin and by February 10th parents will be notified of acceptance
- Chess club begins next Friday January 27th (grade 4-8 before school, 1-3 during the lunch hour)
- The Friday January 20th is a P.A. Day
- Tuesday January 24th is the meeting for the Grade 4 parents for the extended French program

- First Term Report cards go home Tuesday February 14th and interviews will be February 16th and 17th
- Grade 5-8 Ski Trip Friday March 3rd, Grade 4 Ski Trip February 6th
- Following up on the guest speaker's talk - Diabetes (any medical issues really) have a policy in place and our school makes sure to do whatever is best for the child and their health situation (administering insulin, etc)

Vice Principals Report - led by Ms. Pires

- Tomorrow, January 19th is Mathletics at 6:45pm (welcome table opens)
- January 27th is Family literacy day - literacy activities will take place at school
- Quiet Space room was opened for the E.A.s this week - good space for special needs students who need a break and reconvene
- Vita Peri has applied for a grant from Walmart, which has been approved and will be used for the Quiet Room
- Chromebooks order has been changed to 20 from 30 because of price being higher than budgeted (see below subcommittee report for more)

2016 Treasury Review - led by Jennifer Pyz (see attached)

2017 Treasurers Update - led by Domenic Russo (see attached)

- Mr. Pannozzo will follow up with the board regarding the \$500 parent involvement grant

2017 Subcommittee Update

- BBQ Subcommittee met last night, vendors have begun to be booked and the committee is currently on the hunt for corporate sponsors (we are now in a position to issue a tax receipt) next subcommittee meeting will be in about a month's time
- Marathon fundraising e-mail will be sent out by the school in the coming weeks to garner support - possible meeting in February
- Pancake Tuesday is February 28th and communication/flyer email will be going out to school community. Communication for volunteers has already been issued
- IT Committee update - Chromebooks were higher in price than what the IT committee had originally budgeted. The original vote of \$6,750 only covered 18 chrome books and another \$4,500 will be needed to purchase the remaining to make it a full set of 30 - making the total ask for this chrome book pilot project \$11,200. 30 days' notice has now been given in this meeting so that next CSPC meeting council can vote on whether to approve the difference and complete the order or leave it as is (whatever can be bought with the original \$6,750 is what is purchased) Mr. Pannozzo offers to pay half of the difference (of the \$4,500) \$2,250 if CSPC covers the other \$2,250 to cover the additional 12 chrome books to make it 30. Council will vote next month on whether to pay the \$2,250 or leave the budget as it.

- Caretakers have asked for \$100 ratchet set (which is not covered by board expenses) as well as a small allowance - \$100-\$200 (agreed upon by last year's chair). The Vice Chairs Marj Bridger's recommendation is that we cover the cost of the wrench set and also getting a gift card to allowing them \$100 at Home Depot(or similar) for them that they are able to use for the items they need (to fix things in the school for our children) as long as receipts as submitted. Motion is seconded by Christina Sachanowicz and is voted for and passed by majority.

Other Matters -

- Phil Vokins (on behalf of executive council) proposes we save any yearly surplus funds (towards capital projects) - an addition to the constitution. This would be a yearly (3-5 year project* possibly longer will depend on what long term initiative is decided on) that is put into effect this year and cannot be changed by future councils unless there is a unanimous (full 20 member approval) vote. First motion is should we have the capability to save funds for long term capital expenditures projects (motion is propped by Phil, seconded by Christina and passes by a majority vote(3 abstain, 14 yes, 3 are absent with no proxy) Next steps will be making/and voting on the actual additional wording to the constitution (next month) as well as communicating out to the school population that this is underway so that everyone is able to submit/present ideas on what the long term project should be (prior to council voting)

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