

St. Gregory Catholic School Advisory Council – Tuesday April 19, 2011

Attendees: Daniela Balsamo, Frank Massari, Adam Grnak, Fatima Martins, Riccardo Agostino, Jackie Dansereau, Rick Sarabia, Jeanine Larmour, Vince Arone & Nadine Lustri.

7:05pm. – Welcome – and opening prayer – Mrs. Martins.

Chair's Report – Adam Grnak

- 1) Family Bingo night was April 14th. Once all the receipts and deposits are made he will report back to CSAC. Jackie suggests that next year the prizes should be directed towards the kids rather than the parents.
- 2) The Principal and V.P. profiles are complete. He will circulate them for any comments and then post on the website.
- 3) Coffee Sunday after mass is scheduled. There are students lined up for vocal and instrumental performances. They will require parent authorization as there will be no teacher supervision that day. The Eco Team and Me to We will be asked to provide some info for the community. Rick Sarabia to set up the smart board for display
- 4) Planning for the BBQ/raffle night is underway.
- 5) There will be a school presentation to kick off the Dance-A-Thon, and a DJ must be booked.
- 6) Curriculum BBQ is booked for Sept 22nd, 2011.

Principal's Report – Mrs. Martins

- 7) St. Greg's placed in the top 3 for the regional cross country meet.
- 8) Thursday is Earth Day. There is a fundraiser for greening the environment around the school. TD has donated \$100 as well.
- 9) Japanese relief project – students donate \$1 to \$2 to make paper cranes which are then sent to the Japanese Cultural Centre.
- 10) May 1st is Catholic Education Week. Many events are planned to invite parents into the school.
- 11) School plan for next year – half JK class is open and 0.8 Phys Ed. There will be: 2.5 JK/SK, 3 gr1s, 3 gr2s, a 2/3 split, 3 gr3s, 2 gr4s, a 4/5 split, 1 gr5, 1 gr6, 2 gr7s, 2 gr8s and a 5 and 6 French. Projected enrollment is 621.
- 12) The 2014 rollout of full day kindergarten may require the music room to be retrofitted as a classroom.
- 13) April 28 the honour roll awards to be presented – 80% average in all subjects.
- 14) CAT4 (2, 5 and 7) May 2 to June 10.
- 15) EQAO (3 and 6) May 30 to June 10.
- 16) The Health Action Team has \$325.00 which will be directed to more school initiatives.
- 17) The Bishop's address to Equity and Inclusive Education is available on the board website. This is for secondary schools.
- 18) The grade 8 graduation is planned for June 23rd.
- 19) CSAC has provided \$500 assistance to the grade 8 class for anyone who needs help with the cost of the Ottawa trip.
- 20) The school now requires the funds set aside for the Drama/Arts program for the claymation and dance workshops.

Treasurer's Report – Frank Massari

- 21) The financials provided are up-to-date except for the few most recent deposits.
- 22) Kidssentials has provided us with another cheque. This one for \$689.00. This is equivalent to 2700 meals from January to March.

Sub-committee – Daniela Balsamo

- 23) There are about 5 student BRICKS forms handed in – more to come. There are no Foundation Builder forms as of yet.
- 24) The pizza lunch will have to conform to the new Healthy Food Act next year. Pizza Nova does offer some of the options necessary.

Health and Safety Sub-committee – Jeanine Larmour

- 25) Dress code options from Plain and Simple will be made available to the parent community on May 3rd and May 12th. Anne Marie McCarthy will be at the school with samples for them to see and try on.

Swim Meet – Jeanine wanted to know if St. Greg's was interested in hosting the meet in the next couple of years. It is possible to hire a "meet manager". The last host made about \$40k in one weekend.

Technology Sub-Committee – Rick Sarabia

- 26) Will make the smart boards available for the parent community to see (and use) during coffee Sunday at church, during parent/teacher interviews and at the BBQ/raffle night.
- 27) Goals for next year could be laptop replacement and teacher training for LCDs as well as accessories.

Other Items

- 28) CSAC voting issue. Some parents have requested that all parents present at CSAC be able to vote on issues. This must be presented and voted on at the AGM as any constitutional changes can only be voted on at that time. Will also look into increasing size of the CSAC membership, or allowing Community Reps to vote.
- 29) The Chess Club – possible presentation in May.
- 30) The Eco Team headed by Mrs. Steponaitis is looking to raise about \$600, along with the TD donation of \$100. They are also looking for donations of any indigenous plants to help with the greening of the grounds.
- 31) Nadine asked if there were any plans for a book sale/swap for the night of the BBQ/raffle. Parents who donate books to the school could bring them in for that night.

Pastoral Council – Vince Arone

- 32) CSAC's coffee Sunday is currently being planned for Sunday May 1st.

- 33) There is \$500 available for any families who are having trouble preparing for the dress code next year.
- 34) The pew restoration is moving at a good pace and should be completed by the end of June.
- 35) CSAC to discuss the sporting equipment swap that some parents have expressed interest in.
- 36) The church coordinator has made herself available to the school choir if they require help for May 1st. Alex T. has also offered to accompany them.

9:00 – meeting adjourned