

St. Gregory Catholic School Advisory Council – Tuesday February 21, 2012

Attendees: Daniela Balsamo, Frank Massari, Adam Grnak, John Shain, Arlene Martin, Anna Arciero (principal at St. Paul), Anna Iwasykiw, Cathy Profiti, Suzanne Tiefenbeck, Vito Vaccarelli, Lori Tenuta, Jeanine Larmour, Antonella Wild, Sandra Antoniadis, Phil Vokins, Vince Arone, Jack Giacco, Angela Severino, Gloria Camilleri, Maria Skinner, Nadine Lustri, Marianne Williams, Alessia Ribeiro, Tanya Giaquinto, Luana Fanelli & Anne Mishko.
7:05pm – welcome and opening prayer – Mr. Shain.

St. Paul Information – Anne Arciero

- 1) St. Paul is a school in the Regent Park area of Toronto. The school is adjacent to St. Paul's Basilica and had 193 students. Many are single parent and/or ESL families. 80-100 kids participate in the breakfast program run daily by the Sisters. Most classes are split grades due to numbers.
- 2) The funds provided by our marathon fundraiser will help to buy computers, outfit the JK/SK full-day program that is new to the school and help to sponsor class trips.
- 3) The pen pal program has started. Some kids from grades 3 to 7 in each school are participating. They are planning a Skype session for later in the year.

Chair's Report – Adam Grnak

- 4) The minutes from the Feb 21st meeting are posted.
- 5) Our 3rd annual Bingo night is coming up.
- 6) The Marathon is coming up on May 6th.
- 7) The Dance-A-Thon has been scheduled for May 17th. There will be an Olympic theme.
- 8) The BBQ Family Fun night will be held on June 7th.
- 9) The Curriculum BBQ is planned for Sept 18th. More to be discussed at the May or June meeting.

Principal's Report – Mr. Shain

- 10) St. Gregs had 4 first place finishers at the Divisional Cross Country meet.
- 11) There has been another donation received for the Marathon fundraiser. (\$500 today)
- 12) Gr 3 and Gr4 choirs sang at the TCDSB Music Festival this week.
- 13) Team photos will be taken next week for the yearbook.
- 14) School day schedule has been changed to 8:30 to 3:00 for next year.
- 15) Gr8s visited the Canadian Food for Children food bank.
- 16) Our hockey team won the "C" division.
- 17) Earth week to be celebrated this week with various activities.
- 18) Education week is May 7 to 11. Parents will be invited into the school on the Thursday.
- 19) The school mass was held on April 11th.
- 20) The intermediate W5H team won their first tournament.
- 21) Fun Food Fridays have been great. The primary and junior classes are learning about nutrition, hydration and how to make granola.
- 22) The Stations of the Cross presented by Ms. Lehane's class on April 4th was well received.
- 23) Gr 8s will be going to Ottawa from April 25 to 27.
- 24) The Jump Rump presenter was excellent. Ms. Brajuka is just starting a jump rope club.
- 25) Next month 2 booklets (on anaphylaxis and bullying) will be distributed.
- 26) Confirmed that the dress code rules state that there should be no embellishment or logos on any clothing (except St. Greg's spirit wear).
- 27) The volunteer luncheon is planned for May 9th (during Education week).

Treasurer's Update – Frank Massari

- 28) Teachers have until May 1st to hand in receipts.
- 29) The Chess club did not need the funds allocated, so they can be re-directed in the budget.
- 30) Presented Treasurer's Report – interim financial statements for Sept 1, 2011 to April 18, 2012.

Health & Safety - Angie Severino

- 31) Fun Food Fridays are well received. The intermediate kids enjoyed the Wellness Day planned for them. There were fitness, career, nutrition and planning sessions during the full-day event.
- 32) The swim meet is planned for May 5 and 6. We have 70 swimmers participating. The \$500 allocated was used to buy uniform swimsuits for the team.

Parent Involvement – Anne Mishko

- 33) Bingo night is Thurs April 19th. We are expecting about 150 people and about half of those have ordered pizza.
- 34) There will be prizes for both kids and adults available. A 50/50 draw will be run by Angie Severino.
- 35) The Marathon team will set up an information table for donations and shirt sales.

BRICKS and pizza – Daniela Balsamo

- 36) The Gr 7s and 8s have been reminded of the Student Recognition program and are busy filling in their forms. There have been no Foundation Builder nominations received yet.
- 37) Pizza is going well. We are into the second session and have about 280 students participating.

Marathon Fundraiser – Phil Vokins and Vince Arone

- 38) The soccer nets have been priced out and there are a couple of options. There are nets that are removable and there are permanent fixtures that can have the netting removed. Two suppliers that are being considered.
- 39) The fundraising is just under \$5,000.00 right now. Mr. Zinko has painted the logo on the wall in the main hallway. The thermometer will be posted there and on the website.
- 40) The presentations to the students went very well. Kids are encouraged to wear their Roadrunners t-shirts for dress-down days.
- 41) The website for donations can be hooked up to the school website to make it easier for people to find it.
- 42) CSAC will look into setting up a St Gregs tent somewhere around the area of the finish line of the marathon for the runners and supporters to gather.

Graduation committee – Nadine Lustri

- 43) There is a request to increase the funding allocated by \$475.00. Some of the items suggested were a bookmark, a class photo for each student and/or a class t-shirt that all can sign.
- 44) A casual poll of the meeting suggests that more people would like to sponsor the bookmark.

Pastoral Council – Vince Arone

- 45) A Parish Consultation with Bishop Boissonneau was held on March 24 and 31. Many parishes were involved and many items were discussed.
- 46) CSAC's Coffee Sunday was a success. The choir performed during the 9am mass. April 29 will be hosted by the ushers and June 17 by the Pastoral Council.
- 47) Cardinal Tomas Collins to attend a Cardinal dinner on October 11, 2012.
- 48) There were 40 bowlers involved in the first bowling night.
- 49) Palm Sunday and Easter masses were well attended.
- 50) Knights of Columbus dinner at Holy Angels was April 28th.
- 51) A new sign for the lattice in front of the church is being planned.

School Choir – Vince Arone

- 52) A suggestion to increase CSAC funding to the choir. There may be increased interest if there is an instructor available once or twice a week.

Meeting adjourned – 8:45pm