

St. Gregory Catholic School Advisory Council

Minutes of meeting for Tuesday December 7, 2010.

Attendees: Daniela Balsamo, Frank Massari, Adam Grnak, Riccardo Agostino, John Cassidy, Jackie Dansereau, Nancy Barone, Angela Severino, Jeanine Larmour, Vince Arone, Antonella Wild and Nadine Lustri.

- 1) 7:05 – Welcome and opening prayer – Mr. Cassidy

Chair's report – Adam Grnak

- 2) CSAC provided coffee at parent/teacher interviews.
- 3) Movie night was Nov 26th. Awaiting popcorn price for final tally. Approx 120 attended. Thank you to Anne Mishko and Mike Olah.
- 4) A community mass will be held on Dec 17 at 1pm in the church. All are welcome.
- 5) Loblwas has donated \$500.00 towards our LCD project. Adam to send a thank you and post acknowledgment on the website.
- 6) CSAC newsletter to go out on Tues or Wed of next week. Please let Adam know if there is anything you would like mentioned.

Principal's Report – Mr. Cassidy

- 7) The boys and the girls volleyball teams made it to the city finals. Boys placed 6th and girls placed 5th. Basketball is next.
- 8) The primary house league games are a success thanks to Mr. Cooper, teachers and student volunteers.
- 9) The running club is still active with some adjustments for the cold weather.
- 10) JK/SK Christmas concert to be held on Dec 8th and the primary concert on Dec 15th. The juniors will have a spring concert, and something is being planned for the band and the intermediates.
- 11) The Lost and Found section has been overhauled – items hung for easier recognition. Everyone encouraged to label all items. At the end of each quarter the items are bundled and donated to charity.
- 12) Advent is celebrated daily with one class and Mrs Viera lighting a candle in the main hall.
- 13) Mr. Cassidy is trying to discourage individual classes from doing any fundraising as it might cause donor fatigue.
- 14) The Reading Buddies initiative is running successfully for the primaries. A junior and intermediate program to start after Christmas.
- 15) Mr Cassidy gave LCD invoice / contribution receipts to Adam Grnak for the LCD Projector purchases made last year. A note will be added to the Fin Stmts & presented to Council at its next meeting in Jan/11.

Mr. Agostino

- 16) Student of the month is now based on the virtue for that month. Name displayed on the BRICKS wall and posted in the newsletter. Certificates will be presented at the school pep rally later in the year.
- 17) 7s and 8s are encouraged to self nominate with the new BRICKS student form. They are to be collected mid-year to prevent loss and to keep students aware of the process.
- 18) School learning plan is now based on tracking each class through the years. Boys literacy will be a main focus.
- 19) Parents interested in more individual work can visit the Nelson website for suggestions.
- 20) Parents of primary students will now be provided with (anonymous) examples of work that meets the expectations. These examples will be taken from students in that grade that year.
- 21) Curriculum sub-committee will meet to address the drop in scores for this last test.

Treasurer's Report – Frank Massari

- 22) Frank has provided the Interim Financial Statements (Un-audited) for Sept 1 – Nov 30/10.

Health & Safety Sub-Committee – Jeanine Larmour

- 23) Have scheduled a meeting for Jan 5th 2011 to address the school dress code coming in September. One meeting in the afternoon and one in the evening. Will then host an information night for students and parents to provide more details.

Community Building Sub-Committee – Adam Grnak

- 24) Movie night was held on Nov 26th and went well.
- 25) The Family Skate party has been booked at Canlan for Feb 6th, 2:15 – 3:15. This year we will charge a \$2 entrance fee to offset the cost.

Swim Meet

- 26) The St. Gregs community must soon commit to manage or co-manage the event. Big job that takes all year to plan and over 100 volunteers. Must work on building our swim team first.
- 27) Scheduled for weekend of April 2nd 2011 at the Etobicoke Olympium.

Curriculum Projects and Presentations – Vita Perri

- 28) A questionnaire has been distributed to teachers about what kind of science equipment they would need/like. This is to be collected mid Dec and the products will be purchased before the end of January.
- 29) Planning another questionnaire about other needs to help CSAC direct fundraising.

Fundraising – Angie Severino

- 30) Fundsript went well. We received 75 orders and earned \$1,711.00. This will run quarterly for parents and will launch earlier next year to allow for more Christmas shopping.
- 31) Would like to plan a Fun Fair for the school community. Amount of planning means it might have to be a project for next fall. Will look into hosting a silent auction at this year's Bingo night.
- 32) CSAC to host a lunch fundraiser – Jan 27th – Swiss Chalet.
- 33) It was noted that this year Confirmation will occur on June 2nd, and First Communion on the weekend of June 25/26.

Pastoral Council – Vince Arone

- 34) The preparation for the sacraments will begin soon. If anyone is interested in volunteering for this they can contact Father John.
- 35) The fundraising for the restoration of the pews will go until the end of December. The school placed a notice in the monthly newsletter and will send out a reminder next week.
- 36) It was noted that the church side of the website does have a section that is password protected, therefore the webmaster should not have any trouble setting this up for the school side.

8:45 – meeting adjourned