

## **St. Gregory Catholic School Advisory Council**

### **Minutes of meeting for Wednesday December 14, 2011**

Attendees: Daniela Balsamo, Frank Massari, Adam Grnak, Riccardo Agostino, John Shain, Maria Skinner, Nadine Lustri, Luana Fanelli, Anne Mishko, Shelly Suraj, Steve Peters, Phil Vokins. Jack Giacco, Tanya Giaquinto, Jeanine Larmour, Alessia Ribeiro, Gloria Camilleri, Vince Arone and Antonella Wild.

- 1) Welcome and opening prayer – Mr. Shain

#### Chair's Report – Adam Grnak

- 2) Approval required for last meeting minutes that have been updated. They are approved and will be posted.
- 3) Movie night had over 200 people in attendance. There was positive feedback from the parents.
- 4) The Wish List has been comprised with input from CSAC.
  - A) Air conditioning. There has been contact with the Director of Facilities at the board. Issues with venting and installation must be investigated.
  - B) Sound system for the gym. Portable or wireless mikes are about \$2,000.00. Will look into Steve's Music Store for more info.
  - C) Soccer nets for the yard. Need safe products. Phil to look into it.
- 5) The Marathon subcommittee met last week. They are looking into shirts as a team uniform. Need a supplier and designer. Luana has a contact. Phil puts forth a motion to allocate half the net revenue raised at the marathon fundraiser on May 6 2012 to St. Paul's School in Toronto. Motion is seconded and passed. No opposed.

#### Principal's Report – John Shain

- 6) The food drive for St. Vincent DePaul was very successful and \$350.00 earned at Dress Down Days were used to buy turkeys.
- 7) The Sweet Read fundraiser was successful. Books and treats were sent to the Children's Aid Society.
- 8) December 6<sup>th</sup> will be the presentation for the grade 8 trip to Ottawa.
- 9) Movie night had about 250 people.
- 10) Gingerbread House night was on Dec 13<sup>th</sup>. There were over 100 people there.
- 11) School mass was today, December 14<sup>th</sup>.
- 12) The JK/SK Christmas concert will be on Dec 16<sup>th</sup> for the am and pm classes.
- 13) Primary Christmas concert will be on Dec 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm in the gym.
- 14) The primary indoor soccer finalists and winners were given a pizza party.
- 15) Ski day will be January 26, 2012.
- 16) Extended French info meeting will be February 7, 2012.
- 17) Mr. Agostino is leaving St. Gregory. He will be principal at St. Ambrose beginning January 2012. He will be replaced with Arlene Martin who is coming off of mat leave. She has been a VP for 2 years.
- 18) Air conditioning is a big issue and a committee should be formed. Cooperation with the trustee and presentations to the board are necessary.
- 19) Regarding cash being paid for services. Best practice is to not do it. The CSAC handbook states that all funds collected should be deposited and all expenditures be paid via cheque.

#### Treasurer's Report – Frank Massari

- 20) Frank has presented the Interim Financial Statements for September 1<sup>st</sup> to December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011.
- 21) Teachers requested an extension on the teacher allocation deadline due to celebrations later in the school year (i.e. Mothers Day, Fathers Day and Easter) Mr Shain has given them until May 31<sup>st</sup>. A concern about the extension was raised as CSAC had voted to re-allocate any funds not used by January of the current year.
- 22) The popcorn for Movie Night cost \$327.00

#### Health and Safety Sub-committee – Tanya Giaquinto

- 23) They will be concentrating on an anti-bullying handbook that will be provided to families. Will define bullying, advise parents of warning signs and steps to take. Suggestions for the parents of the bully and the victim, as well as how to not be a victim.
- 24) There is a suggestion to invite all parents and have a speaker at the next CSAC meeting after the booklet is rolled out.

Parent Involvement Sub-Committee – Anne Mishko

- 25) Family Skate party has been booked for Saturday February 11<sup>th</sup> 2012 from 5:45pm – 6:45pm at the Mastercard Centre. There will be a \$2 admission. The cost of renting the ice went from \$275 last year to \$400 this year. Planning on having coffee, hot chocolate and cookies free of charge again.
- 26) It has been suggested that we look into the need for event insurance for the skate party.
- 27) An equipment exchange was requested for some time in January.
- 28) Bingo Night is being planned for Thursday April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

Fundraising Sub-committee – Antonella Wild

- 29) Fundscrip earned \$986.00 with 41 families participating.
- 30) Family Fun BBQ is being planned. A Dunk Tank was suggested.
- 31) The Dance-A-Thon will be held on Friday June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

Pastoral Council – Vince Arone

For all candidates wishing to enroll in the upcoming Sacramental preparation, all required forms must be completed and received by the Church office by January 18<sup>th</sup>/2011. After this date, no further registrations will be accepted as classes begin on January 25<sup>th</sup>/2012. (full details were provided in the bulletins)

References to Dec 31<sup>st</sup>/2011 deadline was noted to encourage the bulk of registrations by the end of the month- for clarity all registrations will be accepted till Jan 18<sup>th</sup>/2012. Please complete them at your earliest so preparations for classes can be coordinated accordingly.

Re Coffee Sunday.

The request to move the CSAC coffee Sunday from May 13/2012 to a prior month, will be raised at the next pastoral council meeting.

Meeting adjourned.