

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

Attendees: Daniela Balsamo, Frank Massari, Adam Grnak, John Shain, Arlene Martin, Luana Fanelli, Gloria Camilleri, Gina D'Alessandro, Angela Severino, Vince Arone, Phil Vokins, Alessia Ribeiro & Anne Mishko.

7:10pm – Welcome and opening prayer – Mr. Shain

Chair's Report – Adam Grnak

- 1) Minutes from last meeting have been approved, posted to website and emailed to the distribution list.
- 2) Received and deposited a cheque from Mabel's Labels for \$88.57.
- 3) Parent/Teacher interviews were Feb16 and 17. CSAC had a table with literature, smart board and free coffee.
- 4) The teacher appreciation luncheon will be Friday Feb 24.
- 5) Coffee Sunday is booked for Sunday March 25. Vince will organize.
- 6) Family Bingo Night planned for Thursday April 19, 2012. Prizes will be smaller and geared toward the children.
- 7) Marathon Fundraiser is Sunday May 6 2012. All but 2 sponsorship spots have been sold for the team uniforms.
- 8) Swim Meet is May 5 and 6th. This Saturday is the tryouts and first practice.
- 9) The Dance A Thon is booked for Thursday May 17. The theme will be "The Olympics"
- 10) BBQ Fun Night will be Thursday June 7 2012. The plan is to make and sell our own food to help earn more \$\$.
- 11) BBQ/Curriculum Night is planned for Sept 18 2012.
- 12) A request to have an update button or section on the website so it is easier to find the newest posts.
- 13) Some have requested a link in Mrs. Martins distribution emails to connect directly to the school website.

Principal's Report – Mr. Shain

- 14) Cross Country practice has begun. It will be every day at lunch.
- 15) The girls basketball team went to the Regional's.
- 16) School mass is planned for Ash Wednesday. Pancake Tuesday was a great success. Many thanks to all the parent volunteers.
- 17) French Immersion enrollment for next year's gr5 class is at maximum. It was cut off at 31 and there are 9 on the waiting list.
- 18) Carnival is this Thursday. French theme with games outside in the afternoon.
- 19) Parent Teacher interviews were well attended. Possibly looking into holding these on two evenings instead of Friday am for next year.
- 20) The Valentines Dance was enjoyed by all the students. Many primary student parents attended as well.
- 21) Grad photos for SK and Gr8 were taken on Feb9th.
- 22) House league for grs 4 and 5 run every day at both recesses.
- 23) Extreme Pita lunch planned for March 9.
- 24) School ski day was Jan 26th and was well attended.
- 25) The Book Club is into its 4th week. The Chess Club is up and running each Tuesday at lunchtime.
- 26) Will bring in a guest to introduce the students to skipping. A club could form from this encounter.

Treasurer's Report – Frank Massari

- 27) Presented Interim Financial Statements from Sept 1, 2011 to February 20, 2012.
- 28) Mrs. Martin is looking into an HST refund from the LCD purchase 2 years ago.

Health and Safety – Angela Severino

- 29) Anaphylaxis booklet made by Maria Skinner is almost ready for distribution. There is a lot of info therefore a condensed version may be sent home with the full version available on-line or in class.
- 30) Fun Food Friday will launch on March 8 with the Big Crunch. Sports nutrition will be the focus (connecting to the marathon and the Olympics). This will be for the primary and junior classes.
- 31) The intermediates will have a Wellness Day April 5 2012. There will be 6 rotations through the day with speakers, exercise, co-operative games and more.
- 32) 3rd floor boys bathroom has been repaired. There is some concern about student behaviour in the washrooms. Mr. Shain will look into a refresher on bathroom etiquette for the school.

Parent Involvement – Anne Mishko

- 33) The Family Fun Skate was Sat Feb 11 and went well. Approx 200 skaters and many others who attended.
- 34) Planning for the upcoming Bingo Night to begin.

Marathon Fundraiser – Phil Vokins

- 35) On track for shirt production. The subcommittee will meet soon to discuss communication and other info.
- 36) There has been a request to set a possible visit date for parents and students to go to St. Paul's.

Pastoral Council – Vince Arone

- 37) Fr Thomas Collins was elevated to the College of Cardinals.
- 38) Possible changes to mass times for Etobicoke to be discussed on March 8th.
- 39) March 14 will be the first bowling session at Bowlarama.
- 40) There was a lot of interest in our marathon fundraiser that will support St. Paul's at the last Pastoral Council meeting.

Adjourned – 8:10pm