

## **St. Gregory Catholic School Advisory Council – Wednesday January 25, 2012**

Attendees: Daniela Balsamo, Frank Massari, Adam Grnak, John Shain, Anna Iwayskiw, Kathy Stafford, Gloria Camilleri, Angela Severino, Nadine Lustri, Anne Mishko, Phil Vokins, Jack Giacco, Antonella Wild, Melanie Fernandez-Alvarez, Jeanine Larmour, Debbie Birks, Vince Arone, Marianne Williams, Maria Skinner, Alessia Ribeiro & Luana Fanelli.

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

### Chair's Report – Adam Grnak

- 1) Minutes from last meeting have been approved and posted to website.
- 2) Approx \$300.00 has been allocated for the teacher luncheon on Feb 24<sup>th</sup>. Adam will bring in Greek food.
- 3) Loblaw's has made a \$500 donation to the choir, and another \$200 was received from Canada Helps.
- 4) Kidsentials has sent us a chq for \$800.00
- 5) 6 teachers have submitted for allocations. CSAC has agreed to move due date to May 1st. Usually 100% participation by end of year.
- 6) Any outside CSAC event authorized by the principal is covered by the board insurance. There is an \$87.00 insurance plan available to CSAC at the beginning of the school year. We will suggest new CSAC consider it as it provides coverage for all events all year.

### Principal's Report – Mr. Shain

- 7) The book club has started for the primary and junior students.
- 8) There were 212 kids on the gr5-8 ski trip Jan 26<sup>th</sup>.
- 9) Jan 19 was JK registration. There are now 43 students registered. There were 49 for 2010/2011.
- 10) Primary indoor soccer tournaments were Jan 25 for the boys and Jan 26 for the girls.
- 11) Pre-ordered pizza slices have started.
- 12) French Immersion evening planned for Feb 7<sup>th</sup> for grade 4 parents.
- 13) Basketball teams will play in tournaments mid February.
- 14) Graduation photos for grade 8 and SK will be Feb 9<sup>th</sup>.
- 15) A ping pong club is being started after the March break. There was a donation from a parent.
- 16) Mrs. Pires is leaving to become a Mathematics Resource teacher. A new teacher for the grade 8s will start Monday.
- 17) Currently planning a writing campaign between 3 St. Paul classes and Mr. Peters, Mrs. Henderson and Mrs. LaChappelle's classes. There will be a visit planned as well.
- 18) A spring concert is scheduled for education week (early May) for the school band and choir.

### Treasurer's Report – Frank Massari

- 19) Interim Financial Statements from Sept 1, 2011 to January 24, 2012 presented to council.

### Health and Safety Sub-committee – Angela Severino

- 20) Maria Skinner is planning a handbook on anaphylaxis with Mr. Shain.
- 21) Angela will meet with Mrs. Ceddia about Fun Food Fridays. They will concentrate on sports nutrition to tie in with the marathon training. Will kick off with the Big Crunch again – whole school bites into apples at the same time.
- 22) The Swim team's first practice will be Feb 25<sup>th</sup>. The swim meet is scheduled for the same weekend as the marathon in May.
- 23) There is still a problem with water in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor boy's washroom. A plumber has seen the problem and is now waiting on parts. Hand sanitizers made available to classes, but parents would like kids to be able to wash hands in the classroom.

### Parent Participation – Anne Mishko

- 24) Fun skate is scheduled at the MasterCard Centre on Saturday Feb 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:45 to 6:45pm. Forms to go out Wed, some would like to add a note asking if anyone needs skates or helmets. There will be a \$2 per person admission fee again.

### Fundraising – Antonella Wild

- 25) Family Fun BBQ is being planned for a Thursday night.
- 26) The wish list from St. Pauls has been submitted. Anna Arcaro is the principal and she requested a) 20 computers at \$9K, b) JK/SK classroom supplies and furniture at \$3K, and c) teacher allocations at \$4K.
- 27) Adam is working on pricing our own wish list.
- 28) The shirts for the marathon team are being planned, we are currently in a profit position and all the spots have not been filled yet. We are also planning spirit wear that will be available for sale to the school population.

### BRICKS – Daniela Balsamo

- 29) There have been no submissions from students or community yet. The first collection date for the student forms is March 29<sup>th</sup>.

### Pastoral Council – Vince Arone

- 30) Archbishop Collins has been called to the College of Cardinals on Feb 18. There will be a mass on the 29<sup>th</sup>.
- 31) Registration has closed for catechism classes. Tonight is the first session.
- 32) The church website had been compromised and the person who usually helped with updates is no longer available. Perhaps CSAC's webmaster Scarlett could take on the church as well.
- 33) Gr7 s and 8s are being encouraged to attend church on Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 8:25 to 9am.
- 34) CSAC's coffee Sunday is being moved to March 25<sup>th</sup>.

35) The parish will be organizing a " MARCH BREAK Family Bowling Night" at Bowlerama at 5429 Dundas Street on MARCH 15/2012 from 7-9pm. (more details to follow in the Bulletin)

Meeting adjourned 8:15pm