

St. Gregory Catholic School Advisory Council – Tuesday June 14, 2011

Attendees: Daniela Balsamo, Frank Massari, Adam Grnak, Fatima Martins, Rick Sarabia, Gloria Camilleri, Angie, Severino, Jackie Dansereau, Jeanine Larmour, Michelle Niedbala, Anne Mishko, Maria Skinner, Jack Giacco, Jennifer Pyz, Suzanne Tiefenbeck, Vita Peri, Vince Arone.

7:05p.m. – Welcome and opening prayer – Mrs. Martins

- 1) Additional items for the agenda: Michelle Niedbala advises that St. Clements is hosting the swim meet this year. They have hosted in the past so they would be a good school to shadow to learn the ropes. The last school that hosted earned \$38,000.00

BBQ Family Fun Night – Angela Severino

- 2) The full rundown is submitted. Total earnings are \$5,155.00. With on-line donations the total is \$6,765.00.
- 3) There was a great turnout; the night was a lot of fun. A few prizes that were left over are being stored for next year.
- 4) The fire truck did not arrive as planned – they probably had a call.
- 5) The bottles of water that were donated are being stored for next year.
- 6) Thank you to the many helpers.

Chair's Report – Adam Grnak

- 7) The Dance a Thon was held June 10th and the theme was Canadiana. The DJ was very good. The count will happen on Thursday and the prizes awarded on Friday.
- 8) 1st communion and confirmation gifts were purchased. There were each given a pendant.
- 9) Suggestions needed for the graduate gifts. Plain and Simple has many interesting items available. Father John has agreed to allow pictures to be taken in the church.
- 10) Curriculum night has been set for Sept 22nd next school year.

Principals Report – Mrs. Martins

- 11) EQAO, CAT4 and Track and Field are all finished. Now teachers are working on report cards.
- 12) The confirmation ceremony went well.
- 13) Softball is on today.
- 14) End of year class trips are being planned.
- 15) St. Greg's has been certified as "silver" as an Eco School.
- 16) The volunteer appreciation tea is planned for June 21st.
- 17) June 29th is the last day – the community plans to sing O Canada – all students outside with the flag. Then they will attend mass.
- 18) Mr. Shain has not confirmed if he will be returning.
- 19) June 30th the staff have a meeting and mass planned. Details of the gifted program to be reviewed. IE responsible for program work and classroom work for that day, as well as presentations and trips being planned on gifted program days.
- 20) Ditch days are not condoned by the school, though some parents do call in and cover for students who miss school.
- 21) French immersion forms are accepted. Nothing goes home at this time.
- 22) Request to CSAC to reallocate funds from Science Equipment to purchase 6 netbook computers. Motion is presented to try to spend \$3K before the end of July. If not, the funds will be reallocated to pre-pay for Scientist in the School for next year. Motion – Jackie, Second by Angie. No opposition – Passed.
- 23) Request to CSAC for \$1175.00 to cover bus expenses for various school-wide excursions. Motion presented to cover 5 bus trips from the general reserves for a total of \$1,175.00. Motion – Rick, Second by Frank. No opposition – Passed.
- 24) It has been requested that the email newsletters have the attachments included in one PDF file. This way parents do not have to open and close 5 different attachments each time.

Treasurer's Report – Frank Massari

- 25) Unaudited financial statements submitted to CSAC for Sept1, 2010 to June 14, 2011. Some changes were noticed from the last report to CSAC. It was noted that the financial reports should have more continuity between prior months information, and we should leave all fundraising collections and expenses in all statements (rather than netting out the proceeds only) to show the true amount of monies collected with each event. (i.e. Swiss chalet, corporate donations etc.)
- 26) If there are any funds earmarked for a specific program they should be captured too. (i.e. there was an online donation specifically directed to a choir program).
- 27) Planning for next year would be easier with more detail about the individual fundraising.
- 28) LCD project to date: \$3429.00 + \$5155.52 (BBQ) + \$1610.00 (online) = \$10194.52. Motion to move \$952.00 of Kidsentials unallocated funds to the LCD project. Motion: Jeanine, Second by Rick. No opposition – Passed.

BRICKS Subcommittee – Daniela Balsamo

- 29) Student recognition and Foundation Builders nominations have been received. The BRICKS committee will meet at Java Joes on Thursday June 16th to review the nominations.

Health and Safety Subcommittee – Jeanine Larmour

- 30) Any previous attempts by CSAC to discuss air conditioning with the board have been ignored. The committee is not sure what other steps to take at this time. Fundraising would need to earn around \$150,000.00 to equip the school.
- 31) Adam to check with the board about possible portable cooling systems for the third floor.

- 32) The church parking lot still has too many empty spots in the centre and there is not enough room for all the cars that need to use the lot.
- 33) Public hearing results are being awaited for the Rogers tower.
- 34) Plain and Simple will deliver the ordered product to the school on Thursday. Anne Marie would like to come back in Sept again.

Open voting – Nadine Petsche

- 35) Nadine was absent but Adam advises that he checked with the board and they advise that according to the Ontario Regulations only the elected CSAC members are allowed to vote.
- 36) It was suggested that we increase the number of elected members of CSAC. This can only be voted on at AGM. Requirements would be made more clear, (i.e. subcommittee member and number of allowable missed meetings).

Mabel's Labels fundraising opportunity – Gloria Camilleri

- 37) With the introduction of a dress code and so many students with similar clothing, Mabel's Labels has a fundraising option that parents might be interested in. Good quality labels with a 20% return to the school. It was suggested that the funds raised could go to financial assistance for those families who have a hard time meeting the dress code obligations. Motion to start Mabel's Labels paperless fundraising on June 16th for 3 months. Funds to go to Financial Assistance. To be posted on website and sent out via email notice. Motion to adopt – Vita, Second Angie. No opposition – Passed.

Pastoral Council – Vince Arone

- 38) There have been no further meetings, but CSAC has been slotted to host the Coffee Sunday for May 2012. Vince to discuss May 7th with Father John as this will coincide with Education Week.
 - 39) The previous CSAC had spoken about allotting \$500.00 per year to the green space maintenance. Possibly host another "Family Day" to get students and parents out to help clean up the area. Funds would be used to purchase mulch, plants aeration, etc. Motion to allocate \$850.00 to spend this summer on the green space. Motion to adopt – Vita, Second Anne. No opposition – Passed.
 - 40) Students and parents have expressed interest in having access to the green space before school starts. Mr. Viera will unlock the gate for 8:20 so students can use this space in the morning. Usual schedule is: Primaries have 2 days, Juniors have 2 days and Intermediates have 1 day access to this space.
- 9:45p.m. meeting adjourned.