

St. Gregory Catholic School Advisory Council – Wednesday May 22, 2012

Attendees: Daniela Balsamo, Frank Massari, Adam Grnak, John Shain, Arlene Martin, Maria Skinner, Antonella Wild, Melanie Fernandez-Alvarez, Teresa Coelho, Vince Arone, Maya Deiulis, Pilar Perez-Chavez, Gina D'Alessandro, Gloria Camilleri, Luana Fanelli, Alessia Ribeiro, Lori Tenuta, Lisette Santos, Jack Giacco, Angela Severino, Anna Iwasykiw, Mrs. Suraj and Jeanine Larmour.

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

Changes to agenda: A) Choir and B) School request for funds to repair musical instruments.

Overview of booklets on Anaphylaxis and Bullying – Mrs. Iwasykiw

- 1) Bullying booklet to be distributed to school is about 20 pages. It addresses everything from the victim to the perpetrator and family involvement.
- 2) There will be another anonymous survey next year for the students.
- 3) Possible program called Roots of Empathy must go through the school guidance counselor.
- 4) Anaphylaxis Prevention and Management Plan will also be made available to the school.
- 5) Provides info for families to better understand anaphylaxis and school plans/procedures.

Chair's Report – Adam Grnak

- 6) The minutes from the April 18 meeting have been posted on the website.
- 7) The Dance-A-Thon was a success. The monies raised will be counted by the weekend.
- 8) Dufferin Aggregates has donated another \$500.00 for green space maintenance. It will be used to aerate, seed and fertilize.
- 9) The Curriculum BBQ has been booked for September 18 2012.

Principal's Report – Mr. Shain

- 10) Bingo Night was well attended.
- 11) The intermediate W5H teams got to the second round.
- 12) Cross Country team did extremely well. 26 kids are heading to the finals.
- 13) The Swim team had 70 participants and performed well.
- 14) The Marathon fundraiser exceeded expectations.
- 15) Education week had something each day. A talent show, band, choir, play, volunteer luncheon and an open house.
- 16) Career day went extremely well. We had 11 presenters from all areas, projects on display and the president of George Brown College speaking in the evening.
- 17) The Dance-A-Thon was enjoyed by all.
- 18) The grade 8 trip to Ottawa was April 25 to 27.
- 19) Earth Clean-up day was April 20th.
- 20) Lock down practice was May 22nd. It was well done.
- 21) Track and Field begins this Friday. 95 kids to attend the meet this Friday.
- 22) On May 30th we are having a school photo taken of the entire school.
- 23) "Welcome to Kindergarten" is planned for May 31st at 6pm
- 24) EQAO and Cat4 testing will be June 5,6,8 and 11.
- 25) Confirmation is this Saturday for the grade 8s.
- 26) Mr. Shain was investigating a possible rotary system for next year. Due to school population it may not be feasible for St. Gregs.
- 27) 42 kids have enrolled in Extended French for grade 5 next year. The gifted program has had to move to accommodate the extra class.
- 28) There may not be a sport luncheon planned due to time constraints.

Treasurer's Report – Frank Massari

- 29) Interim Financial Statements for Sept 1, 2011 to May 18, 2012 have been reconciled and signed off. Presented to CSAC.
- 30) These numbers do not include the funds raised through Canada Helps.
- 31) CSAC votes on the following a) To reallocate \$300 from the Chess club to a sacramental luncheon for the grade 2s and 8s, and b) To reallocate \$500 from a sports banquet to the repair of musical instruments. Motion to pass – Alessia Ribeiro, seconded by Antonella Wild. No opposition. Passed.

Health and Safety Subcommittee – Angela Severino

- 32) The H&S committee worked with Mrs. Iwasykiw, Mrs. Suraj and Maria Skinner on the booklets presented earlier.
- 33) The boomerang initiative "Acts of Kindness" is still ongoing.
- 34) Jeanine advises that St. Gregs should be considering hosting the swim meet in the next few years. This is our 6th year attending. St. Clements advises that with the 1200 kids participating they make about \$45K in one weekend.

Pizza lunch and BRICKS awards - Daniela Balsamo

- 35) Pizza lunch now services just under 300 kids. There are 2 more lunches in the school year.
- 36) Student recognition and Foundation Builders nominations are due June 15.

Marathon Fundraiser – Phil Vokins

- 37) The fundraiser was a great success for the runners and for the two schools. There was the education component as well as the positive example set for the school and the community.

- 38) We raised \$18,263.00 from about 210 sponsors. This nets \$16,509.31 to be shared with St. Paul.
- 39) Soccer nets to be purchased. We will get one permanent and one removable. Motion to allocate \$2000.00 to purchase the soccer nets from our half of the marathon fundraiser. Motion Jack Giacco, seconded by Alessia Ribeiro. No opposition. Passed. Mr. Shain to check with the school board.
- 40) The assembly to present this info to the kids will be in June.

Grade 8 and SK graduation committee

- 41) It appears that more people prefer the picture frame to hold the free picture provided by the photographer. This will cost about \$900.00

Fundraising - Antonella Wild

- 42) We will not be offering the second wave of personalized pavers for the green space this year.
- 43) The Family Fun BBQ is being hosted as a community building event and not as a fundraiser.

Pastoral Council – Vince Arone

- 44) Masses are being realigned as of June 2012. Times are now Saturday at 5pm and Sunday at 9am and 11am.
- 45) A resident priest from Ghana will be coming to St Gregs for three months. From July to September.

Choir Proposal – Vince Arone

- 46) Suggestion is made to hire an external instructor who can teach and accompany the choir instrumentally. Requesting \$2000.00 along with some directed funds that are to be donated.
- 47) CSAC cannot vote and allocate funds for upcoming years. It has been agreed that they can look for an individual who is interested in the program with the understanding that it cannot be guaranteed until the first CSAC meeting next year.
- 48) We have received a directed donation of \$250.00 towards the choir. This is not the first donation that CSAC has received that had been directed by the donator. There is a suggestion that CSAC discuss the practice of accepting directed funds.

9:00pm - adjourned