

St. Gregory Catholic School Advisory Council

Minutes of meeting for Wednesday September 28, 2011.

Attendees: Daniela Balsamo, Frank Massari, Adam Grnak, John Shain, Riccardo Agostino, Anna Iwaszykiw (teacher rep), Nadine Lustri, Kathy Stafford, Tanya Giaquinto, Anne Mishko, Phil Vokins, Jeanine Larmour, Vito Vaccarelli, Joanne Romano, Maria Skinner, Alessia Ribeiro, Lori Donato, Marianne Williams, Lorena Curitti, Jack Giacco, Vince Arone, Alex Coelho, Gloria Camilleri, Jackie Dansereau, Angela Severino, Jennifer Pyz, Gina D'Alessandro, Anne Simpson, Mike Olah, Rick Sarabia, Melanie Fernandez, Teresa Coelho, Luana Fanelli and Antonella Wild.

7:00p.m. Welcome and opening prayer – Mr. Shain

Principal's Report – Mr. Shain

- 1) Administration is presently developing the School Learning and Improvement Plan. Areas to concentrate are Math, Language, Catholicity and Building Capacity.
- 2) EQAO and CAT3 results from last year were quite good.
- 3) Dress code is going well.
- 4) Terry Fox run was a success as all students had a chance to walk the track before the rain. Monies have not been counted yet.
- 5) Mrs. Iwaszykiw's gr 3s have organized a food drive for the Daily Bread Food Bank.
- 6) The Me to We team is up and running.
- 7) The intermediates have chosen 10 kids as student council.
- 8) Soccer teams have done well. Mr. Cooper coaches the boys team and Mr. Coscarelli coaches the girls team. Girls to go to the city quarter finals.
- 9) Volleyball is about to begin.
- 10) Mr. Cooper's Fitness and Running Club meets in the morning.
- 11) The school yearbook is being planned for this year.
- 12) The first fire drill was today. More to come throughout the year. School lock down practice to come later.
- 13) A ski trip is being held on January 26th for grades 5 to 8.
- 14) 2 monthly student awards are Virtue of the Month and Student of the Month.
- 15) Grades 7 and 8s are going to mass once a week at 8:25am.
- 16) There was an excellent turnout at the Curriculum BBQ.
- 17) There will be a Halloween dance.
- 18) The grade 4 trip is being planned.
- 19) There will be a note in the next newsletter regarding the letter that went home about the lunch period. The tone that some parents felt was severe was not intended. The school needs parental confirmation of the student's regular plans for the lunch period.
- 20) It was noted that there is still a problem with running water in the 3rd floor boy's washroom. Mr. Shain to provide hand sanitizer until it is fixed.

Treasurer's Report – Frank Massari

- 21) Interim Financial Statement (unaudited) for period from Sept 1, 2010 to August 31, 2011 submitted to CSAC and has been submitted for review.
- 22) Suggestion was made to break down some of the areas where funds were raised to give a better idea of Council activities and which events earned better than others. This info to be placed under "Notes".
- 23) Prior year comparatives and additional note disclosure typically provided in CSAC financial reports will be provided in the final version to be posted.
- 24) Nadine Lustri had reviewed CSAC books as per the Ministry requirement. A sample of different areas was reviewed and no concerns were noted. Full results can be found on the school website.

BRICKS Sub-committee – Daniela Balsamo

- 25) Student recognition program will be launched on Oct 3rd for the grades 7s and 8s.
- 26) Foundation Builder nominations are always accepted.

Parent Involvement Sub-committee – Anne Mishko

- 27) Family Skate night is being planned for Feb. Bingo and movie night will be considered again for this year.

Fundraising – Angela Severino

- 28) Fundsript, Swiss Chalet and Family Fun BBQ were some of the initiatives from last year.
- 29) Erica Camilleri advises that she has extended the Mabel's Labels fundraiser for another month. CSAC to get the word out.

Health and Safety – Jeanine Larmour

- 30) The dress code was the main initiative last year. As this is the first year we are still in an adjustment period.
- 31) The first two instances of non-compliance have a letter going home. Then the parent must come to school with proper clothes. Admin does not expect any problems to go that far.
- 32) Jeanine will follow-up with Plain and Simple about the iron-on crests that were to be made available.

Technology Renewal – Rick Sarabia

- 33) The subcommittee advises that they need a wish list from the teachers and administration for the upcoming year.
- 34) Last year the LCD project was completed. There were 25 installed throughout the school. Now must look into splitters for the screens, speakers and replacing some old computers.
- 35) The website needs to be updated on a regular basis. Two examples were the LCD project thermometer and the current principal information.

Chair Report – Adam Grnak

- 36) Two proposed amendments to the constitution for this AGM.
- 37) 1st: Motion to allow CSAC to accept nominations from the floor at the AGM. Votes 29 for and 1 against. Motion passes.
- 38) 2nd: Motion to increase number of CSAC members from 10 to 15. Vote count 29 for and 1 against. Motion passes.
- 39) 8:05p.m. – CSAC resigns.
- 40) New nominations received in office and from the floor count 15. All acclaimed. New CSAC is: Adam Grnak, Frank Massari, Daniela Balsamo, Anne Mishko, Tanya Giaquinto, Jackie Dansereau, Angela Severino, Nadine Lustrri, Jack Giacco, Phil Vokins, Luana Fanelli, Alessia Ribeiro, Jeanine Larmour, Vince Arone and Antonella Wild.
- 41) 4 executive positions filled: Frank Massari – Treasurer, Daniela Balsamo – Secretary, Jackie Dansereau – Vice Chair and Adam Grnak – Chair.
 - a. Subcommittees: Budget – Nadine Lustrri,
 - b. Curriculum, Programs and Presentations – Luana Fanelli
 - c. Technology renewal – Phil Vokins
 - d. Health and Safety – (shared) Jeanine Larmour, Tanya Giaquinto and Angela Severino
 - e. BRICKS -Daniela Balsamo, Alessia Ribeiro, Antonella Wild and Tanya Giaquinto
 - f. Fundraising – Antonella Wild
 - g. Pizza lunch– Daniela Balsamo and Tanya Giaquinto
 - h. QSP – Daniela Balsamo and Jackie Dansereau
 - i. Parent Involvement & Communication – Anne Mishko, Jack Giacco and Jackie Dansereau.
 - j. Swim Meet – Jeanine Larmour (with Michelle and Brent Niedbala)
 - k. Teacher luncheon & Dance A Thon – Adam Grnak and Jackie Dansereau
 - l. SK and Grade 8 Graduation: Alessia Ribeiro, Nadine Lustrri and Jackie Dansereau
 - m. Pastoral Council Rep: Vince Arone and Luana Fanelli
- 42) Dates reserved for CSAC meetings: Oct19, Nov23, Dec14, Jan18, Feb22, Apr18, May23 and Jun20.
- 43) Dates reserved for CSAC subcommittee meetings: Oct5, Nov9, Dec7, Jan11, Feb8, Apr4, May9 and Jun6.
- 44) Suggestion that Student Rep for CSAC be made aware of members and be allowed to voice ideas of students to individuals if they are not comfortable speaking in front of the whole CSAC.

Pastoral Council – Vince Arone

- 45) The church is making available a new pre authorized giving program and online donations.
- 46) The pew restoration is on hold as the chemical used was causing bubbling, the roof is leaking and there is no new info on the Rogers tower.
- 47) Coffee Sundays are on. The CWL hosted last week, and the Finance dept will host the next. CSAC is scheduled for Nov27th and one to coincide with education week which is early May. The Church choir will host Jan 2012, and the Auxiliary Ministers Feb 2012.
- 48) On January 14 the Knights of Columbus will host Pasta Night.
- 49) Vince advises he has arranged \$700.00 in funding (with another possible \$300.00) if required for a school choir. The school has already initiated one during the lunch hour with Ms. Kriscunis
- 50) Mr. Shain advises he would like to schedule 2 community masses where the parishners could celebrate with the students.
- 51) Donations on Canada Helps can be directed to specific initiatives, but not specific classes.

Adjourned 9:00p.pm