

## St Gregory Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC) Monthly Meeting Minutes

### **Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, December 9, 2014**

**Attendees:** Pannozzo, J (*Principal*), VanDinter K (*Vice-Principal*), Grnak A (*Chair*), Giaquinto T (*Vice-Chair*), Vokins P (*Treasurer*), Gravina S (*Secretary*), Balsamo D, Barone N, Berardi E, Bridger M, Desira M, DiBattista L, Goncalves C, Loughlin-Plut K, Mishko A, Peri, V, Pires J, Pyz J, Ruso D, Severino A, Tenuta L, Vaccarelli V, Ward J

**Regrets:** Arone V (*authorized Angela Severino as proxy*)

7:05pm – Adam welcomed everyone to the fourth meeting of the year and invited Mr. Pannozzo to say opening prayer

Following the prayer, Mr. Pannozzo presented a delightful video prepared by Mr. Vennare entitled “*Faith, Hope and Charity*”

Adam thanked Daniela for taking the minutes at the previous meeting that have been approved and posted. He then continued with the *Chair’s Report*:

#### **Chair’s Report**

##### **Gingerbread House Building**

Adam asked Anne to report on the Gingerbread House Building. Anne - The event was successfully held on December 4, 2014; Starbucks donated coffee; Future Bakery donated cookies and gingerbread, hot chocolate was purchased from Tim Horton’s, candy was purchased from Metro and placed on every table.

##### **Math Night**

Math night will be held on January 22, 2015 with the \$1000 grant received from Government of Ontario; grades JK-8; flyers will be posted in school; classes will be notified first week after holidays; focus on math curriculum and to work through selected math problems to help parents help kids at home; we will probably need ten (10) parent volunteers; teachers and parents will help with various tables; Board members are only going to speak 10-15 minutes; most of the time will be at tables and working through activities; we recently received a request from OLP if there is room, if they can be invited to come out as well.

##### **Soccer Nets**

The soccer nets have been chained to fence since school year started because they are portable nets; Mr. Pannozzo received approval from the Board and the soccer nets will be cemented into the field this weekend by Mr. Mastronardi; turf can be done later

##### **Sub-Committee Meeting**

The next sub-committee meeting date is **January 7, 2015**; Presentation and BRICKS will be meeting; a communication will be sent out.

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### Upcoming CSAC Meeting

The next CSAC meeting will be held on **January 21, 2015**.

### Principal's Report

Mr. Pannoza was then invited to give the ***Principal's Report***.

- The Christmas Concert for grades 1-3 will be held on December 10, 2014; we will be opening school yard for extra parking;
- Mass schedule has changed to December 12<sup>th</sup> and Confessions December 10<sup>th</sup>;
- Next Wednesday at 9:30am, we will have full day kindergarten concert;
- Having virtue of the month for *Charity* assembly December 18<sup>th</sup>;
- Online registration for full-day kindergarten commences January 8<sup>th</sup> at <https://soar.tcdsb.org/login.aspx>; we currently have four (4) full-day classes; we have 75 students presently enrolled; we only have 45 spots left for next year;
- Chess Club starts January 16<sup>th</sup>, letter will be sent home in new year; it will be on Fridays; Chess Master will work with kids and program will run for eight (8) weeks; perhaps students that work with this Chess Master may be a good resource to help with grades 1-3;
- Ice Hockey team has begun; they have a tournament next Thursday;
- Swim team practices progressing nicely;
- Girls and boys intermediate basketball has started
- Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup> is a regular 3p.m. dismissal; it is red and green day; will send something home
- January 23, 2015 is a PA Day

Mr. Pannoza posed a question if any interest in students having yoga at St. Gregory's? Yoga would be an in-service everyday after school; a letter can be sent out to see if there is interest.

### Report on Budget

Adam asked Ms. VanDinter to present the ***Report on Budget***:

- We started off with \$65,000 allocated to our school from the Board; much needed literacy material were purchased for primary and intermediate; we have 22% of our budget left
- With respect to math, will be getting set of spectrum manipulatives and draft plans via email by end of week;
- IT – we were allotted 36 iPads to replace Netbooks and also received 36 HP430 Notebooks; Board is process of rolling them out before Christmas; with CSAC funds we got an additional 11 HP Notebooks and 10 additional iPads; Ms. Barone divided iPads and organizing them; iPads come with protective cases and have been colour coded; going into classrooms soon but want to make sure we received all "*Surf Right*" forms back;
- Conducted an IT survey with staff – 14 staff members do not have laptop; staff would like speakers for laptop computers;
- Thank you to CSAC for \$5000; if we have any additional funds left over, we would like to purchase another five (5) iPads and three (3) speakers; another \$3000 would help us get those;
- Smartboards are being phased out by Board personnel

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- There will be library time to introduce iPads to students; we are committed to utilizing iPads and enhancing cooperative learning
- There is no need to out-service as we have expertise already in building
- Speakers – all desktops need speakers; we have 30 desktop computers; one set of speakers purchased at \$20 for trial and they worked fine and were loud enough; we would need to invest in another 29 sets at \$20/set

### Treasurer's Report

Phil was invited to present the *Treasurer's Report*.

Phil thanked Domenic Ruso for his assistance and proceeded with a presentation of Report.

Additional points made on the presentation are as such:

- There is another cheque for over \$3000 that is owed to us;
- Some unclaimed cheques that have not hit account

It was calculated that it would cost approximately \$650 for speakers for desktops; a family has come forth with offer to donate food for the social/teacher appreciation; therefore, it was suggested that the \$500 from Social be reallocated to IT.

Motion to reallocate funds (\$500) from Social to IT in order to purchase speakers for school; motion to adopt – Vito, seconded – Celia; 11 in favour and 3 abstain. Motion passed.

### Community Events

Anne advised Committee that the Family Skate Night will be held on February 15, 2015, 4:15pm -6:15pm at the MasterCard Centre

### HAT (Health Action Team)

Tanya advised Committee that HAT met last week at 11:30am; Ms. Alberton put together a schedule; January – Hand washing; February – Mental Health (Ms. Silvestre and Ms. Dalmau); March 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm – the annual Big Crunch; April – Fun Food Fridays; May – Sun Safety ; June – Play Day and discuss with Mr. Cooper how to incorporate PAN AM games

Next meeting for HAT – **January 21, 2015 at 11:35am**

### Fundraising

Adam advised that Fundraising team met same night as HAT; invited Phil to present Powerpoint presentation on fundraiser for May to support IT (in addition to other fundraisers); discussion at sub-committee meeting whether to resurrect SGS Roadrunners or should we pick up last year's discussion with bike ride initiatives; sub-committee felt strongly on the bike initiative.

Phil presented PowerPoint "*Cycle Yonge*"

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“Cycle Yonge” would raise funds, boost community in engaging manner; adult participants to cycle a pre-defined path; there will be a series of traffic-free routes; consider canvassing across school, families may have extra bikes and/or we can have a bike sale; money to also go towards fundraiser; there would be training before event actually happened; if we commit to doing this this year, than we can commit to doing the marathon next year.

Motion to adopt – Angie; 0 opposed; Motion passed

### **Spiritwear**

Tanya advised that toques were picked up; there were 35 orders; they will be reintroduced in January;

### **CSAC & Admissions and Placement for Secondary School Policy**

Adam invited Vita Peri to advise Council on the [\*Admissions and Placement for Secondary Schools Policy\*](#).

Vita gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation articulating the issues at hand. Please see attached.

Comments to be submitted to the Board by January 9, 2015. Does CSAC want to provide a consolidated letter to Board? Does CSAC wish to delegate to the Board in late January 2015 to express comments regarding this policy?

It was suggested that feedback be sent to Adam to forward to our Trustee, Ann Andrachuk; meeting to be held on December 18<sup>th</sup> in the music room to further discuss proposals and our response.

### **Pastoral Council**

Dominic advised Council that he spoke with Father John and that there will be a Coffee Sunday on January 18<sup>th</sup>; looking for three things – school to provide concert or choir; SGS sponsor and if we have students there we will have people there; there is coffee and cake, majority donated; community also brought stuff in; we are going to need volunteers; CSAC to provide some funds for coffee

Preparation for Communion and Confirmations; meeting to be held on December 17<sup>th</sup> – Communion at 7:00pm. and Confirmation at 7:30pm.

***9:05pm - Meeting adjourned to January 21, 2015***