

Meeting Minutes from February 20, 2013

Attendees: Gabrielle Benedek, Arlene Martin, Anne Iwasykiw, Adam Grnak, Tanya Giaquinto, Domenic Ruso, Alessia Ribeiro, Andria Dametto, Anne Mishko, Karen Loughlin-Plut, Nadine Lustri, Suzanne Tiefenbeck, Lisa Chan, Betty Ann Samaro, Katrina Gabriel, Teresa Coellino, Luana Fanelli, Phil Vokins, Vince Arone, Edward Filippozzi, Angie Severino, Lori Tenuta, Lisette Santos, Jennifer Pyz, Melanie Fernandez-Alvarez, Maria Skinner.

Regrets: Gina D'Alessandro, Nancy Donnaperna, Vito Vaccarelli, Daniela Balsamo

7:00p.m. Welcome — Adam Grnak and Opening Prayer – Ms. Gabrielle Benedek.

CWL Presentation

Lucy is the new CWL President and is looking to recruit new members. The St Gregory CWL is made up of 99 women from our community and spends much of its time fundraising and giving back to the non-profit community. The membership cost is \$25 per year. The CWL meet once per month. The next meeting is February 28, 2013 at 7 pm.

School Photography Presentation

- 1) Spiro Maragoudakis of *Bright Pics* presents CSAC with an explanation of his services (www.brightpics.ca). This year, *Bright Pics* is responsible for only the Grade 8 Graduation photos and for putting together this year's yearbook as *Bill Tierney Studios* were hired to take this year's school photos (and parents were very satisfied). This year, *Bright Pics* is once again offering a free 5x7 grad photo to each Grade 8 graduate on graduation night.
- 2) Many parents asked questions to compare *Bright Pics* with *Bill Tierney Studios* (www.billtierneyphoto.com). *Bright Pics* only offers 6 backgrounds and less variety.
- 3) Possible Fundraising Idea by *Bright Pics*: Santa Claus Photos – photos offered free by *Bright Pics* and the school can charge the families a small fee that will go directly to CSAC.
- 4) In the coming months, CSAC will vote on who will be given the entire photography contract for the 2013-2014 school year.

CSAC Chair Report – Adam Grnak

- 5) January 2013 Meeting Minutes were approved and put are on the website.
- 6) \$500 cheque from Loblaw was received and deposited.
- 7) Shrove Tuesday– Pancakes and Carnival were a huge success. Thank you all those who volunteered to make pancakes.
- 8) Parent Teacher interviews (Feb 14-15) went well and had a good turn-out.
- 9) Family Fun Skate is scheduled for this coming Saturday, February 23, 2013 at the MasterCard Center. \$2 per skater will be asked to cover the cost of the ice rental.
- 10) Coffee Sunday is scheduled for Sunday, March 3, 2013. Pop Choir will perform after the 9am mass in the church hall. Future Bakery donated sweets and parents are asked to bake and bring to the church before mass. Information tables will also be set up for Me to We and various other items.
- 11) Teacher Luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, March 20, 2013. Greek Food will be ordered.
- 12) Dance a Thon scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 2013. Looking into a video dance hosted by *Much Music* but would have to charge students a fee to cover costs. TBD.
- 13) Family BINGO Night scheduled for Thursday April 11, 2013.
- 14) Run A Thon Fundraiser scheduled for Thursday May 2, 2013 (rain date May 3, 2013)
- 15) BBQ Fun Night scheduled for Thursday June 6, 2013
- 16) BBQ Curriculum Night scheduled for Tuesday, September 24, 2013.

Principal's Report – Ms Benedek

- 17) **Full Day Kindergarten** will be rolled out at St Gregory CS in **September 2014** as we were over-subscribed for this year, and will take the extra time to be ready for next year. **September 2013** will continue with the half day JK-SK classes as they are currently run.
- 18) **Carnival** was a huge success. Thank you to Ms Severino and all the wonderful volunteers. The children enjoyed themselves tremendously.
- 19) **Parent-Teacher Interviews** went very well.

Treasurer's Report – Domenic Ruso

- 20) Not much happened in January.
- 21) In February, so far, there have been 10 invoices for Scientist in the School and 2 teacher allocations have been submitted.
- 22) Please see financial statements on our website for actual figures.

Sub-Committee Reports

23) **PASTORAL COUNCIL — Vince Arone**

- Pancake Sunday was a great success at Mass on Feb 3rd. (Thank you to the KoC for hosting)
- March 3rd - Coffee Sunday hosted by CSAC. Volunteers and Baked good greatly appreciated. Looking for Administration's support with demonstrations for CSAC, "me to we", arts, sport highlights, etc.
- March 5th 2013 - Procession with the Faith Cross. (Note: Church parking lot thoroughfare on to Rathburn Road will be closed.
- March 6th 2013 - All day confessions at over 270 parishes in the Archdiocese of Toronto. (St. Gregory will have a mass at 8:30, confessions from 9-12:30 and 1-8pm)
- March 24 (Palm Sunday) and March 31 (Easter), 3 masses 9am, 11am and 1pm
- Luzia Pereira elected as new President of Catholic Woman's League (CWL).

24) **HEALTH ACTION TEAM UPDATE**

- a) Fun Food Fridays:** Concentrating on low sodium choices and mental health were held every Friday in February except the snow day. That FFF was held on Thursday February 21. Thank you to Tanya Giaquinto and Angie Severino for organizing FFF and a great bit THANK YOU goes out to for all the other parents who help out.
- b) Bullying and Anaphylaxis Handbooks:** Both these books are in the final stages of revision and publication. They will be available shortly on our website. Stay tuned.
- c) The BRICKS subcommittee** met a couple of weeks ago and felt the award program should be revisited and that students should be re-informed. On Tuesday, Tanya came and spoke with the intermediates and re-introduced the Bricks Awards and its criteria. Mrs Suraj suggested we visit the classrooms individually to present as she feels the students are not well aware of the entire program. **Due date for all nominations is May 31, 2013**

New This Year:

- a letter will be sent to all those students who participate by handing in a student recognition sheet thanking them for being involved and all their hard work.
- CSAC will invite parent winners to both the end of year assembly and the last CSAC meeting. Awards will be presented at both.
- The student winners (and their parents) will be invited to the end of year assembly.
- There were 9 award winners last year and this year we will frame the award for each winner.

Dates to Remember

Tues June 18th — School Assembly	Wed June 19th – June CSAC Meeting	Thursday June 20th —Gr 8 Graduation
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Next BRICKS Meeting will be held on June 5, 2013.

- d) This year's **Annual Great Big Crunch** will take place on **Thursday March 7, 2013**. For more information, please take a look at: <http://www.foodshare.net/great-big-crunch>.

- 25) **WEBSITE:** The new website is still "in progress" and an update will be provided at the next CSAC Meeting in April. If you wish a link to the copy of the "in progress" site, please email alessia@pebblesmedia.com and she will provide you with a link.
- 26) **FUNDRAISING:**
- 27) Dance a Thon is scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 2013 with a St Patty's Day Theme.
- 28) **COMMUNITY EVENTS: 4th Annual Family Fun Skate** is Sat Feb 23 from 5:45-7:15pm on Rink 1 at the MasterCard Centre. \$2 per skater to cover the cost of the Ice Rental. **Family BINGO Night** is scheduled for Thursday April 11, 2013: details to come.
- 29) **SK and GRADE 8 GRADUATION:**
The **Grade 8 Graduation** will be Thursday, June 20th: the plan is to purchase picture frames and have them engraved as was done last year by CSAC. **SK Graduation** – details are still being worked out. More details to come.

30) CHOIR PROPOSAL AMMENDMENT:

An Amendment to the Choir Proposal was put forward by Adam Grnak and Vince Arone. The Amendment addressed/clarified the request to pay a parent for ongoing work performed for the school choir. It was discussed and a vote was taken: 17 CSAC members present voted and 9 agreed to compensate while 8 opposed.

8:59 p.m. – meeting adjourned.

CSAC members are asked to review minutes as soon as possible after receiving the email. Once they are approved they can be posted to the website. It is noted that minutes are not a verbatim record of the meetings, but a review of items discussed.

Note: The next CSAC Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 17, 2012. See you there!