

Attendees: Edward Filippozzi, Anne Mishko, Adam Grnak, Daniela Balsamo, Angela Severino, Jennifer Pyz, Karen Loughlin-Plut, Diane Sitarz, Nancy Barone, Rachel Janeiro, Robert Janeiro, Vito Vaccarelli, Jessie Ward, Nadia Hoult, Vince Arone, Marjorie Bridger, Phil Vokins, Joe Pannozzo, Alexandra Aloï, Loren Bada, Marissa Carlton.

7:10pm – Welcome. Student attendees lead the group in the opening prayer.

1) Student Leaders – Alexandra Aloï and Loren Bada

38 Students have been selected to be Student Leaders this year.

They have many initiatives planned for this school year including supporting Dr. Simone, the Youth Help Line and youth shelters.

The Anti-bullying campaign had begun with a poster contest, Pink Day, Hall of Silence and many more events.

2) Chair Report – Adam Grnak

The minutes from the last meeting have been approved and are posted on the website.

Two donations received by CSAC are \$200 from Experian- thank you to Jennifer Pyz- and Halloween pumpkins for each class from Frank and Andria Dametto. These were decorated and then donated to St. Joseph's Hospital.

The application for the Metro Green Apple Grant has been submitted.

Math night is currently being planned for January 22nd. A math coordinator from the board will be involved to provide insight and assistance for each division.

Thank you to everyone who helped out at the CSAC coffee table on Parent Teacher Interview night.

On December 3rd: there will be a CSAC training and info session at the board. The HAT will meet during the day and conference call can be made available. The Fundraising Subcommittee will meet at 7pm in the Music room. Spirit wear is almost fully delivered to those who ordered.

3) Principal's Report – Joe Pannozzo

Mrs. Van Dinter has sent her regrets for this meeting. The Vice-Principal's report will be postponed to the next meeting.

Boys and Girls volleyball teams have done well this year. The boys have advanced to the city finals and the girls are playing tomorrow.

The Cross country meet went well. There were many students involved in the training and event.

With Father John plans for a Children's Liturgy are underway. This will be for the ELP to grade 2s. The rest of the school will have a regular mass.

On Remembrance Day Col. Ashcroft visited each classroom. All the students and teachers enjoyed themselves.

The Grade 8 grad trip is planned for May 27 to 29. They are going to Montreal.

The Book Fair took place from the 10th to the 14th. Thank you to Mrs. Barone.

The progress reports are going to be going home on Nov11th.

The Virtue of the month is Gratitude. There will be 69 medals handed out at the school assembly.

The school choir will be performing at the church on Dec 7th.

Christmas concert for the grades 1-3 will be on Dec 10th at 7pm. The kindergarten concert is Dec 17th at 1:30pm.

Full day Kindergarten (ELP) registration will be on Thursday January 8th at 10am – online only.

Extended French meeting will be on Thursday Feb 26th at 6:30pm.

Draft of the school plan is underway. There is an urgent need for math skills, namely problem solving. The school will focus on encouraging a growth mindset and enhancing learning skills.

The board is responsible for the plowing of the school yard when there is 5cm or more of snow. It was mentioned that the plows tend to fill up the sidewalk along the green yard forcing pedestrians onto the driveway.

4) Treasurer's Report – Phil Vokins

Phil presented the report. There has not been a lot of activity as of yet.

CSAC has received a request by the school administration to fund the purchase of a number of iPod's & laptops with the \$5000.00 allocated to IT renewal in the CSAC budget. The point was raised that council should wait until all fundraising initiatives had been completed before spending any funds on capital expenditures. After a brief discussion it was the general consensus of CSAC and the parents present to move forward with the purchase as 1) funds are immediately available in the CSAC account due to a large surplus balance remaining from last year, 2) our projected revenues are on target due to successes in our early fundraising initiatives and 3) confidence in our ability to achieve fundraising targets outlined in the CSAC budget. It was also noted that any delay with these types of purchases tend to snowball and the students are not able to utilize the technology for the majority of the school year.

5) Pizza and QSP subcommittee – Daniela Balsamo and Anne Mishko

There are over 550 students enrolled in the pizza program as of this meeting.

The QSP program is complete and we were just short of our \$40,000 target. Concerns were raised about the continuation of the program.

6) Community Events – Nadia Hoult and Anne Mishko

The Gingerbread House night is planned for Dec 4th at 6:30pm. There is only room for 50 families so the forms are being numbered by the office staff. A request was made to put the form on the school website.

Dates are currently being investigated for the Fun Skate. There are concerns about conflicting with swim team practice. Bingo is tentatively scheduled for April and Movie Night is being discussed.

7) Communications – Adam Grnak

The school bookmarks will be distributed. Thank you to Anne and Walter Mishko. They have the school website and new Twitter account information. Mr. Pannozzo updates Twitter each weekend with the week's upcoming events.

The website does not have any information on Full day Kindergarten registration yet as per the board.

Volunteer info received from the CSAC portion of the website is collected and then shared with Subcommittee heads that require help.

8) Pastoral Council – Vince Arone

CSAC's coffee Sunday has been planned for January 18th. The school choir and band were a big hit last year.

The Family of Faith campaign is underway. St. Gregory Parish has a dedicated target of \$550K to help reach the Archdiocese goal of \$105M.

9) Misc

The next CSAC meeting is Dec 9th

The board was looking for feedback on the new Sexual Health program. One person was chosen anonymously to submit their views/opinions.

There are 2 other policies that the board requires feedback for from parents and schools, CSAC Policy and Admissions and Placement Policy. The links for these policies will be sent out by the Chair to council for review.

All feedback is due by January 9th, 2014 on-line. A discussion will be had by the council, and a suggestion was made to approach other councils to ensure a unified message is sent. Parents are encouraged to visit the TCDSB website to be fully aware of the proposed changes.

Adjourned 8:40pm