

St. Gregory Catholic School Advisory Council – Wednesday September 26, 2012

Attendees: Daniela Balsamo, Adam Grnak, Gabrielle Benedek, Arlene Martin, Tanya Giaquinto, Alessia Ribeiro, Anne Mishko, Angela Severino, Joanne Romano, Nancy Donnaperna, Lori Tenuta, Lisette Santos, Andria Dametto, Anne Iwasykiw, Lisa Chan, Karen Loughlin-Plut, Suzanne Tiefenbeck, Melanie Fernandez-Alvarez, Antonella Wild, Vito Vaccarelli, Phil Vokins, Maria Skinner, Nadine Lustri, Luana Fanelli, Domenic Ruso, Edward Filippozzi, Vince Arone, Gina D'Alessandro, Cynthia Li, Fr. John Bertao, Jennifer Pyz and Marianne Williams.

Opening Prayer Father John.

- 1) Motion to appoint Domenic Ruso as reviewer for the 2011/2012 financials – Vince Arone. Second Angie Severino, no opposed.

Principal's Report – Gabrielle Benedek

- 2) School block budget for this year is \$94.58 per student. This makes \$55,443.00 total (about \$7K to photocopying, \$11K to sundry items and \$37K for all other consumables)
- 3) EQAO results are in and St. Gregs has done extremely well scoring higher than the board.
- 4) CAT4 results are similar, with only GR7 spelling falling below board average.

Treasurer's Report

- 5) Adam presents as Frank Massari is not present.
- 6) See attached Financial Statement from September 1, 2011 to August 31, 2012.
- 7) It is requested that missing amounts from the 2011 Net Revenues be included.
- 8) A budget column showing budgeted revenues and expenses should be included in Net Revenue chart for aid in budget decisions.
- 9) A personal contribution of \$200.00 by Vince Arone to the school choir has not been included. Canada Helps receipts have been submitted as this was requested previously.

Reviewer's Report – Domenic Ruso

- 10) See attachment Accountant's Report on CSAC's 2011-2012 Financial Information.
- 11) Domenic advises he reviewed 100% of the receipts and disbursements.
- 12) Frank Massari did a quality job and spent a lot of time on these financials.

Chair's Report – Adam Grnak

- 13) Highlight some of CSAC's accomplishments over the 2011/2012 school year.
- 14) Increased voting members from 10 to 15.
- 15) Created a "wish list" to prioritize spending initiatives
- 16) Sponsored the BBQ Curriculum night, Bingo Night, Movie Night, Fun Skate and a parish Coffee Sunday.
- 17) QSP, pizza lunch and Dance A Thon are popular fundraisers.
- 18) Marathon fundraiser was a huge success and \$8600.00 was given to St. Paul's Catholic School.
- 19) BBQ Fun Night was a success
- 20) Fun Food Fridays are always a popular event at the school.
- 21) We support the milk program
- 22) We administer the BRICKS Award and Recognition Program
- 23) Completed the purchase and installation of LCDs in the school.
- 24) Purchased and installed 9 air conditioners on the third floor.
- 25) Funded the purchase of new classroom laptops
- 26) Provided funding to repair musical instruments
- 27) Purchased soccer nets for the green space
- 28) Maintain the green space by seeding and fertilizing the grass.
- 29) Sponsored the grade 8 and SK graduation, teacher and sacramental luncheons.
- 30) Provides funding for Artist in the school, Choir, Swim team and classroom supplies for teachers.
- 31) Helped to develop the Anaphylaxis Prevention and Management plan for the school.
- 32) Helped to develop a Bullying handbook for the school.
- 33) Also sponsored and ran the Wellness Day which is held every two years for the grades 7s and 8s.
- 34) Adam thanks all the members, families and staff for all their hard work.
- 35) Calls for the resignation of the current 2011/2012 St. Gregory CSAC.

Election of the new 2012/2013 Council

- 36) Nominations received in the office – 15, one was refused therefore 14 members are acclaimed.
- 37) Accepting nominations from the floor, Domenic Ruso (nominated by Adam), Luana Fanelli, Karen Loughlin-Plut, Melanie Fernandez-Alvarez, Ed Filippozzi and Nadine Lustri.
- 38) Motion to amend the St. Gregory CSAC constitution: to increase members from 15 positions to 20. Motion – Tanya Giaquinto, seconded by Phil Vokins. No opposition. Passed.
- 39) No need for an election as all positions are acclaimed. Members are reminded that we need 10 present for quorum at any meeting.

- 40) Four executive positions: Chair: Adam Grnak nominated by Phil Vokins, 2nd by Alessia Ribeiro. Vice Chair: Tanya Giaquinto nominated by Adam Grnak, 2nd by Anne Mishko. Secretary: Alessia Ribeiro, nominated by Tanya Giaquinto 2nd by Adam Grnak. Treasurer: Domenic Ruso nominated by Adam Grnak 2nd by Vince Arone.

Sub-Committee appointments

- 41) Budget – Nadine Lustri
- 42) Curriculum Programs and Presentations – Luana Fanelli
- 43) Technology Renewal – Phil Vokins
- 44) Health and Safety/Food Safety – Lisette Santos
- 45) BRICKS recognition program – Lori Tenuta and Nancy Donnaperma co-chairs
- 46) Fundraising – Adam Grnak
- 47) Pizza Lunch and QSP- Daniela Balsamo
- 48) Dance-A-Thon – Alessia Ribeiro
- 49) Parent Involvement – Anne Mishko
- 50) Special Projects – Karen Loughlin- Plut
- 51) Grade 8 and SK graduation – Maria Skinner
- 52) Swim Meet – Jeanine Larmour
- 53) TAPCE rep for 2012/13 Phil Vokins.
- 54) Teaching Staff rep: Mrs Iwasykiw.
- 55) Student Rep: Mrs Benedek will look into it.
- 56) Accounts Review person: Jennifer Pyz
- 57) Community Rep: Andria Dametto
- 58) Pastoral Council: Vince Arone.

First meeting of the 2012/2013 St. Gregory CSAC

Father John addresses CSAC

- 59) This is the year of Faith. The parish is welcoming the pilgrim statue of Sanctuaire Notre-Dame-du-Cap, de-la-Madeleine on Oct 3rd. Mass will be celebrated at 7pm followed by a candlelight procession and crowning. There is a concern about the safety of younger participants walking with the candles at that time of the evening. The statue will arrive just before mass and will be leaving just after.
- 60) The dates for First Communion and Confirmation will be determined next week. First Communion is usually planned near Corpus Christi and Confirmation near Pentecost. Most likely both ceremonies for each celebration will be held on the Saturday and two different masses. The Bishop will be here for the Confirmants this year.
- 61) Father is looking into purchasing a couple of roll-down screens for the front of the church, to aid the children in participating in the mass and in singing.
- 62) The church has purchased new hymnals for the pews.
- 63) This year the church parking lot will be redesigned and repaired. It will be unusable for about 3 weeks while this is being done. Estimated cost is in excess of \$100,000.00 for the entire lot.

School Choir – Gina D’Alessandro and Cynthia Li

- 64) Proposing a new choir that invites the primary and intermediate students. It will be a pop chorus focusing on many contemporary styles of music. The current school choir includes grades 4, 5 and 6.
- 65) There will be no auditions, it is open to everyone. Rehearsals will be once a week at lunch recess. They will learn 3 new numbers each term, both a-capella and with instrumental accompaniment.
- 66) Mrs. Benedek will look into having a teacher available.

School Website/Communication – Alessia Ribeiro

- 67) Along with Tanya Giaquinto, they are looking to improve communication via the website. There will be a more detailed presentation at the November 21st meeting.
- 68) Classroom reps are also being investigated. This is an email system that is specific to each classroom and/or grade.

Deferred to next meeting

- 69) Pizza
- 70) Dress code
- 71) Milk program
- 72) Parking lot on raining days.

Meeting adjourned 9:10pm.