

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

## **St. Gregory Catholic School Advisory Council Annual General Meeting - Wednesday September 24, 2014**

**Attendees:** Pannozzo J, VanDinter K, Severino A, Peri V, Ruso D, Tenuta L, Arone V, Balsamo D, D'Alessandro G, Donnaperina N, Grnak A, Holyday S, Mishko A, Vaccarelli V, Vokins P, Giaquinto T, Berardi E, Mardegan S, Pyz J, Starpoli D, Wild A, Williams M, Pires J, Barone N, Gravina S, Gabriel K, Licharz N, Jacinto S, Dametto A, Filippozzi E, Bridger M, Ferrone L, Cimolai A, Udo I, Udo M, Taskinem P, Campbell K, DiCiano L, Tantalo F, Desira M, Severino M, Hilb L, Kalendra G, Li C, Morrone D, Goncalves C.

**7:03pm** - Welcome by chair and the opening prayer was led by Mr. Pannozzo.

### Agenda Items

#### **1. Principal's Report (Mr. Pannozzo)**

- a. **St. Greg's TWITTER account** – a weekly communication tool will be available on Oct 1<sup>st</sup>. Information will be posted in the October school newsletter.
- b. **EQAO results are in:**

	Grade 3	Grade 6
Reading	80%	81%
Writing	89%	78%
Math	86%	55%
- c. **CAT 4** testing letters will be sent home this week for those students involved in the testing.
- d. **Curriculum Night** - great turnout and positive feedback was received.
- e. **Annual Terry Fox Run/Walk** - September 30<sup>th</sup> (rain date, October 3, 2014).
- e. **Boy and Girls Softball** - Coaches are Mr. Zinko and Mr. Cooper.
- f. **Morning Fitness Program** led by Mr. Cooper begins on September 29<sup>th</sup>.
- g. **Pizza Lunch** - alternate Thursdays, began Sept 18<sup>th</sup>.
- h. **Kidessentials** - weekly hot lunch began Tuesday Sept 23rd.
- i. **Cross Country Meet** - October 15<sup>th</sup>, parents are welcome to attend.
- j. **Lockdown Drill** - October 14<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> of 3 drills throughout the school year.

#### **2. Vice-Principal Report (Mrs. VanDinter)**

- a. Mrs. VanDinter noted the **block budget** summary to be presented to council at all csac meetings.
- b. **Annual block budget** (\$60K), \$5000 in musical instruments has been invested thus far. Administration is completing a needs assessment for literacy and numeracy assessment.
- c. The first **school mass** of the year was celebrated on Sept 10<sup>th</sup>. Oct 10<sup>th</sup> is a mass of Thanksgiving and all parents are welcome to join.
- d. **First Holy Communion** - Saturday, June 6, 2015 @ 10AM
- e. **Confirmation** - Saturday, May 23, 2015 @ 10AM

#### **3. Treasurer's Report (Domenic)**

Domenic presented the final report for the 2013/2014 school year. There is a surplus of CSAC funds of \$13,037 in the bank and \$1,817 accounts receivable in Canada Helps, total of \$14,212 which will be carried over to the 2014/2015 school year. The final report will be posted on CSAC's website.

#### **4. Review Annual Treasurer's Report (Jennifer Pyz)**

Jennifer Pyz presented her findings as Reviewer of last year's financials. There were no exceptions noted. Jennifer thanked Domenic for his dedication and meticulous attention to detail the last two years as Treasurer. The reviewer's report will be posted on CSAC's website.

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### 5. Recap Year in Advance (Chair, Angie Severino)

Angie highlighted CSAC's accomplishments for the 2013-2014 school year. She also thanked the Executive Council (Vita, Domenic, Lori) for a tremendous year, their hard work, dedication and passion to enhance St. Greg's considerable strengths through its support from the school community. Angie thanked the many volunteers, parents and teachers on behalf of the council for their hard work throughout the year.

Fundraising efforts have been dedicated to ensuring programs and capital expenditures to enhance student achievement and wellbeing. These have included: QSP, Pizza Lunch, Kidssentials, Mabel Labels, MuchVideo Dance a Thon, The Pavers and the BBQ Family Fun Night. Besides these Fundraisers we were fortunate to have secured quite a few donations and grants to our school; over \$500 in gift card donations towards many of our events and a \$1,000 grant from Metro Green Apple Program for our Health and Wellness initiatives. We have also secured a \$1,000 grant for our Family Math Night for this coming school year.

Our funds have been able to grow the literacy program for the classes and continue to strengthen and build our library through purchasing of books. Our parent volunteers have helped to redesign our library for all to enjoy. We have supported programs such as Scientist in the Classroom and Bullying Plays, making the learning experience fun for the kids, the BRICK award program has also been transformed. We have helped purchase computers for the school, de-humidifiers for library, tables, sport equipment and helped fix the musical instruments. We also contributed to Teachers Allocations so they can in turn support individual class initiatives, assisted with student financial assistance. Funds also sponsored 9 teachers to obtain CPR certification. We supported the swim team, Coffee Sunday, Teacher's Appreciation Luncheon, Shrove Tuesday, Health and Wellness days and Fun Food Fridays and continue to bring fresh Milk to our students daily.

Our **Parent Engagement Initiatives** is about getting our parents meeting one another and helping each other, building a strong school community while also learning about things to help safeguard our children. These included: Family Skate Night, Bingo Night and Internet Safety-Cyber Bullying Talk.

As a result of the CSAC delegations to the Board, we helped ensure that the **Second Parent Teacher Interview date be reinstated** and that revisions be made to **the draft Admissions and Placement Policies** to ensure students have the appropriate opportunities and choice in their secondary schools and programs.

Recommendations to this year's council were suggested for this school year, as a result of work initiated in 2013-2014:

- a. Consider a delegation to the Board to try to secure Air Conditioning for the school library and other "cooling" options (i.e. Blinds, operating windows) to help cool the school during hot days.
- b. Continue appropriate IT initiatives consistent with the Board IT initiatives.
- c. Increase Math focus and initiatives towards improving student achievement.
- d. Follow and input on Board Policies and decisions, where appropriate, i.e. Pupil Admission and Placement Policies.

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### **6. Proposed Constitutional Amendments (Angie Severino)**

There are 2 constitutional amendments.

- a. Executive Council: The chair may choose to have two co-chairs to replace the chair position for ease of administration. **AGM votes 43 yes, 0 opposed. Passed.**
- b. Nominations will not be accepted from the floor **Council votes 9 yes, 20 opposed. Not Passed.**

### **7. Resignation of 2013/2014 CSAC Council (Election Committee)**

Jennifer Pyz and Karen Loughlin Plut, Chair, Election Committee, chair the election process. The 2013/2014 CSAC Council resigns.

### **8. Election of New 2014/2015 CSAC Council (Election Committee)**

The election committee presents the submitted CSAC nomination forms. Jennifer and Karen asked the floor if anyone has been overlooked. They then ask if there are any nominations from the floor, 4 parents submit their nominations.

There are now **17 submissions for 20 CSAC Voting Member** positions. **Each member is acclaimed.**

**New members of 2014/2015 council:** Vince Arone, Daniela Balsamo, Marjorie Bridger, Michael Desira, Edward Filippozzi, Tanya Giaquinto, Celia Goncalves, Sandy Gravina, Adam Grnak, Nadia Houl, Anne Mishko, Angela Severino, Diane Sitarz, Lori Tenuta, Vito Vaccarelli, Phil Vokins, Jessie Ward. Administration leads: Mr. Pannozzo, Mrs. VanDinter. Teacher Reps: Ms Barone, Ms. Pires

#### **Election of Chair:**

Vince Arone nominates Angie Severino. Angie declines. Ed Filippozzi nominates Adam Grnak. Second by Phil Vokins, Adam accepts. No other nominations. Adam Grnak is acclaimed Chair.

#### **Election of Vice Chair**

Angela Severino nominates Vince Arone. Vince declines. Adam Grnak nominates Tanya Giaquinto. Second by Daniela Balsamo, Tanya accepts. No other nominations. Tanya Giaquinto is acclaimed Vice Chair.

#### **Treasurer:**

Phil Vokins nominates himself. No other nominations. Phil Vokins is acclaimed Treasurer.

#### **Secretary:**

Lori Tenuta nominates Sandy Gravina. Sandy accepts. No other nominations. Sandy Gravina is acclaimed Secretary.

### **9. Establishment of Council Meetings Dates (New Council Chair, Adam Grnak)**

As in past years, the monthly CSAC meetings will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month.

**October 15, 2014** will be the next CSAC meeting to determine chairs of subcommittees.

**Budget Subcommittee Chair:** Angie Severino brought it to council attention that the budget should be presented at the first meeting Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> therefore would need to have a subcommittee meeting prior to the 2<sup>nd</sup> CSAC meeting. Angie Severino voluntary to take on Subcommittee Chair position, council was in agreement. The Budget Subcommittee meeting is scheduled on **October 8, 2014.**

**Meeting adjourned 8:45PM.**