

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

Meeting Minutes from Wednesday, January 21, 2015

Attendees: PannoZZo, J (*Principal*), VanDinter K (*Vice-Principal*)
Grnak A (*Chair*), Giaquinto T (*Vice-Chair*), Gravina S (*Secretary*), Arone V, Balsamo D, Barone N, Berardi E, Bridger M, Desira M, DiBattista L, Filippozzi E, Goncalves C, Hoult N, Mishko A, Peri, V, Pires J, Pyz J, Ruso D, Severino A, Tenuta L, Tiefenbeck S, Vaccarelli V, Ward J

Regrets: Vokins P (*Treasurer*) (*authorized Adam Grnak as proxy*)

7:10pm Adam welcomed everyone to the fifth meeting of the year and invited Mr. PannoZZo to say opening prayer

Due to the passing of Phil Vokins' father, the financial report was deferred until the next meeting.

Chair's Report

The CSAC minutes of December 9, 2014 were approved by council and posted on website.

Coffee Sunday – hosted by CSAC and SGS after the 9am and 11am mass; congratulated Domenic as it was a fantastic event; Domenic advised council that Father John and Father Henry were touched with the turnout; thank you to all the volunteers and to Vince who did a lot behind the scenes; hoping to have a coffee Sunday around April.

HAT - Tanya: met this morning to discuss and review some of the events that were happening with HAT; hand washing has started; students went out to classrooms to talk about importance about hand washing; February will be focused on mental health; March is the big crunch – apples have been ordered; April will be Fun Food Fridays; there will be one fun food Friday for all the grades JK-8. On April 23rd, there will be a healthy eating presentation hoping to get someone a bit more famous to draw more people; discussion will tie in with Fun Food Friday.

Math Night– January 22, 6:30-8:15; 6:30 starts registration; we have about 65-70 kids participating with their parents; approximately 200 people expected to attend; always looking to get more volunteers.

Family Fun Skate - Nadia/Anne: it will be the 5th Annual Family Fun Skate on Sunday February 15 at the MasterCard Centre – Olympic Ice Pad 1 from 4:15-6:15pm; we will have hot chocolate and cookies; there is no one scheduled on the ice after us. Once we figure out numbers we will order everything; get forms out next week; upcoming event to be given to Mr. PannoZZo

Shrove Tuesday – February 17th; pancake breakfast; 2 pancakes per child; thinking about how we can organize that; letters of allergies and material used; start time will be 8:30 am and served after first recess to lunch; any expenses can put under council expenses;

CSAC did purchase Ms. Viera an ice machine; there were two sizes; we got the large 3L purchased at Canadian tire for \$179

Soccer Nets – deferred until ground thaws; committed to put in

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IT - Ms. VanDinter: Speakers have been ordered for the classrooms; we allocated \$5000 in budget to purchase more iPads and Notebooks however two Notebook carts are no longer coming; \$5000 to put towards two new carts so that Notebooks can start being used. \$2100/each; the Board had offered any schools to purchase refurbished carts; we filled out order forms but everyone wanted to keep carts and there were no carts to give out; 48 Notebooks were delivered but no carts; we have three carts that are being utilized by classrooms right now; organized by Ms. Barone; we need two more carts for the Notebooks; each cart houses 30 Notebooks; students are using the computers and loving it; Ms. Barone has educated the kids how to use them and going well.

Next Subcommittee Meeting - February 11th – Fundraising will meet to discuss dance-a-thon and the Cycle Yonge event that we will hold in May

Next CSAC meeting - February 25th

Next HAT meeting - February 25, 11:35am

Principal's Report

Full day registration was on January 10th; some glitches on computer system but worked itself out; we have 59 students with intention; 35 priority 1 – already here that they have siblings; 24 priority 2 – that live in catchment; we only have room for 45; plus we have 13 students out of area that are on waitlist.

“Welcome to Kindergarten” will be on May 13th at 6:30pm.

Chess Club - Successful start to chess club; started last Friday; 7:30-8:30am for grades 4-8 - we have 50 students that came out; 11:20-12:15 for grades 1-3 – we have 60 students; we will have six more Fridays; with two chess masters; we have a lot of grade 8s that helped out at lunch hour; we may need some parent volunteers if interested and it would be greatly appreciated.

Math Night – January 22nd - registration begins at 6:30 we will start at 7:00; outline nelson program; four activities for parents and students; we will give you a math activities book and manipulatives set.

PA Day – Friday, January 23, 2015

Virtue of the Month - assembly postponed to February 6.

Hockey Team - in full swing with a tournament on January 26th and 29th.

Reading club – Ms. Barone had many kids out today

February – African Canadian Heritage month commencing February 2nd with a guest speaker for grades 1-8.

April – FDK – presentation on earth week; a play that will come into the gym; funded by CSAC; we have allocated funds for those two events.

We have St. Michael's choir – February 3rd to come to test out boys in grades 2 and 3.

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Book fair commences February 9th.

First term report cards will go home on February 10th.

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on February 12th and February 13th.

Vice-Principal's Report

Safe School Plan Presentation by Ms. VanDinter

SGS is mandated to have this; focuses on a safe and healthy learning environment

Treasurer's Report

Deferred until next meeting in February.

Deposits – received cheques from Metro grant and Kidsentials; balance is just under \$28,000

Sub-Committee Reports

SPIRITWEAR – Tanya: Toques – we had about 50 people requesting toques and a bit more interested in the new year; already three more toque orders; we will do another order with Spiritwear; try to tie it in with parent/teacher interviews and extend it for a couple of weeks; working with outstanding orders with supplier but it will work out this week or next; also would like to pass on Spiritwear to someone else if anyone is willing to take it on

BRICKS update – Tanya: we met with Domenic the other day; updating forms taking into consideration the evaluation form; next step is to review forms and provide them to the students; recommendations is to meet with Grade 7 and 8 teachers to give info to fill out endorsement forms; reached out to Mr. Pannozzo and grade 8 teacher to set up in-service; one of the changes was to encourage being part of the Catholic environment; provide examples to students to help them fill out the forms; anybody interested in joining the committee; Fr. John, two people outside of the school and one CSAC member who cannot have a student in grade 7 or 8; trying to keep it transparent.

CSAC & Admissions and Placement for Secondary Schools

Initial meeting in December invited other CSACs from Wards 1 and Wards 2; Board has asked for more feedback from community by February 6; getting delegations from other CSACS; Board is looking at this on February 19th;

Tuesday January 27th – Admissions Policy Meeting

Pastoral Council

Fr. John to hire someone to run a children's choir for Sunday 9am mass; if children are interested to join choir at church speak to Domenic or Fr. John

8:30pm - meeting adjourned until February 25, 2015