

Meeting Minutes from Wednesday October 24, 2012

Attendees: Gabrielle Benedek, Arlene Martin, Anne Iwaszykiw, Fr. John Bertao, Adam Grnak, Tanya Giaquinto, Domenic Ruso, Alessia Ribeiro, Daniela Balsamo, Angela Severino, Nancy Donnaperma, Lori Tenuta, Lisette Santos, Andria Dametto, Lisa Chan, Karen Loughlin-Plut, Melanie Fernandez-Alvarez, Vito Vaccarelli, Maria Skinner, Luana Fanelli, Edward Filippozzi, Gina D’Alessandro, and Vince Arone.

Regrets: Nadine Lustri, Anne Mishko, Phil Vokins

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

Father John — one page outline has been prepared to detail the expectations for the upcoming sacraments. This information will be distributed to all students with the *November Newsletter* in the hopes that parents and students will understand 1) what is expected in preparation for the sacraments; 2) last minute registration will not be accepted this year; and 3) the church will not be accepting photocopied registration forms.

Budget Sub-Committee – Adam Grnak in Nadine Lustri’s absence

- 1) Presentation of the proposed budget, based on input received at the October 17, 2012 Budget Subcommittee Meeting.
- 2) **Revenues** — 5 main Fundraising initiatives for 2012-2013: **QSP** Fundraiser has raised \$13, 100 this year; **Pizza Lunch** is expected to raise \$9000; **Dance-A-Thon** is expected to raise \$10,000; a “**Marathon-type**” fundraiser is expected to raise \$10,000. This fundraiser will not involve parents running in the *Toronto Marathon* but rather the children and parents participating in the community running event held in our community. Details to be discussed at the upcoming Fundraising Sub-Committee Meeting (date TBD); and the **BBQ** Fundraiser is expected to bring in \$7,500.
- 3) The **Scientists in the School** budget has been increased from \$4,500 to \$9,000 to accommodate 2 sessions per class per year. This program has already begun.
- 4) **Teacher allocations** are \$150 per full-time equivalent. This year, teachers of split grades will be provided with an extra \$50 to cover any additional costs (extra monies for these 6 teachers were carried forward from last year). Teachers are to be advised that they have a **May deadline** to submit receipts and any funds not used will be re-allocated by CSAC.
- 5) The CSAC **Graduation Ceremonies** sub-committee has requested an increase of funds from \$1000 to \$1300 to include SK graduation.
- 6) **Classroom Literacy and Numeracy** is a new item. \$3,000 has been allocated in order to purchase items for the primary classrooms to improve literacy and numeracy.
- 7) **Drama and Presentations** will be dedicating the \$3,000 allocated to Music and Dance presentations in all grades. These presentations have already begun.
- 8) **Team Uniforms** – CSAC has become aware that many of the t-shirts the children are wearing to competitions such as Cross Country and Track date back to the 80s and many have been lost. \$500 has been allocated to supplement the purchase of new t-shirts.

- 9) **Swim Team** — \$1,000 has been granted to the swim team this year to help cover the cost of pool rental and subsidize the cost necessary per child to join.
- 10) **IT Renewal** — \$17,500 has been dedicated to improving the computers and paper technology within the school for all grades. Funds have been reallocated based on parent request. The sound system for the gym will be deferred for reconsideration until next year and the \$10,000 originally proposed re-allocated towards the current IT Renewal budget of \$7,500, bringing the total to \$17, 500.
- 11) Adam put forward a motion for CSAC to accept the “St Greg CSAC 2012-13 Budget Oct 24”. Motion to adopt — Dominic. Motioned seconded — Tanya. 0 opposed. Motion passed. The finalized budget will be posted on the website as soon as possible.

Other items

- 12) The **Milk Program** has put on hold this year: it will hopefully be restructured and brought back in 2013-2014. Parents are needed to organize the program, distribute milk, etc. Payment options need to be addressed as well.
- 13) **FunScript** raised less than \$1000 and was a lot of work for our parent volunteers and therefore CSAC has decided to not do it this year.
- 14) **Website** – Tanya Giaquinto & Alessia Ribeiro — The main goal of our new website is to improve communications between parents, students, administration and staff: a communication hub. We are currently creating a template with all the core information (the information that tends not to change from year to year – policies and procedures, general information about clubs and sports). After that, as the year progresses, we will begin adding things such as Cross Country meet results, Fundraising results, new initiatives, etc. Our plan is to launch the site in January on a trial, iron out the kinks this this year and be ready to go in September 2013. A draft site will be ready and presented at our November CSAC meeting. With the launch, we want to add the link to our site to EVERY email communication that is sent out to families so everyone begins to use it as a resource. More details to come at the *November CSAC Meeting*.

8:55 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, November 21, 2012. See you there!