

St Gregory Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC) Monthly Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes from Wednesday, April 22, 2015

Attendees: PannoZZo, J (*Principal*)
Grnak A (*Chair*), Giaquinto T (*Vice-Chair*), Gravina S (*Secretary*), Vokins P (*Treasurer*),
Arone V, Balsamo D, Barone N, Bridger M, Gentile O, Goncalves C, Lustrì N, Mishko A,
Peri V, Pires J, Pyz J, Ruso D, Severino A, Skinner M, Tenuta L, Vaccarelli V, Vennare G,
Ward J

Guest Attendee: Giambattista, C (*Senior Manager Finance, TCDSB*)

Regrets: Desira M (*authorized Sandy Gravina as proxy*)
Filipozzi E (*authorized Anne Mishko as proxy*)
Hoult N (*authorized Angela Severino as proxy*)

7:02pm Adam welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited Mr. PannoZZo to say opening prayer

Information Session/Q&A Regarding CSPC and School Bank Accounts

PowerPoint presentation made by Carmen Giambattista – Senior Manager Finance, TCDSB followed by a Q&A.

ARTucate (*Mr. Vennare*)

ARTucate is underway; final two weeks however there is a lot of work to be done; we want to make this a big event; the Superintendent and Trustee are attending; there will be diversified arts; break-up show in two parts – (1) as an exhibit of arts/crafts of all the classes, and (2) silent auction; this is our first year doing it; once the school community sees it, word will spread and every year it will get bigger and better; it will build student confidence in the arts and would be a great revenue builder to purchase art supplies, easels and create an art room; in today's society, more and more kids have many personalities and strengths in the arts and technology; it has opportunity; trying to get the musical talent; drama students will be performing that night.

Lori to contact Micah at St. Greg's Children's Liturgy if she can come over; SGS alumni to help do art with the kids.

Information on how to bring in art in on the website; hoping to get at least 100 pieces; a jewelry maker coming and will be selling jewelry, they just need to cover their cost and the rest will be donated to CSPC.

Primary classes will be painting a door; CSPC will be donating coffee/water.

Treasurer's Report (*Phil Vokins*)

Phil presented the financial statements; \$36,146 YTD Actual; Expenses (S.I.S) – cheques will appear in the April Statement; teacher allocations – three (3) left to pay

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Sub-Committees

Teacher Luncheon – (*Anne*) event went very well; Julie donated Italian food lunch that day; it was decorated quite a bit

Dance-A-Thon – we have the classroom winners and individual winners

Bingo Night – went smoothly; we had approximately 160 people in attendance

Grade 8/SK Graduation – (*Angie*) we have a lot of great suggestions;

Grade 8s

- following the clap out at 11am, the grade 8 grads will have lunch at the Old Mill and then come back for dance; mass and reception in evening
- Gifts – frame; BrightPics to offer a free photo and will probably have a photographer at dance and throughout the day
- Photobooth – trendy and fun
- Candy Bar – maybe
- DJ – has been booked
- Decorate for dance
- Reception punch, fruit and cake

SKs

- Giving them bubbles and putting a Dr. Seuss quote on bottle; cupcakes, juice boxes for kids and coffee for parents

BRICKS – (*Tanya*) deadline is May 1st; Foundation Builders – if someone has received it in the past they can be nominated again; there isn't anything that says you can't nominate the same person again; my thought and open for discussion; once you receive it, it shows contribution for two (2) years in a row; would like to see someone new get an award; nomination committee will take a couple of weeks to review and from there we will decide if we need two or three weeks more; I am just a moderator; I do no vote; we have two CSPC members who have requested to be on committee and one spot open

Nomination Evaluation Committee – Sylvia Kennedy, Olivio Faragatti, Mr. Pannozzo and Fr. John. Both Lori Tenuta and Michael Desira would like to be on committee. (*see below for Council Vote*)

Swim Team/Meet (*Jennifer Pyz*)

The TCDSB Swim Meet has been around since 1992; Next year St. Clement is hosting for a second time; putting it out for SGS to host; it would be a CSPC initiative; we would have to contact St. Clement to shadow them next year; there are a number of sub-committees that organize and run a meet; we would need people to shadow those sub-committees and we would have to start soon. We had a lot of people saying they were interested to volunteer

Next year's meet is April 2-3, 2016; it generates \$30,000-\$40,000

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At this time, Council had a ballot vote regarding the Nomination Evaluation Committee. Mr. Pannozzo tallied the ballots which included the above noted proxies.

Results: Nine (9) votes for Mike Desira and seven (7) votes for Lori Tenuta

Chair's Report (*Adam Grnak*)

H.A.T. – Fun Food Fridays – (*Tanya*) Angie did FFF last week and I will do grades 7 and 8 this Friday. It is going very well; trying yogurt with applesauce; well received; students are surprised how many sugar cubes are in a can of soda; the visuals are huge for the little ones.

Cycle Yonge – Entire school assembly on May 14th; Phil will bring a bike on stage and have a PowerPoint presentation; we might meet classroom-by-classroom; open up school on June 6th and have water stations; have a close out assembly by June 23rd.

BBQ Fun Night – will be on June 4th; we are going to have a pavilion for bike repair; Toronto Police Service will set up a road safety course; information will not be rolled out until ARTucate is done.

Principal's Report (*Mr. Pannozzo*)

We had two (2) drama presentations this week; FDK-grade 3 watched IVY Green which teaches to be stewards of the forest and recycling; grades 4-6 watched Loki's Big Dream, a story about how special people can inspire our dreams to become reality; kids enjoyed both of the plays and appreciate CSPC for fundraising.

School Clean-Up Day – Was on April 17th and many classes were involved.

Fun Food Fridays – We have received good feedback.

Book Club – was held every Wednesday; culmination of book club and breakfast; fantastic group of grades 4-8; today they were excited and were toasting the book club; thank you to CSPC again for this initiative; Eric Walters will be coming in May to visit.

Teacher Appreciation Lunch – Thank you to CSPC.

SGS Ice Hockey – team won City Championship

Girls Hockey Team - played in a tournament this week and have another one next week.

Volleyball – Teams went to Regionals last week.

W5H – Came in 2nd place

Assessments – coming up for Grade 6 – May 30th and grade 3 – June 1-3

Budget – We have 20% left in our budget; saving money to buy consumables; probably order in the middle of May for September; we will be topping up on textbooks

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Health and Safety – we had two (2) lockdown practices and have had three (3) fire drills; we will be having three (3) more before school ends.

Vice-Principal's Report (*Ms. VanDinter*)

Deferred to next meeting

Pastoral Council (*Domenic*)

Family Faith has wrapped up; communion/confirmation preparations are under way; we will post ARTcutate in the Church bulletin.

Next Subcommittee Meeting – May 6th

Next CSAC meeting - May 20th

9:15pm - meeting adjourned until May 20, 2015