

St. John Catholic School Advisory Council Meeting Draft Minutes

Thursday January 11, 7:00 p.m.
Eunice Miller Library, St. John Catholic School

CSAC Members Present: *Amanda Taplin Milberry, Ian Campbell, Tom Horn, MJ Desousa, Greg Scian, Kristen Evans, Doug Black, Dianne Ryan, Sharon McLaughlin, Greg Dolenc, Sylvia Pawley, Michael Hanrahan, Anne Marie Campbell, Marg Pafford.*

Community Members Present: *Dana MacIsaac, Allyson Panskep, Linn Baran, Maria Jordan, Joan Bazinet, Susan Howatt, Sandra Hickey, Deborah McNorgan Lackey, Margie Buttignol.*

Opening prayer

Dr. Margie Buttignol

Welcome and Adoption of Agenda

Ian Campbell

Review of October 18 and November 14 Minutes

Ian Campbell

- Motion to adopt October 18 minutes (Tom Horn, Doug Black), passed.
- Motion to adopt November 14 minutes (Michael Hanrahan, Greg Dolenc), passed.

Financial Report

Doug Black

- Thanks to the dance-a-thon revenues (\$10000, yay!) the budget is on track so far.
- We received a Board grant of \$500 for parent involvement; this will be additional revenue.
- Swim team – many fees have been collected and they will be deposited shortly. Any questions?
- Request for funding from Ms. Casey for a program on rocks. Amateur geologists come in and talk about rocks. The cost is 250 per class. They will charge kids \$2 or \$3 each, so the request is for \$120. Will this fit into the budget? We have budgeted \$4000 for presentations to children. \$3000 is being used for scientist in the school so \$120 should be okay for the rock talks.
- Request for funding from Mr. Racioppo. Mr. Racioppo has a caretaker budget of \$4000/year. Right now there is a paper towel crisis. We use approximately 50 cases, which is way more than the budget allows. They are used for special events, muffin days, pizza days, crafts, etc. The request is for \$400. Mr. Racioppo was not sure if this is appropriate or not but we thought we'd ask. Q: Could this possibly be donated? We're not sure. Paper towels and custodian cleaning supplies separate from school budget. Mr. Racioppo is threatening to lock the paper towel cases; they are very scarce. What about the principal's discretionary fund, or classroom materials? Teachers usually end up spending more than the allotted \$200 for classroom materials. There is money left over from the Halloween dance, the family skate, and curriculum night. \$400 would cover 20 additional cases. Q: Are we setting a precedent? Will we need 30 cases next year? They are not wasted, they are scarce. Is there a surplus? Yes, \$6000. It's probably okay. Motion to approve (Greg Dolenc, Doug Black) passed. \$400 added as line item in the budget for paper towels.

Principal's Report

Paul Coady

- Mr. Coady was not well and was unable to attend.
- Are there any comments questions for Dr. Buttignol? Comment: Cancelling or shortening gym class is being threatened as a punishment for misbehaviour. This will be addressed.

Other Business

- **Dance-a-thon**
Sharon McLaughlin
- The dance-a-thon worked out great. The company that organized it was great; student had a great time and really enjoyed themselves. What about next year? We're looking for feedback from staff and

parents, good or bad. Some missed the walk-a-thon but there was trouble getting volunteers, the amount raised was dwindling, it was nice to have a change. From a planning perspective we'd like to get feedback. This year we raised 3000 more with fewer volunteers.

- **'Oh My, We Have Homework!'**
Academic Affairs Committee/Tom Horn
-Tips, tactics, resources and responsibilities for parents with children in Grades 1-3
 - This was postponed until February.

Committee Reports

- **St John Parish Report**
Johanna Carlo sent notes to be read
St John's Parish will be sending volunteers to help with St. Aidan's Out of the Cold program.
- **Corpus Christi Parish Report**
Anne Marie Campbell
 - Fr. Henry is on holiday; Fr. Anthony Victoria is visiting the parish.
 - The youth group raised \$908 during their Bake sale and Can Stage Raffle. This will be used for future youth projects and preparations for World Youth Day 2008.
 - The Youth Group meets on the 3rd Sunday of each month after the 11am mass.
 - The social ministries are still either on hold or redirected due to the church hall renovations.
 - There was an open house the weekend of Dec 16/17 for parishioners to review the progress of the church hall renovations and the installation of the new boiler. The new chimney liner was installed at a cost of \$13 621. Six pieces of equipment have been sponsored.
 - The Capital Campaign Year Ending Dec 29, 2006: Campaign Goal \$425 000; Pledges/Donations \$161896; Deficit \$263.104.
 - The envelopes for 2007 are not available in the vestibule of the church.
 - Holy Hour and Benediction every first Friday of the month at 7pm in the Church. The next one is February 2.
 - New Altar Servers, Youth Group Members and Children's Choir Members are always welcome. Please contact Valerie at the rectory office, 416.694.0382.
- **Safe Schools Committee – First Aid Training**
Sylvia Pawley
 - We'd like to organize first aid training for the St. John community; for staff, parents and students. The cost would be approximately \$30 but \$5 could be given back to CSAC. There are different courses for students, parents, school staff/day care staff and monitors. It can be organized fairly quickly. Could CSAC pay for training for the monitors? There are about 15 monitors. Motion to approve up to \$450 for first aid training for the lunch monitors (Greg Dolenc, Tom Horn), passed.
- **Communications Committee Report**
Dianne Ryan
 - -Newsletter costs; Pub Night II
 - The newsletter started last May, and in the beginning we didn't want to incur any costs. It was introduced to improve communications and it has gone over very well. Each month has been sponsored by parent. Now that it's off the ground and it has proved itself can CSAC pay for it? The cost is about \$125 per month. We can use parent involvement money to cover the rest of this year. Next year it could be included in the budget. People can still sponsor it.
 - Pub night II. We'd like to organize another pub night for February 28th at Fitzgerald's. Parents and staff are welcome. Each person will get a drink ticket and pub food.

Closing prayer

Dr. Margie Buttignol

***** All St. John parents are invited to attend this meeting.***

*****Complimentary childcare will be provided for school aged children of parents attending this meeting.***