

St. Anselm
Safe Schools Action Team
Minutes of Meeting held on June 13, 2007

In Attendance:

Ms. Santo
Mrs. Whyte
Mrs. Bright
Mrs. Gazzola
Ms. McMahon
Jill Scandiffio
Michael Puopolo
Mrs. McColgan
Mrs. Skentzos
Mrs. Blanchet

Comments on minutes:

Approved: Santo
Seconded: Mrs. Gazzola

Garden: work out a plan to have teachers observe students in the garden (use it for playtime).

Handbook: Working towards revisions and amendments. Letter to parents (send in agenda) remains same. CSAC will continue the procedures of previous years.

Student Dress Code: Bold and Italics are changes. Ms. Santo noted the additions and subtractions from the previous Agenda comments.

Valuables: Again, Ms. Santo noted the changes to be accepted or rejected by the members present.

Teacher can ask parents to pick up valuables – any staff member can call the parents and the rule is for ALL students JK to Gr.8.

Mrs. McColgan asked that parents are notified first and asked to pick it up at their convenience.

Discussion regarding the use of “should” or “must” when discussing students bringing valuables to school.

McColgan: Would like it to be clearly stated: valuables are not permitted on school property: this includes: If brought to school, confiscated and contact parent etc. etc. Special arrangements contact principal directly.

Ms. Santo explains situations where some students must bring a cell phone.
Mrs. Gazzola: Put cell phones separately.

Should we ban cell phones? Maybe take it from the original letter sent to parents, no cell phone use on school trips. Enter the cell phone line ON ITS OWN in the agenda comments.

Regarding jewellery – should we take that off the list (children do wear jewellery). It's a bit of a stretch to BAN jewellery. As long as it is made clear that the school is not responsible. Big jewellery is dangerous in gym and DPA.

Keep SHOULD NOT but make cell phone as a separate sentence.

Discussion regarding behaviours and responsible solution forms. Community service was discussed at the meeting last week regarding behaviour consequence. It is difficult to accept that community service, which should be a joy to give to others, as a consequence, it would inappropriate.

Maybe property damage or intention to hurt or change, maybe then community service should be applied. However if student were to help to clean it up then it might teach a lesson.

Maybe let the consequence fit the crime.

What about people who DO NOT understand after THREE pink slips.

If the punishment is given during ONE term, then the next term is a fresh start.

Banished from team,
Exclusion from trip, playday.

Vandalism: Defiant behaviour. Let's add VANDALISM (under disruptive behaviour).

Community Service: repairs to i.e. property, premises, cleaning up a mess.
Communication with parent.

Sports outings and field trips. Behaviour on premises – what if, students on volleyball team, soccer team. If school misrepresented – could consequence be that they do not make the next team. Should they be withdrawn or considered that they DO NOT attend another team outing.

If we have a new set of rules for TEAMS then they are not part of team. Withdrawal of privilege means they cannot come to the next team.

Tardiness: Handing in late work – what if they aren't doing their work at all. That could be an academic problem and should be brought to SBST. It is a behaviour? If it is then

it would be dealt with through SBST, but it is behavioural or academic. So problem will be dealt with regardless.

HAT:

We've done this for a few years. Health Action Team. Often as a staff we discuss things that are important – HEALTHY SCHOOL. We had a goal to improve the fitness and health and spread of germs.

Last two years, DPA, and fitness. Two Student nurses to do practicum. They linked with staff to discuss issues. They taught anti-smoking and circulatory system. \$500.00 grant and we used it for Fruity Fridays. Mention Mr. Russo's connection to Fiesta Farms. Stretched out quite far.

Safe School Template

It was suggested that Mrs. Whyte and Ms. Santo work on the safe school templates with all the information that we have thus far and bring a draft copy to our first meeting so that we can discuss it as a team. Everyone agreed that it was a good idea and then we chose our next meeting:

First Wednesday in October.