

## CSPC MINUTES-FEBRUARY 1, 2017.

ATTENDANTS: Mike Gentile, Bela Araujo, Lucy DaSilva, Vesna Klaric, Nicole Arsenault, Cori Stadler, Susanne Burr, Jacqueline Engel.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: In the minutes from last month, I had stated that the treasurer had not provided us with a report. Bela Araujo insists that the numbers she provided us with did constitute a report, although, most certainly not a detailed one.

At Bela's request, Nicole brought forth the motion to alter my previous statement, Cori and Susanne, seconded the motion.

NEW BUSINESS: Cori Stadler had a few things that she wanted to discuss. They were as follows: Are parents volunteers able to assist in coaching teams etc.? And, are parents permitted to organize programs with the children without the presence of a teacher? Mrs. Ambrose is going to speak with the teachers to get their input, as well as to ask the Board what the legalities associated with this would be.

Are there any plans to proceed with the idea of a talent show, which we had previously discussed? We are not sure!

Farhad, our Subway supplier, has asked that we advertise his catering services to our parent community. The school would receive a 10% kick back for every order.

On February 13, 2017, Cori and her husband Chris will provide a CPR choking presentation. It will be a lesson in choking awareness for lunchtime monitors presented during lunch recess.

Mike Gentile was concerned about the stairs leading down into the play yard. He was under the impression that they were icy, however, Nicole assured him that they are taken care of in an appropriate manner.

He also mentioned that perhaps our caretaker could clear the snow, and salt the area prior to 3:00, when all of the parents arrive. Mrs. Ambrose agreed and will speak to our caretaker.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Mrs. Ambrose paid for the buses to the Courtwright Centre and through her block budget, providing us with a tax savings.

Madame's presentation was quite a success. \$500 from the French Dept. was deposited into the block account, and another \$1000 will be reimbursed in June, when Madame's grant money is available. Until then, the CSPC will deposit \$1000 into the block account to cover the cost of the presentation.

The Haza presentation was enjoyed by all, however, Susan Burr is worried that perhaps not all of the students had an equal opportunity to partake in the drumming experience. She was hoping that Mr. Amadei would provide the children with some drumming opportunities during their music time as an extension of the Haza experience.

As Mrs. Ambrose was highlighting all of the events on our busy February calendar, Cori suggested that it would be helpful if the school was to mark the sports try out dates on the calendars. Mrs. Ambrose agreed! After a lengthy discussion about our kiss'n'ride/parking issues, it was decided that Mrs. Ambrose needs to call Officer Rich, and ask him to come to the school, or to send one of his associates to issue tickets to the parents who refuse to follow the rules. We will also see, if perhaps Officer Rich could possibly come to our Multicultural Night event and address the parents directly?

On a more positive note, Mrs. Ambrose has been approached by a Martial Arts Teacher who would like to offer Mother Cabrini the opportunity to participate in a martial arts after school program. Nicole and Cori will meet with him, and, hopefully, he will agree to sponsor a booth at our Fun Fair, where he can introduce himself to the parents, and outline his program. If we have enough parent interest, we would like to begin the classes in September.

Mrs. DaSilva, our teacher representative for this evening, inquired, on Mrs. DeBraga's behalf, as to whether or not Shrove Tuesday would be

celebrated with a pancake breakfast. Of course, the answer was yes! The children will be served in the gymnasium.

It was also announced that all of the children will have an opportunity to participate in the Valentine's Day Dance. The teachers were thinking of charging a \$2 admission to the dance. Jacqueline Engel suggested that perhaps we could have a bake sale on the same day. We could, therefore, waive the entrance fee, which most children will not pay anyway, and, instead set up in the hallway outside the dance, so that the children can purchase treats as they leave the area. Jacqueline also offered to come in and help the Me2We team set up the decorations, as well as to organize the bake sale. The teachers will need to discuss this and let us know their decision no later than Friday.

TCDSB Workplace Harassment and Discrimination Video- As I stated in the January minutes, the Board asked Mrs. Ambrose to show the CSPC members this video. We watched the presentation, and followed up with a discussion.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Our treasurer has informed us that cheques are being requested without invoices. No cheque will be issued without an invoice!

Opening balance, Feb.1, 2016.	\$9589.92
Total outstanding commitments.	\$11,04.00
Overpayment QSP.	\$1,658.00
Balance.	\$208.65

This total does not include our pizza money for the month of January.

**CSPC COMMUNITY UPDATE:** February 3-Ski Day

February 6-Knights of Columbus Free Throw

February 8-Swim Team Practice, School Mass

February 10-Multicultural Night

February 14-Valentine's Dance for all grades.

February 14-Book Fair Preview for the kids.  
February 15-Book Fair, all day and evening.  
February 16-Book Fair, half day.  
February 28-Shrove Tuesday

PARISH REPORT: Vesna Klaric mentioned that she finds it concerning that we do not have any Church representation at our meetings. She questioned whether an effort had been made to include Father Michael in our monthly meetings. Jacqueline Engel reported that Mrs. DiVittorio invited Father to all of our meetings for the past five years, and he only came to one.

Mrs. Ambrose said that she would reach out to him.

OTHER BUSINESS: Susanne Burr informed us that this may be the last year that her husband, John Hourihan is able to reach out to his friends at Sheridan Nurseries to provide us with the lilies and poinsettias for our Christmas and Easter fundraising initiatives. She also suggested that we raise the price of the lilies this spring. It was agreed that we will charge \$8 for the Easter lilies.

Vesna wanted to revisit the issue of the “memory books”, which was rejected at the last meeting. She thought that we may not have understood what she had asked Cori to explain to us, so, she brought one for us to see. She has decided that she wants to set up a table at Multicultural Night and try to sell some. The cost of the book is \$25.00, \$5.00/book is given to our school.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:11 p.m.