

CSPC MINUTES- Wednesday May 3, 2017.

ATTENDANTS: Nick Giovanelli, Mike Gentile, Sonja Babic, Cori Stadler, Susanne Burr, Cori Stadler, Sherryann Ambrose, Bela Araujo, Gina Ricci, Jacqueline Engel.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Sonja Babic, Gina Ricci.

NEW BUSINESS: Susanne asked if it would be possible for the school to allocate a portion of the money raised by Me2We toward our own school initiatives, rather than donating all of it to the various charitable organizations. Mrs. Ambrose said that she already takes a percentage of the money raised on dress down days to put towards the school's petty cash!

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Unlike most schools', we do not have a designated teacher representative. Instead, most of our teachers take turns attending our meetings. This week, we did not have a teacher representative in attendance.

Mrs. Ambrose requested, as she has previously, that we conclude our meetings before 9:00 p.m., as our caretaker needs to go to work at Nativity. Chris questioned whether or not Mrs. Ambrose could lock up the school? She agreed that she could do so, although, that is not normal procedure.

Volunteer appreciation day had a very poor attendance.

Catholic Education Week- Lauren and Shannon from grade seven were chosen to take their presentation to the Board.

The grade 8 graduation has been scheduled for June 22, 2017. This year, it was decided that there will be a mass at 10:30 a.m., followed by some awards at the Church. The students will then be driven by parent volunteers to their luncheon at the Vue Restaurant. The dance and the evening ceremony at Michael Power have been cancelled!

Centennial Park Retirement home has contacted the school, thankful for the lilies and poinsettias that were donated.

Track & Field and soccer are underway. EQAO and CAT4 tests coming up!

TREASURER'S REPORT: All of the actual numbers were not available to us at the meeting as Mrs. Arandia had some photocopy issues. Chris did, however, provide

Nick and myself with a full report a few days after the meeting, which I am sure he will email to anyone who is interested.

Below are the numbers that were verbally given to us:

Balance in bank: \$7890.71 , remaining expenses: \$5276.00 + \$2000 rollover.

Fundraising total to date: \$9301.95

Subway: \$229.39 outstanding.

Fun Day expenses thus far total \$709.75. Photo booth and food expenses pending.

Fun Day money and French Cooking Class money will be returned as of June.

Aboriginal Presentation came in \$246.00 over budget.

Mrs. Swastek says she does not need \$50 of her Kindergarten Celebration budget.

Since the evening portion of the grade 8 graduation has been cancelled, we now have an extra \$375 that needs to be allocated. Susan suggested, and many agreed that a portion of this money should be used towards the Confirmation Luncheon. I pointed out that in the past, when I have tried to use leftover funds from one event to supplement another, I have run into a great deal of resistance. It was said that whatever was agreed upon in October is how it remains? Most people seemed to disagree with this, but due to the somewhat rushed nature of the meeting, this was not actually voted upon.

CSPC COMMUNITY UPDATE:

It has been decided that due to lack of revenue, we will no longer offer Subway lunch to our students. Instead, we will offer a second pizza lunch each month. While the pizza vs. Subway discussion was underway, Mike questioned whether or not cookies, juice &/or frozen yogurt should be an option for the children. It was generally agreed that these are only options, and that parents should be allowed to make the choice. It was then discovered that what some of us thought was frozen yogurt being served, is actually ice cream. No one seems to know exactly when this change was made, or who made this decision? Cori believes it was Mrs. DiVittorio who made this decision, and questioned why we did not notice that on the order form it clearly says "Chapmans ice-cream." Obviously, some of us did not pay attention to the form, that is our fault.

Bela questioned how many meetings a CSPC member is allowed to miss before they lose their right to vote. After checking the bylaws, Cori said three. It use to be two, I don't know when this was changed? It was not discussed or voted upon. According to my minutes two of our members have missed three or more consecutive meetings? I questioned why our bylaws are not being enforced?

Nick has taken on the task of looking into some potential Pro Grant opportunities for the upcoming school year. Normally, we have only had one speaker per year, however, Nick is suggesting that we schedule two events per year, (Nov. & Apr.). He is also recommending that we do more than just book a speaker, but, that we actually encourage feedback from the teachers and parents through the use of surveys and questionnaires, as well as to schedule parent knowledge sharing groups.

The First Communion Luncheon- May 15, 2017.

Confirmation Luncheon- June 5, 2017.

Michael Power Math Dept. Head visits May 10 & 11.

Pioneer Camp- May 17-19.

Experience the Power- May 26- Grade 7's visit Michael Power to be introduced to grade 8 math curriculum.

Fun Day- As I mentioned in our last minutes, I did not understand when it was decided that each child would be charged \$5 for a bracelet, that will allow them to participate in the fun, so I once again brought up this point. According to Cori, Gina and Mike, it was decided by, I believe, the three of them at the fun day meeting! I still questioned why three members of the CSPC took it upon themselves to make a decision that directly affects our entire student body without consulting with the rest of the CSPC? Cori did not understand why I had not mentioned my concerns at the April meeting. Good point, I should have brought forth my concerns immediately. Also, according to Cori and Sonja, they were under the impression that once a sub committee is formed, they make all of the decisions. I pointed out that not only was this not discussed, but, that I was not included in the email announcing the meeting that initiated the sub

committee, however, it would seem that everyone else on the CSPC received this communication.

Cori has rented two bouncy castles thus far, at a cost of \$709.50, and, the remainder of her \$2000 CSPC loan will go towards a photo booth, and, of course, the food for the BBQ, along with whatever other supplies are needed.

PARISH INFORMATION: None

ADJOURNED: 9:00 p.m.