

St. Anselm School Council Advisory Meeting CSPC MINUTES

Date & Time of Meeting

Sept. 16, 2015

6:30pm – 8:30pm

ATTENDEES:

Bronwyn Gray, Annie O’Leary, Amy DeMelo, Courtney O’Leary, Len Corkery, Ryan Edwards, Rodolfo Lucero, Stephanie Woloviec, Mr. Walo, Maria Wilson, Tricia Berry, Alyssa Macedo, Juie Hoffman, Dominique Jabbour-Bar, Mrs. Connally, Mrs. Napoli, Ms. Dalla Guistini, Eric Haywood, Michelle Koscec, Frank Spizzirri, Sophia Moore, Blaise Alleyne, Catherine Maughan, David Tyrell, Nicki Flowerday, Amy Lavalle, Cathy Ferguson, Bernardo Blum

***Note: Catholic School Advisory Committee (CSPC) is now called Catholic School Parent Committee (CSPC)*

PART 1: AGM

1.) WELCOME & PRAYER

- Mr. Walo welcomed parents and opening prayers were said by some of the teaching staff.

2.) ANNUAL REPORT OF CSPC FROM LAST YEAR (Len Corkery)

Mr. Corkery reviewed some of the key topics and new advancements made last year, such as:

- Key topics to be addressed included over-enrolment and the FDK yard
 - Over-enrolment was addressed by forming a new classroom from the library, but we may need to continue to discuss this issue
- Lots of new additions across different areas of the school
 - Technology – i.e. new equipment/devices in classrooms
 - Academics – Support to programs like JUMP math, STEM program, French resources, library books, Forest of Reading, Author visit, Harbourfront reading festival, etc.
 - Athletics –equipment, tournament fees, clothing, etc.
 - Celebrations and special events
- Legacy items – Long term investments, such as basketball nets, fans, library shelving, etc.

****See full list in the CSPC annual report****

3.) ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (Rodolfo Lucero)

- CSPC met its budget last year
- Fundraising
 - Spring fundraiser exceeded expectations
 - Family Fee campaign came in under budget
 - Very generous donation of \$10K from a local family
- Angel fund will increase and continue to assist families in need to purchase items like winter clothing
- Items from 2014/2015 that exceeded budget include:
 - Transportation - largely due to the great performance of our teams!
 - Grade 8 graduation
 - Welcome back BBQ

4.) ELECTION OF THE NEW CSPC MEMBERS

- What is CSPC?
CSPC consists of parents who act as advisors to assist in communicating issues, suggestions and feedback from the parents to the school, and vice versa.

- Elections were held, resulting in the following committee for 2015/2016:
 Chair Annie O’Leary
 Vice Chair Bronwyn Gray
 Treasurers Rodolfo Lucero & Sophia Moore
 Secretary Maria Wilson
 Parent reps – Ryan Edwards (FDK), Amy DeMelo (Grade 1), Bernardo Blum (Grade 2), Courtney O’Leary (Grade 3), Stephanie Wolowiec (Grade 4), Sophia Moore (Grade 5), Amy Lavalley (Grade 6), Leila Harwood (Grade 7), Frank Spizzirri (Grade 8)

PART 2: First CSPC Meeting for the 2015/2016 year

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT (Mr. Walo)

- Big thanks to CSPC for their efforts last year, in particular to Mr. Corkery who is stepping down as Chair after a number of years serving as Chair
- FDK yard – huge success in building a new yard
 - Board found additional \$22K, Parent community raised \$23,186
 - Huge thanks to Ed Abdou for all of his efforts
- Enrolment
 - 385.5 students enrolled this year (Up from 368 last January)
 - Two classes are over capacity (both in primary), so changes may be coming
- Lunch Mom program very well received. Thus far 75 students have signed up.
- Welcome back BBQ / Curriculum night next Thursday from 5:30 to 7:30pm.
 - CSPC funding event (approx. \$3,000)
- Cross Country starts next week
 - Big thanks to Danielle McNeil for coordinating all of the volunteers and to the staff for running with the kids.
 - Order forms go home this week for uniforms
- Academics
 - Grades 5-8 will have access to STEM village again
 - Math also a key focus
- EQAO results delayed – due back in November
- Staffing – Happy to welcome Mrs. L’Abadie (FDK) and Mr. Era (French)
- Sacraments – There will be a Grade 7 and 8 Parent Information meeting for Confirmation on October 1st in the church proper at 7:30pm.
- Terry Fox Run on Sept 30th
 - Presentation on Sept 29th with a speaker from Terry Fox Assoc.
- School budget is \$28,872 (reduced from last year)

2015/2016 BUDGET (Rodolfo Lucero)

- Funding sources include:
 - Family Fee – Budget is \$21,000 this year, based on last year’s results
 - Pizza lunches switching to Pizza Nova
 - Spring fundraiser – budget is \$24,000
 - Curling night - budget is \$2,300
- Considerations in 2015/2016
 - Proposing more discretionary budget for teachers (\$500 per class)
 - Will continue to support JUMP math program, Scientists in the School, Engineering program, RAZ kids, increasing Angel Fund, Little Red Theatre,
 - Athletics – Budget increasing for transportation costs, new gym mats
 - Budget for \$2K for school beautification along the south side of the school

- Meeting follow-up: Mr. Lucero to look into the possibility of allowing EMTs for fundraising events
- **CSPC voted on and approved the 2015/2016 budget**

FUNDRAISING (Annie O'Leary)

- In order to continue to provide support for school events, equipment and learning materials, fundraising is a key consideration for CSPC. Fundraising sources include:
 - Family Fee (September/October) – details to be sent home next week
 - St. Anselm's Got Talent & silent auction (June)
 - Grants - parents are encouraged to apply or inform CSPC of opportunities
 - Social evenings – i.e. Curling night (Tentative date – Tuesday, November 21st)

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- Mrs. Tricia Berry's son was one of two children who won the "Kids Write 4 Kids" (KW4K) contest, a Canada-wide writing contest held last March.
- As a contest winner, his story was published as a book, and his school will share the net profits of all KW4K book sales in that calendar year. While the book can be purchased on Amazon.ca at a cost of \$15/book, Mrs. Berry has been able to arrange with the publisher a private print run for our school at a cost of \$900 for 400 books.
- Mrs. Berry approached CSPC to cover the cost, then suggested selling the books (for possibly \$5) at the book fair. All proceeds will go back into the school.
- **CSPC voted on and approved the motion to cover the cost of publishing 400 books**

NEXT MEETING DATE

Tentative meeting date was scheduled for November 3rd, 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm