

**St. Anselm**  
**School Council Advisory Meeting**

**MINUTES**

Date & Time of Meeting

Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014

6:30pm – 9:15pm

**ATTENDEES:** Bronwyn Gray, Len Corkery, Annie O’Leary, Macro Marchetta, Maria Terrana, Janessa Mazzuca, Debora Paiano, Stephanie Wolowiec, Odette Walker, Trish Berry, Barrig Hayward, Lynne Elliot, Nikki Flowerday, Phil Lavalley, Amy Lavalley, Monique MacFarlane, MacFarlane, Marolou Wight, Christiana Martine, Ayleen Mendez, Alyssa Macedo, Rodolfo Lucero, Lori DeSimone, Bonnie Phillips Brook, Amy DeMelo, Christine Taylor, Leila Harwood, Annie O’Leary, Daniel Garcia Morena, Tracy Gaffiny, Michelle Koszec, Ryan & Jennifer Edwards, Bella Tonon, Lorraine Lipscombe

**Part 1: Annual General Meeting**

**WELCOME & PRAYER**

Mr. Walo welcomed parents (who came in record breaking numbers!) and Mrs. Bright led our opening prayer.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF CSAC CHAIR**

Len Corkery kicked off the meeting to give parents an overview of the Annual Report and CSAC initiatives in 2013/2014.

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

- \$25K raised through Family Fee & Legacy Fund in 2013/2014.
- Capital project was the Learning Commons (\$25K funded by CSAC).
- There is a surplus of \$24K from 2013/2014.

**CSAC 2014/2015**

- Purpose: Give our time, experiences and funds to improve the education experience of our children, in concert with the administration and teachers.
- Members:
  - Chair: Len Corkery
  - Vice Chair: Bronwyn Gray
  - Treasurer: Rodolfo Lucero
  - Secretary: Annie O’Leary
  - Parent reps: Amy DeMelo, Leila Harwood, Christine Taylor, Ryan Edwards, Bernardo Blum, Ed Abdou, Stephanie Wolowiec, Frank Spizzirri, Christiana Martine,

## Part 2: Initial CSAC Meeting for 2014/2015

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a MOTION made by Len Corkery and SECONDED by Bronwyn Gray, the evening's agenda was approved.

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- *August renovations* – library painted, gym painted, hallways painted, flag post moved, new fence in kindergarten yard. School maintenance crew has been outstanding.
  - **Formal MOTION by Len Corkery to give them each \$25 gift cards – APPROVED**
- *School Wish List*
  - Basketball nets
  - Library furniture
  - Jump Math
  - FDK resources
- *EQAO results*
  - Grade 3: Goal last year was to hit 75% in Math– and we did it!  
84% in Math (Ont avg 67%), 94% in Writing (Ont avg 78%), 88% in Reading (Ont avg 70%)
  - Grade 6  
73% in Math (Ont avg 54%), 76% in Reading (Ont avg 79%), 75% in Writing (Ont avg 78%)
- *Parent Math Night*
  - Received PRO Grant for \$1,000 – money will go towards Math Night for parents.
  - John Mighton will speak to community about Math in Oct.
- *75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*
  - Friday, Sept 26<sup>th</sup> - Mass for parents & children at 1:00pm at Church – community invited
  - Saturday, Sept 27<sup>th</sup> - afternoon open house, BBQ, kids activities, jazz band, etc.
  - Dignitaries invited – Premier, MP, MPP, City Councillor, Trustee, Director of Education, Cardinal Collins.
  - **Looking for volunteers:** Asking local RE agents to sponsor band (\$500) or activities, ask ValuMart to donate BBQ items/drinks.
- *School Reorganization* – Why they happen and how St. A's was impacted
  - Current enrollment is 368 students (an increase of 69 since January)
    - 29 new students have transferred from other local schools
    - School capacity is 325 students - we're at 120% capacity
  - The board granted an additional teacher & now St. Anselm needs to find space for another classroom. After much discussion, Mr. Walo indicated that the most plausible solution may be a portable in the yard where the existing play structure is, but nothing is decided. Ideally the school board and CSAC would assist with rebuilding of play equipment in new location. (Discussion ongoing)

- *Boundary Update*
  - Per 1996 TCDSB Boundary Policy, St. Anselm School's fixed boundary is east of Bayview. However, a flex boundary has been traditionally used that has extended the boundary to Forman Avenue (in line with the Church catchment). This is reviewed annually.
- *Full Day Kindergarten*
  - Teachers have been doing an amazing job!
  - Will implement a committee to determine what needs to be done and how to get there (i.e. awning, playstructure, soft surface, etc.)
  - NEXT STEPS: Set up a separate FDK meeting to address concerns, plans, etc.
- *French program*
  - Mlle Napoli introduced herself and indicated that she would like to improve French resources (books, updated technology, materials based on updated curriculum).
  - To equip grades 3-8, it's about \$3,000 – included in 2014/2015 CSAC budget.

#### **RATIFICATION OF 2014 / 2015 CSAC BUDGET**

- Mr. Corkery reviewed 2014/2015 budget in detail
- In summary, CSAC has projected that it will raise \$67K through initiatives like Family Fee and Legacy fund. Total projected expenses are \$64K. Considering the carryover from 2013/2014 schoolyear, it would leave a total projected surplus of \$29K at the end of the 2014/2015 school year.
- **Formal MOTION by Len Corkery to ratify 2014/2015 Budget – APPROVED**

#### **AJOURNMENT**

- Meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm