

CSPC (Catholic School Parent Council) Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 30th, 2017, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Location: Miss Napoli's Room – Room 224

Attendees: Richard Walo, Angela Napoli, Rodolfo Lucero, Annie O'Leary, Bronwyn Gray, Sophia Moore, Amy DeMelo

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Mr. Walo welcomed parents and called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Student Council Reps led the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ON A MOTION made by Ms. O'Leary and SECONDED by Bronwyn Gray, the evening's Agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ON A MOTION made by Annie O'Leary and SECONDED by Rodolfo Lucero the Minutes from CSPC meeting held November 7, 2016 were approved.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT Rodolfo Lucero, Treasurer

See attached Appendix A: Budget vs Actual 2016 / 2017

Key Highlights:

- Family fee is wrapped up and target was met.
- Movie night – had one to date and will hopefully have one in March and one in April. Therefore will be short on target.
- Curling night - \$1100 deposit placed.
- PRO – Parents Reaching Out - grant received. This has been earmarked for the welcome back party.
- Echoage: Budget was \$2K and we are forecasting to receive \$3K.

CHAIR'S REPORT Annie O'Leary, Chair

See attached Appendix B: Chairs Notes.

Key Highlights:

- Supporting a local charity: CSPC is seeking a parent volunteer to head this request from a parent made at the September meeting. The volunteers would come up with a list of local charities the CSPC could support and ways to raise the funds with in the school.
- Pancake Day – to be held on February 28th. To be held at church. Volunteer email to be sent out shortly.

- Spring Fundraiser - This has been taken over by Leila. Parent volunteers will be needed to help organize the event.
- Curling night – has been booked for March 25th. Details are still being worked out but forms will be sent home soon.
- Echo age – Amy asked if Student Council would take on the task of promoting the use of Echo age for birthdays as the use of echo age has tapered off this month.
- Playground Initiative – No update from Chris as it was on hold while the boundary review was under way. Mr. Walo received an email from the Board today with approval to go ahead with the Playground initiatives.

STUDENT COUNCIL UPDATE

- Valentine Day Dance will be held - \$2 entry fee and snacks on sale. Mr. Walo asked whether CSPC would cover the cost of the DJ so that students do not have to pay an entry fee?
- A motion was made by Annie O’Leary that the CSPC cover the cost of the DJ (\$575). All were in favor.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT – See Appendix C

ADJOURNMENT

On a MOTION made by Annie O’Leary and SECONDED by Bronwyn Gray the Meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm

Appendix A: CSPC Statement of Operating Results

Appendix B: Chair's Notes

Charitable giving

One of our mandates this year is to find ways to give back to people and/or communities who are less fortunate. We haven't made progress in this area yet and feel it needs to be prioritized.

We are looking for a parent volunteer to lead this. It shouldn't be a huge undertaking - we'd like someone to look at various charities that are in need of support. We would want that person to make a recommendation on which charity/ies to support and the amount of funds.

Additionally, we're looking at ways we can work with the student council to promote charitable giving within our student population. One example is with Pancake Day. CSPC covers the cost for Pancake Day, but we suggested that students be asked to give a voluntary contribution that day (where possible). We would look to student council to make a recommendation on how the funds could be shared with a charity.

Spring Fundraiser

Leila Harwood is leading this very important fundraiser this year. She is in the process of finding items for the silent auction. If you have anything or have connections to anyone who works in retail and might have access to goods for the silent auction, please contact Leila. (toptiercakes@rogers.com)

Additionally, Leila will need the help of our parent community in order to run the event. Please get in touch with Leila if you can help in any way. This single day raises almost half of our annual CSPC budget - it's really important for our school;. (And a lot of fun!)

Curling night

We have a great group of parents who have volunteered to organize curling night, being led by Noemia Doody.

The rink is booked for Sat, March 25th, so mark your calendars and book your sitters! More detail to come.

ECHOage

We saw huge success with ECHOage last year, bringing in almost \$3,800 (and making birthday parties easier for parents everywhere)

2017 has been off to a slower start, so we'd like to remind parents of this fantastic initiative. The premise is that you send an ECHOage evite for your child's birthday and ask for a donation in lieu of a gift. With the funds raised, half goes to your child (i.e. generally you pick a larger gift like a bike, etc.) and the other half goes to the cause of your choice. St. Anselm is one of the options for charities.

First Aid Training

Rodolfo Lucero is coordinating to have some first Aid training for the school. There would be a component for students, where a paramedic would speak to students of different age groups and show them their truck and some of the tools to help kids become more familiar with their important work. There would also be a component for parents who could come to the school for proper First Aid/CPR training. (Likely for a nominal fee to cover the costs). More info to come!

Playground

Hot off the press, Mr. Walo shared that we have official approval to proceed with our playground revitalization project, effective Jan 30th. Chris Burkett leads this initiative and has already invested a significant amount of time to get the project started and approved. He will be in the process of getting the ball rolling again, now that the board has given the green light. There are some key components that will require help and involvement from our parent community. We will need to identify vendors for an RFP, review proposals, agree on an architect/vendor, identify costs, liaise with the Church, establish a fundraising group, etc. It will be a huge undertaking, but one that will impact ALL of the students at the school. More to come!

Appendix C: Principal's Report

I. ENROLMENT UPDATE

- To maintain only 2 FDK classes (without an SK/Grade 1 combined class) we can register 27 new JK/SKs, as we have 33 JKs. We have registered 22 students and have 5 spots remaining. Based on last year's numbers, we have 13 fewer JK/SK registrations than last January 25th (35 last year:22 this year)
- We have a total of 23 total spots available from JK-8 for families living in Priority #1 and Priority #2.
- If necessary, an SK/Grade 1 class could be created if more than 5 JK/SK Priority #1 and #2 NEW student registrations. Furthermore, an additional classroom would not be required as the numbers would shift up the model.
- As of January 25th, we have 5 spots remaining.

II. STAFFING UPDATE

- After a year of searching for a lunchtime supervisor, we have hired a NEW lunchtime supervisor. Her name is Maria Pacheco and she will be at St. Anselm from Monday-Friday. Ms. Pacheco will be situated in the Kindergarten area throughout the entire lunch hour
- A request for an additional Lunchtime Supervisor has been made to Human Resources

III. ROSARY APOSTOLATE PROGRAM

- NEW this year, we are excited to announce that we have partnered with the Rosary Apostolate in the School program.
- PROGRAM AIMS:

The Rosary Apostolate seeks to bring about a spiritual renewal in future generations through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Apostolate with the help of volunteers wishes to respond to the initiatives requested by the Pope and the Magisterium. It is the intention of the Rosary Apostolate with the assistance of volunteers to do this by making the children and youth feel that they are part of the Church through the increased awareness of

suggested themes that the Pope has asked to be reflected on as the volunteers of the Apostolate pray the Rosary. The Apostolate through its volunteers, wants to help the children and youth to feel that they belong to a greater family of God, namely, the Roman Catholic Church.

The Apostolate also wishes to promote devotion to Mary through the Rosary and the Act of Consecration to Mary. It is the wish of the Apostolate to inspire children and youth to love God with the love of Mary's heart by giving them the opportunity to experience God's presence in prayer and establishing a relationship with God and Mary

- If started at the beginning of the year, The Rosary Visitor will visit a school once a month for a total of eight visits within the academic year from October to April, concluding with a May Celebration in another location of the school. Duration of visits in the classroom differ according to grades:
JK and SK: 15 minutes
Grades 1-3: 20 minutes
Grades 4-8: 45 minutes
- First visit is on February 10th in the a.m. There will be 3 visits and a final celebration in May
- For more information visit www.rosaryapostolate.com

AGNES MCPHAIL SPEECH COMPETITION

- School Level competition is on February 7th. Judges at the school level competition included a Ryerson University Associate Professor, UofT Rotman School of Business Professor and a Retired English Teacher who taught at Leaside High.
- We hope to be back-to-back champions

HOCKEY UPDATE

- Thank you to CSPC for covering ice rental costs for the Hockey Team. It has assisted students in Grades 4-8
- The Junior Team recently competed at the UCC U-12 Tournament in January and had an amazing experience
- The Intermediate Team will be playing in the Marlies Meltdown Tournament at the MasterCard Center on February 10th and 11th and at the TCDSB Tournament in March

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEW SCHEDULING PROGRAM

- NEW this year: we will be using an online Parent Teacher Interview program for booking interviews
- The program centrally organizes the interview process
- Developed a few years ago by a few students from Northern High School. They now have over 250 schools using the program. A number of colleagues use the program and have reported that it was very well received by their communities and have been using the program for a number of years;
- Support is available to parents and the school
- Parents are provided with login information (an information form will be sent home and the site will go 'live' on Friday, February 10th at 10 a.m. Parents will receive immediate confirmation of their interview and will be able to book multiple interviews with teachers
- I am kindly requesting for this to be a line item and to have CSPC cover the cost. Normally the program is \$250, but, as we are late in the year, the total cost is \$100.
- For more information visit <https://parentinterview.com/>

OTHER NEWS

- We have applied for the TCDSB Outdoor Education Grant of \$1,500. The ministry of education provides boards with these funds for outdoor physical education activities. If our proposal is approved the monies will be forwarded to CSPC to offset costs associated with our Grade 1-8 skating program. We should hear back by the end of February whether the application was approved.

DRAFT