

CSPC (Catholic School Parent Council) Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 11th, 2017, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Location: Miss Napoli's Room – Room 224

Attendees: Richard Walo, Mrs. Bright, Rodolfo Lucero, Annie O'Leary, Bronwyn Gray, Sophia Moore, Amy DeMelo, Courtney O'Leary, Tom Teahen, Ryan Edwards, Caitlin Ryan, Lisa Van Run, Tricia Berry, Maria Wilson, Amy Tavallee, Leila Harwood, Liz Traynor, M. Matalone, Alyssa Macedo, Amit Bhagat, Dawn Smith, Ana Almeida, Nikki Flowerday,

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Mr. Walo welcomed parents and called the meeting to order at 6-30pm. Maria Wilson lead the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ON A MOTION made by Annie O'Leary and SECONDED by Bronwyn Gray the Minutes from CSPC meeting held March 20, 2017 were approved.

CHAIRS REPORT Annie O'Leary, Chair

1) Extracurricular Activities

Annie invited Amin to present his concern around dispersals. Amit lead a discussion around the need for implementation of a formal dispersal policy. The discussion was around finding a balance between extracurricular activities and dispersals and also cost of supply teacher.

Mr. Walo recommended that parents bring up the issue with the teachers first to understand why there are so many dispersals and try to find a resolution with the teacher. If there are still on-going issues then Mr. Walo can be involved to help with resolution.

Action: School to provide more information around when and why dispersals happen. Dispersal days to be included in the calendar.

Alysa requested that there be formal notice provided to parents that their class is being dispersed and a formal review of the dispersal procedure.

2) **Playground Committee**

Tom Teahen presented on the status of the project. The committee is moving along in advancing the project. They now have go ahead to discuss project with the Board given that boundary review is over. Plan is to have all in place by end of next school year so construction can take place in the summer of 2018.

Construction process – RFP has to go through the board and can only be done once all funding is available (200k-250k).

Board landscape architect is willing to offer her services to the school for free which will allow for the process to move along as plans will be needed for fundraising purposes and getting an understanding of cost.

Mr. Walo requested we have a meeting with Karen (Board Architect) and committee to give all ideas on the design prior to the start of the summer so something can be provided at the start of the next school year.

ANNUAL FINANACIAL REPORT Rodolfo Lucero, Treasurer

Key Highlights:

Items included in the budget which will no longer be taking place (hence cost savings to be realized):

- Enrichment fund (academics) – expecting that this won't be fully spent (funds teachers get to spend on classroom supplies)
- Scientist in the school – only 7 sessions occurred
- No online resources for Gr. 7 to 8 were purchased
- Gr. 7 & 8 did not attend any art performances as planned.

All other items in the budget are on plan.

Expectation of \$26K excess funds carry forward.

SWIM COMMITTEE UPDATE, Maria Wilson

St Anselm has committed to taking on the 2018 swim meet. Maria managed a team for 2017 and established that there will be a need for 200 volunteers for the 2018 Swim Meet. There are about 10 sub-committees which need a chair that need to be filled prior to the end of the month. If these are not filled then Maria

suggest that St. Anselm with draw from hosting the swim meet for 2018 and allow another school to do so.

The Swim Meet would be held in order to raise funds for the school playground and will need the participation of all parents. This is for the benefit of all children at the school as it is expected to raise \$60K towards the playground. It would be the only fundraiser for the year given the large manpower needed.

PRINCIPALS REPORT, Mr. Richard Walo

See attached Appendix A – Principals Report.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Appendix A: Principals Report

SCHOOL MODEL PROJECTION

- As of May 8th, we have 380 students registered for September 2017 – we currently have 395 students registered.
- Currently there are 56 children registered for Kindergarten with 4 spots remaining for FDK (28 in FDK/1, 28 in FDK/2)

STAFFING UPDATE

- Approaching the end of the staffing process.
- Teaching assignments are still being finalized – staffing model will be included in June's Newsletter
- A warm welcome to the following newly appointed Staff Members: Miss Wendy D'Souza (Primary Teacher), Mrs. Jennifer Edwards (Junior Teacher) and Miss Okolowsky (Kindergarten)
- There will be teachers transferring to other schools. This information will be included in June's Newsletter.

CASHLESS SCHOOLS

On April 19th, Trustees approved moving forward with implementing School Cash Suite.

- The implementation will be done in 5 phases.
- All elementary schools will be fully functional with School Cash Suite by February of 2018.
- All secondary schools will be fully functional with School Cash Suite by November 2017, in order to be ready to accept activity fees payments in early 2018.
- The order of implementation for all schools has been set but is still being finalized.
- Early next week the board will be sending out a list of all schools and which phase they will be in for implementation.
- Phase 1 is beginning shortly and will include Area 2 schools.
- More details will be sent to Area 2 schools soon.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Over the course of the year, we have participated in the following events: cross country (3 meets), intermediate volleyball - boys and girls, primary soccer - boys and girls, intermediate basketball - boys and girls, junior volleyball - boys and girls, junior basketball - boys and girls, W5H (3 meets) - junior and intermediate hockey (4 meets), swimming (early dismissal), chess, intermediate soccer- boys and girls, track and field and softball. My guess is 30 days in total. The total cost for coverage is approximately \$250/day. This would be a cost of \$7,500 (double for 2 teachers).
- There have been days throughout the year where we were unable to secure Occasional Teachers - in these situations, students had been dispersed.

PANCAKE TUESDAY

- Families generously donated \$200 which will be forwarded to the Angel Foundation for Learning

2017 PRO GRANT

- Application has been submitted. Topic: Healthy and Safe Internet Use
- Guest speaker to present to students and parents in the Fall 2017

BAMBOO BAY SUMMER CAMP

- Refer to brochure for summer camp opportunities

UPCOMING EVENTS IN JUNE

- 1) Invictus Games – Thank you to Mrs. O’Leary for putting us in touch with the people at the games. The presentation will be geared toward students in Grade 1-6 on June 8th. This is being provided to the students at no cost.
- 2) Earth Rangers – Program provided to students in K-6 on June 14th. Thank you to Mr. Watts for arranging to have Earth Rangers provide this presentation to our students, also for no cost.
- 3) Travelling Suitcase – will be visiting in June as well and will be presenting to students in K-6. We have been provided with a reduced rate \$400 (board subsidizes \$200). Because we have committed to this program, the company will be providing a free presentation to a school in a high priority neighbourhood.

THE CRITICAL ROLE OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY

- The Institute for Catholic Education (ICE) wants to hear from everyone in the TCDSB community about Catholic education in Ontario! “Renewing the Promise” is a dialogue to seek your input about Catholic education in Ontario.
- A special face to face consultation on “Renewing the Promise” will take place at the **May 2nd meeting of the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC) starting at 6:30 p.m.** at the Catholic Education Centre. We encourage you to attend as it will facilitate your participation in the on-line survey.
- You are invited to offer your ideas on-line through a special *Thought Exchange* website. Please log in at the link provided to complete the survey no later than **May 19, 2017: <http://signup.thotex.com/iceont/Pyv>**
- The ideas and comments you submit will provide important input for the fall Symposium of the Catholic community in November 2017. When the process is completed, results and analysis will be publically available and form the focus for Catholic Education Week 2018.
- Interested parents from CSPC are encouraged to nominate themselves to represent the TCDSB at the symposium in the Fall.