

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

Date & Time of Meeting

May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015

6:30pm – 8:30pm

**ATTENDEES:**

CSAC: Bronwyn Gray, Annie O’Leary, Len Corkery, Ed Abdou, Ryan Edwards, Rodolfo Lucero, Stephanie Woollies  
Mr. Walo, Mrs Bright, Maria Wilson, Daniel Garcia Morcino, Tricia Berry, Odette Walker

**1.) WELCOME & PRAYER**

- Mr. Walo welcomed parents and an opening prayer was said.

**2 & 3.) APPROVAL OF AGENDA & PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- On a motion made by Len Corkery and seconded by Bronwyn Gray, the evening’s agenda was approved.
- On a motion made by Len Corkery and seconded by Stephanie Woloviec, the previous CSAC session minutes were approved.

**4.) BUDGET UPDATE (Rodolfo Lucero)**

- St. Anselm’s has received a \$10K anonymous donation from a generous local family!
- Some adjustments to the budget:
  - We netted an extra \$1,000 from pizza day than planned
  - The curling evening generated \$700 less than projected
  - Mr. Walo ordered 17 fans for the classrooms at a cost of \$863
- We still anticipate a \$10K surplus at the end of the year
- A \$1,000 float was requested for Mrs. Bright to ensure pizza providers are paid promptly to avoid late payments while waiting for the money to be transferred from the school account. *On a motion made by Len Corkery and seconded by Rodolfo Lucero, a \$1,000 budget was approved.*

**5.) EVENTS**

- **End of year music event** (Bronwyn Gray)
  - As previously announced, the event is Fri, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in St. Anselm schoolyard
  - Each class is creating themed baskets, which will be auctioned - ticket books will go home with students soon.
- **Father’s Day picnic** (Len Corkery)
  - Permit has been booked for Bennington Heights park on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>
  - This is a great event for families to mix and mingle. (It’s not a fundraiser.)
- **Bowling night**
  - Booked for Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at Bowlerama (Thornclyffe Mall)

**6.) COMMITTEES UPDATES**

- **Primary School Playground** (Ed Abdou)
  - Parent feedback was taken into account and the following plan is proposed:
    - Half the yard to be turf with open space for running and playing.
    - The other half will have a rubberized play surface with storage units, planters, hopscotch mat, seating, a stage, art panels, etc.

- Projected cost: \$30K
- On a motion made by Len Corkery, seconded by Bronwyn Gray, CSAC approved a \$10K investment in the FDK yard, with the expectation that \$20K will be fundraised.

#### 7.) PIZZA PROVIDER (Ed Abdou)

- Request to switch from Pizza Pizza to Pizza Nova for safety concerns- Pizza Pizza cannot guarantee nut free food products.
- On a motion made by Len Corkery, seconded by Bronwyn Gray, it is confirmed that Pizza Nova will be the new Pizza provider. Mrs. Lam is aware of this and will help to organize for next year.

#### 9.) PRINCIPAL UPDATE

- Student enrolment
  - Projected enrolment for Sept 2015 is 385 (increase of 5 students from last year)
    - 40 students are leaving in June
    - 12 new students starting in grades 1-8, 33 new students in FDK
    - 3 families from St. Anselm catchment area and 1 family from the flex area have been advised that they cannot register due to over-enrolment.
- Welcome to Kindergarten was a success
  - 24 new students attended
  - Special thanks to staff who attended and helped to plan, and Mr. Abdou, who set up a table with info about kindergarten yard
- The school has made an application for a Pro Grant from the school board
  - Mr. Walo requested the grant to support our school awareness of mental health by bringing in a speaker on mental health during the Bell Let's Talk week.
  - This is aligned with the Ontario government's mental health strategy *Open Minds, Healthy Minds*, a 3-year plan to address issues related to mental health
- Track and Field
  - St. A's finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the DIVISIONAL meet on May 13<sup>th</sup> and 11 students advanced on to CITY finals – this is a St. Anselm record! Congrats to the athletes!
  - Planning a St. Anselm Track And Field Day next year to encourage students to participate and involve everyone. Possible location is Leaside Highschool.
  - 30 new jerseys were recently purchased through the CSAC budget. Next year, students will have the option of purchasing if they want to have the jersey as a keepsake.
- Staffing updates
  - The June newsletter will announce the tentative model for September
  - Presently Mr. Walo is interviewing for one .50 kindergarten position for 2015/2016
- September expenditures
  - The school is going to purchase the agendas and Nelson math books again.
  - CSAC will be asked to fund Jump Math 1 & 2 for grades 1-8 (\$5,000).
  - Curriculum/BBQ night is planned for Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>. Costs will be covered from the CSAC budget and we will be using Harvey's burgers, which is a switch from M&Ms.
  - Welcome back breakfast is booked for Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 10:30am. Both parents and staff will attend. This will be paid for by CSAC (\$500).
- Spirit wear
  - Committee being started by a parent (Annie O'Leary) to source a vendor to offer school uniforms and spirit wear for students. Other volunteers welcome.
  - Once a vendor is selected, information will be sent to parents and we will ask the vendor to attend events (like Curriculum night) to show parents products and sizing
- 2015/2016 CSAC elections
  - Elections will happen on Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. Info will be sent in early Sept.

- Gardening committee
  - Big thanks to the Gardening committee! Looks beautiful!
  - Committee is led by Mrs. Houston & Mr. Hayward and includes Mrs. Spizzirri, Mrs. Louisianan, Mr. Corkery and Mrs. Popolus. More volunteers welcome!
  - CSAC funded the project (\$800)
- Music extravaganza
  - Students will start preparing in early June.
  - Harvey's to provide burgers. Peter Arminius from Harvey's has generously offered to give 10% of the burger sales back to the school.
  - Student council have asked for a space to have dishes set up from different cultures – great opportunity to celebrate our diversity. Money raised will go towards next year's student council.
- Montreal trip
  - Students had a great time and represented the school very well.
  - The school plans to do this again next year, based on this year's overwhelming success.
- EQAO
  - Students preparing for EQAO, which will happen next week and the week of June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Blue Jays game on Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>
  - Cost will be \$20/student for ticket and transportation. The school will provide options for students to return by the end of the school day OR the end of the game.
  - Parents are welcome to join at the cost of \$15 and are asked to meet students at the game (rather than join the bus).

#### 10.) AJOURNMENT

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:35