

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

**DATE AND TIME OF MEETING**

February 26, 2014, 6:30 p.m.

**ATTENDEES**

Richard Walo, Len Corkery, Bronwyn Gray, Frank Spizzirri, Courtney O’Leary, Daniel Garcia-Moreno, Monica Testa-Zanin, Odette Walker, Annie O’Leary, Agnes Mader, Barig Hayward, Marilou Wight, Trish Berry, Kathy Harding, Janessa Mazzuca, Michele Whyte, Barbara Escoto, Cathy Ferguson, John Shanahan, Scott Plister, Julio Hepins, David Craig, Vatherine Pepeunak, Angela Kennedy.

**WELCOME AND PRAYER**

Mr. Corkery welcomed parents, John Shanahan School Superintendent and Kate Mader Student Representative and called the meeting to order. Ms. Mazzuca led the opening prayer.

John Shanahan was invited to speak.

Thanked the parents for inviting him to the meeting. He was at the school that day for a review of the SLIP (School Learning Improvement Plan). Following are his observations:

- Mr. Walo is working on Asset Development out of the Search Institute. We are one of 8 or 9 schools in the TCDSB to be involved in this.
- St. Anselm’s stands out for the program built around the SLIP – has worked well in accountability in student achievement at a fantastic rate. Has created a “team” of all levels and the school is thriving.
- John would like to create a partnership of have schools helping the have not schools. Invites CSAC to discuss this.
- Talked about fostering relationships with poorer communities around the world in which we live.

Mr. Walo thanked Mr. Shanahan for taking a chance on him and said that we had a great parent community and thanked him for his support.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

With the following changes:

ON A MOTION from Mr. Corkery and SECONDED by Mrs. Berry the evening’s Agenda was approved.

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ON A MOTION from Ms. Testa-Zanin and SECONDED by Mr. Corkery, the Minutes from meetings held January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 were approved.

**ANGELA KENNEDY PRESENTATION**

School boundaries for FDK (Full day Kindergarten) have not changed but the current boundaries are not in line with the Parish boundaries. The official boundary stops at Bayview but the unofficial goes to Forman.

Mrs. Kennedy proposed 2 options;

1. Mini-Boundary review which would consist of minor tweaking of the boundaries
2. Full Boundary review.

She will report back as to what is involved and the impact to our school of both these options.

### **Budget Update**

- Combining the Family Fee and Legacy Fund the amount is just over \$26,000
- Curling Night and Pizza Days have brought in more than expected
- Non-budgeted items have amounted to \$1,854. This was for prizes for Family Fee participation and Skating Rink rental.

All numbers are tracking as expected.

### **Swim Team**

Etobicoke Olympian under construction so the Leaside Pool is being rented. CSAC is giving \$900 to help cover the costs of the swim team.

### **Motion:**

CSAC to cover the costs of the skating rink and swim team. Unanimous agreement.

### **Principals Report**

- Black History Month – HOZA performed and shared the story of Nelson Mandela. Thank you to CSAC for covering the cost of this.
- Becky Keller was in the school to talk the students to kick off the Olympics.
- Thank you to Mr. Pedra for the exhibition basketball tournament.
- Mrs. Sparrey has been baking with the Grade 8's for the Good Shepherd.
- Kate Mader attended the Agnes McPhail Public Speaking at East York Civic Centre and came in first. Congratulations Kate.
- The school is now paperless. Most families are receiving communication via email, saving the school money and helping the environment.
- The school has 140 Twitter followers.
- Math 'n chess club resumed.
- Staffing: Ms. Chandler is a new Educational Assistant. Mr. Gakumba is the new french teacher. There will be an additional .5 in the kindergarten classrooms and the Physical Educational teachers time will bump up also.
- At the FDK info night there were about 50 families and thank you to Mrs. Whyte. Miss Mazucca and Mrs. Terrana.
- So far there are 65 children enrolled in JK/SK for September.
- There has been consultation with the Board for extending the Millwood fence down and extending the play area.
- 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; this will take place the last weekend in September. There is a lot going on in the school right now so this is being slowly worked on in the background.

Technology will play a big role in promoting this event. The church will also be involved.

- Grant update: \$2500 was given from TD grant program. The school has applied for a Greening Grant and will also be applying through the TCDSB's Grants for You.
- Math update; all teachers now have the JUMP math work book.
- There has been a second SLIP team meeting. Data from report cards was looked at and there will be a mid point check for tweaking and targets. This will be done again at the end of Term 2.
- Block budget at 85%.

### **Mrs. Whyte**

Gave an update on the Skype in the Classroom and Chat with the Future. The children had skyped with children in an orphanage in Uganda.

### **Kate Mader. Student Council**

- The students are in the process of choosing a school mascot. Hoping for it to be on school clothing and possibly a mural.
- The students are hoping to have their won fundraiser by the end of the year.

### **School Saftey, Trish Berry**

Parking on Bessborough in front of the school bus area is causing blockage issues and potential danger for our children.

The school and CSAC will out a reminder in the next newsletter.

### **CHAIR UPDATE**

#### **Learning Commons**

At the Musical Extravaganza there is a plan to have a room dedicated to information regarding the Learning Commons. There will be photos, before and after, videos and plans etc.

Mr. Walo will provide a final cost analysis for this.

#### **Spring Fundraiser**

Ms. Gray provided information with respect to the Spring . Everything is on track, though volunteers are always needed for help and donations and the planning committee is very excited.

#### **Committee Update**

Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) presented by Daniel Garcia-Moreno

- Supplementary math material through he JUMP program is being recommended. The AAC recommends that CSAC fund a further purchase of an additional set of JUMP math books.

MR. Corkery motioned for \$1000 for Mr. Walo to purchase the JUMP math booklets and additional resource material. Unanimous agreement.

- The AAC recommend that links are added for educational resources the monthly CSAC newsletters.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a MOTION made by Mr. Corkery and SECONDED by Ms. Gray the Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm

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