

St. Anselm
School Council Advisory Committee Meeting

MINUTES

DATE AND TIME OF MEETING

April 16, 2014, 6:30 p.m.

ATTENDEES

Richard Walo, Collette Bright, Len Corkery, Bronwyn Gray, Maria Wilson, Barbara Escoto, Barrig Hayward, Michele Whyte, Alyssa Macedo, Catherine Pepevnak, David Craig, Marissa Terrana, Janessa Mazzuca, Michelle Raino, Lynne Elliott, Jo-Anne Ryan, Nikki Flowerday

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Mr. Corkery welcomed parents and called the meeting to order. Ms. Whyte led our opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

With the following change:

Item 7 (a.) Musical Extravaganza to be discussed in the first half of the evening

ON A MOTION made by Mr. Corkery and SECONDED by Ms. Wilson, the evening's Agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Noting a correction to the spelling of a parent's last name, ON A MOTION made by Mr. Corkery and SECONDED by Ms. Wilson the Minutes from CSAC meeting held February 26, 2014 was approved.

BUDGET UPDATE

Mr. Corkery moved that the budget update wait until later in the evening so that Mr. Spizzirri could be present to provide update.

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Mr. Walo provided an update with respect to the following topics:

- AED Training
- World Autism Day
- Sick Kids Presentation
- Documentary Award
- Catholic Education Week
- 75th Anniversary Update
- Outdoor Education Grant
- September Enrollment
- Math Update
- Technology Update
- Facilities Update
- Crossing Guard
- Jersey Orders
- Forest of Reading
- Agenda Order
- Environmental Club
- Welcome to Kindergarten
- Asian Heritage Month

- Staffing Update

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AED Training

10 staff members received their certification. The school should be receiving a defibrillator in the near future.

World Autism Day

A thank you is extended to Mrs. DeNicolais and Mrs. Lontos for coordinating this event. Over 10,000 students from across the TCDSB participated in this event. St. Anselm students are now in the Guinness book of world records.

Sick Kids Presentation

A special thank you is extended to Mrs. Sheridan for arranging a very informative session with Dr. Atkinson. Dr. Atkinson spoke about misconceptions with respect to food allergies and how to ensure safety if your child is impacted by food allergies. Approximately 15 parents were in attendance.

Mr. Pedra's Class - Documentary Award

Congratulations to Mr. Pedra's class for winning an award in connection with a Water Documentary submitted. As a result of the award the school was given a laptop to be used in the classroom.

A question regarding whether this documentary would be available for viewing was posed by a parent. Mr. Walo agreed to look into matter.

Catholic Education Week

The theme for this week is "Serving in the Love of Christ".

Events scheduled for this week include:

- 1st Communion Group picture and reception dated for May 7th from 5:00-7:00pm.
- Catholic Education Open House on May 7th. Parents will be invited to visit the school to celebrate Catholic Education (CSAC to provide refreshments in the front foyer).

75th Anniversary Update

A Facebook page will be set up in the near future. Each Grade will be assigned to a decade in history and will present artifacts from the decade. A parent is needed to Co-Chair the committee.

Outdoor Education Grant

An application was submitted for an outdoor grant in connection with reimbursements for costs associated with our skating program. The grant was approved and a cheque in the amount of \$1,188 will be forwarded to the CSAC treasury from the TCDSB.

September Enrollment

The projected enrolment is 358 for September.

Math Update

Jump Math materials have been ordered to a total cost of \$1,021. This ensures that every teacher is now equipped with a teacher's program manual. A training session for the staff is proposed on October 2nd (St. Anselm as host school will be offered a reduced rate of \$50/teacher for a 3.5 hour session). John Mighton, the creator of Jump Math, will be speaking to the staff at a staff meeting and to parents at an information session about the program. A special thank you is extended to Mrs.

Ryan for arranging this with John Mighton. This information session will most likely take place in October 2014.

Ms. Ryan was able to speak to the meeting regarding her interview with John Mighton and the merits of the Jump Math program.

Technology Update

All IPADs and Laptops have been delivered. The plan is for the Laptops to eventually replace the desktop computers in the library. The TCDSB will be collecting all the current netbook computers from schools as their 3 year lease will expire in June. The Board's plan is that schools will be equipped with IPADs and Windows 7 netbooks.

Facilities Update

A new basketball net was put up in the primary yard. Facilities will be contacted in the next couple of months in order to have new lines painted in the yard. This will happen once each Grade division has been consulted with to determine what the students would like to see in their yard.

Crossing Guard

Ms. Janet Stather our Community Liaison Officer has been contacted with respect to the possibility of placing a crossing guard on the corner of Millwood and Bayview for this September. Any parents interested in being part of the committee would be welcome.

Jersey Orders

We currently have a total of 41 jerseys. Additional jerseys are needed. It is proposed that a large order be made out this year to accommodate the need.

Barring no future objections from a majority of the CSAC executive, ON A MOTION made by Mr. Corkery and SECONDED by Ms. Wilson, the purchasing of extra jerseys was approved.

Forest of Reading

A thank you is extended to CSAC for the purchase of the Forest of Reading books. Mrs. Whyte provided an update with respect to how the program is running in the school.

Agenda Order

Another company will be given the business for this year. Sample Agendas were provided so that parents could see different layouts and provide feedback.

Environmental Club

Congratulations to the St. Anselm Eco team. The students are the recipients of the "Waste-Free Challenge Award" in Toronto. They will be presented with a plaque at a ceremony at City Hall, by the City Counsellors on May 7th.

Welcome to Kindergarten

The kindergarten team have been busy preparing for the event on April 30th. All Kindergarten parents are invited. Various agencies will be present such as the Ontario Early Years Centre, Leaside Library, Toronto Health and the TCDSB Speech and Language Department.

Asian Heritage Month

May is Asian Heritage Month. Mrs. Lontos will be preparing a group of students for the Expose on May 8th at Cardinal Newman.

Staffing Update

For the next academic year we currently have two open positions in the school. A part-time Special Education and a part-time FDK. Interviews are currently underway. A tentative teaching model will be announced in the June newsletter to the school community.

Boundary Update

There are no further updates to provide at this point with respect to boundary guidelines.

EVENTS

Ms. Gray provided a brief update with respect to Spring Musicale. Volunteers are still needed to help run the event. Mr. Corkery added that there will be a special room dedicated to providing information and gathering donations for the proposed Learning Commons.

PRO-Grant Plan

This year an application will be submitted which will have a focus on Math. There have been ideas with respect to having a Math Family Night or perhaps having a speaker such as John Mighton from Jump come to the school.

ADJOURNMENT

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