

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

Date & Time of Meeting

April 15th 2015

6:30pm – 8:30pm

ATTENDEES:

CSAC: Bronwyn Gray, Annie O’Leary, Len Corkery, Frank Spizzirri
Mr. Walo, Mrs Bright, Mrs, Gundy, Bernadette Connally, Scott Pliska, Maria Wilson, Odette Walker, Courtney O’Leary, Daniel Garcia Morcino, Ema Kral, Nicole Kral, Tricia Berry

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 Annie O’Leary, the previous CSAC session minutes were approved.

4.) BUDGET UPDATE (Len Corkery)

- 2015 planned budget was \$67K
- At present, we’re at \$38K (actual)
- Projected closing balance for 2015: \$5K
- Will end the year with approximately \$5K surplus, which will go towards Sep 2015 events

5.) EVENTS

- **End of year music event** (Bronwyn Gray)
 - Date: Friday, June 19th at 6:00pm
 - Location: St. Anselm schoolyard
 - Each class creating themed baskets, which will be auctioned
 - Student and staff performances, ice cream truck, fire engine, silent auction, raffles, more details to follow
- **Father’s Day picnic** (Len Corkery)
 - Will happen on Saturday, June 13th
 - Format will be similar to previous years

6.) COMMITTEES UPDATES

- **Primary School Playground** (Mr. Walo on behalf of Ed Abdou)
 - We have received 2 quotes and are awaiting a 3rd (approx. \$30K all-in)
 - Once we have the three quotes, Ed Abdou will investigate further and discuss with the board
 - The mulch cost is \$1K. Mr. Walo suggested reserving the budget to put towards a final solution, rather than use for temporary measures

7.) OVERCAPACITY UPDATE / BOUNDARY REVIEW (Len Corkery)

- As previously indicated, our trustee, Angela Kennedy went to the board with questions We have not heard back yet, despite a few follow-ups from Len
- No date has been set for expedited boundary review

- At this point, a portable is unlikely for the 2015/2016 school year
- The current school population is approximately 376. The school is under the understanding that school capacity is 340 (unofficially)
- There appear to be more children leaving (Grade 8), than coming in (JK) in 2015

8.) PARENT SOCIAL BOWLING NIGHT (Len Corkery/Bronwyn Gray)

- A casual social evening is being proposed for parents and St. Anselm staff at Thorncliffe Bowlerama on May 22nd.
- Maria Wilson will be overseeing this event – details to follow!

9.) PRINCIPAL UPDATE

- Student enrolment
 - September 2015 projection is 375 students
 - 64 FDK (full day kindergarten) students are enrolled. The cap is 65.
 - In May newsletter, parents will be advised about how they can provide necessary input to assist with their child's future placement
- April is *Volunteer Month*
 - Big thanks to the community for everyone's help in enhancing our school community. Special congrats to Joan Sparrey for winning an award!
 - The annual Volunteer Tea will be June 8th in the gym – details to follow
- There has been confusion in recent years on class sizes per the board/ministry/teacher's union guidelines. Some details:
 - FDK classrooms cannot exceed 30 students
 - Grade 1-3 classrooms cannot exceed 20 students (10% of TCDSB can have 23)
 - Grade ¼ split classrooms cannot exceed 23
 - Grades 4-8 classrooms cannot exceed 31 (split grades cannot exceed 29)
- Staffing updates
 - Mr. Marchetta's LTO is completed on Apr 17 – welcome back Mrs. Guistina
 - Mr Rigatti has moved on to St. Clare – a big thanks for all his hard work!
- Board cuts – the school will have some impact from recent education cuts
 - Tentative Special education resources allocation has been reduced from 1.5 to 1.0
 - Tentative ESL allocation has been reduced from 0.50 to 0
 - ISP class will not be affected
 - The report is on the website – Appendix C lists all the areas that are proposed to be cut
- Welcome to Kindergarten is on May 7th from 6:30pm to 8:00pm
- Sacraments
 - Grade 2 Communion was April 12th. The change in process this year was very well received. St. Anselm Women's Network assisted with refreshments – big thanks to them!
 - Grade 8 confirmation will be Thursday, May 21st and will have a dedicated mass for St. Anselm students (this is new). Parents may be asked to help that evening.
- TCDSB Compost waste Program being introduced at the school
 - Green bins will be added to all classrooms and children will be encouraged to use the bins. It will be collected daily by the caretaker staff and stored in the shed.
- U of T STEM project
 - Mr. Blum registered all Grade 3-8 students. (Thanks Mr. Blum!) All enrolled children will be exposed to some sort of STEM activity on June 9th
- Track and Field
 - Training is already under way. Mr. Walo applied for and was granted a bursary to cover the bussing costs (approx. \$1K) (Thanks Mr. Walo!)
- Library books

- The library staff purged many of the books. Teachers are encouraged to take leftover books for their own class libraries. Anything remaining will be shared with other communities and schools. (Our Lady of Lourdes)
- Book Fair Update
 - Mable's Fables sold \$3K worth of books. We received a \$600 gift card, which was used to fund Forest of Reading. There was \$200 left over, which will be used for new books.

10.) ADDED TO AGENDA, DUE TO RECENT PARENT DISCUSSIONS - CHILDCARE

- Many parents have voiced concern with the new fees and structure for the before and aftercare at St. Anselm, run through Leaside Daycare. Previously, parents could choose between before care, aftercare or both. Moving forward, parents must commit to before AND aftercare. This is how most schools in the area operate, but St. Anselm had been an exception until now, possibly due to the earlier start time.
- Updated Leaside daycare costs: FDK children: \$630/month, Grades 1-8: \$500
- Mr. Walo is going to appoint a parent volunteer to help field questions
- In addition to Leaside daycare, there are other childcare options for parents, such Pawsitively Pets, Bamboo Bay, etc.

11.) AJOURNMENT

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:15