

St. Anselm
School Council Advisory Committee Meeting

MINUTES

DATE AND TIME OF MEETING

SEPTEMBER 18, 2013, 6:30 p.m.

ATTENDEES

Richard Walo, Len Corkery, Frank Spizzirri, Catherine Ferguson, Maria Wilson, Kathy Harding, Bronwyn Gray, Courtney O'Leary, Jason Pedra, Marilou Wight, Steve Buchignani, Rob Tadeson, Odette Walker, Michelle Flowerday, Franco Calabrese, Kate Kirvan-Pliska, Andrea Norton, Jo-Anne Ryan, Lynne Elliott, Catherine Pepevnak, Tricia Berry, Nancy Gamble, Daniel Garcia-Moreno, Monica Testa-Zanin, Michelle Koscec

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Mr. Corkery welcomed parents and called the meeting to order. Mr. Walo led the opening prayer.

AGM REPORT

Mr. Corkery began the AGM report with a brief review of CSAC's accomplishments of the previous academic year. The list of topics covered:

1. Introduction of the Legacy Fund
 - As a direct outcome of the new Legacy Fund total donations to the school went up by 50%.
 - All items earmarked for purchase through the Legacy Fund were obtained for the school.
2. Creation of Parent Survey
 - Much time was spent by CSAC creating a parent survey last year. In the end due to various reasons, the survey was not approved and not disseminated. In the future a smaller more concise survey may be initiated. The idea behind the survey's creation is to allow for an opportunity for parents to contribute thoughts and suggestions regarding our student's educational experience.
3. Creation of Class Representative and Parent Email lists
 - Prior to Mr. Walo's arrival as Principal, much time was spent by CSAC in discussion around the feasibility of creating a system of class representatives and a parent email list. St. Anselm hosts many events throughout the year and these lists assist in ensuring that all parents who may want to be involved in a direct way are able to do so and get the information necessary on a timely basis.
4. Cookbook Sale

- CSAC produced a school cookbook, which was a tremendous fundraising success generating about \$3,000 profit for the school.

5. Special Events

- World Music Night – raised \$15,000 for the school
- Curling Night and Bottle Auction- raised \$1,500 for the school
- Welcome Back Bonanza- raised \$1,500 for the school

6. CPIC Grant, PRO Grant

- Through an application process, CSAC was able to access monies previously not applied for in the order of \$850.00. These grants are typically used to fund parent engagement events such as guest lecturers.

7. By-Laws

- Creation of St. Anselm By-Laws governing responsibilities of CSAC. These By-Laws will be posted on the school website and will be sent to the Superintendent of Safe Schools Mr. Rory McGuckin.
- These By-Laws will be ratified at next CSAC meeting.

ELECTIONS

- Mr. Walo informed gathering about nominations received.
- Mr. Corkery provided a description about the role of the positions on CSAC.
- Discussion ensued regarding voting rights. Outcome of discussion - Voting rights will be outlined in By-Laws and will be addressed at next CSAC meeting.

Based on nominations put forward, the new CSAC council members were duly elected for the 2013-2014 school year and are as follows:

Chair	Len Corkery
Vice Chair	Bronwyn Gray
Treasurer	Frank Spizzirri
Secretary	Maria Wilson
Parent Rep.	Courtney O’Leary
Parent Rep.	Annie O’Leary
Parent Rep.	Monica Testa-Zanin
Parent Rep.	Michelle Koscec
Parent Rep.	Andre Babichuk
Parent Rep.	Daniel Garcia
Parent Rep.	Odette Walker

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ON A MOTION from Mr. Corkery and SECONDED by Ms. Wight, the Minutes for the June 12th, meeting were approved.

BUDGET

Mr. Corkery reviewed current budget outlined for 2013-2014 school year. This budget will be formally approved at the next CSAC meeting.

PRINCIPALS REPORT

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

- EQAO
- School Learning Improvement Plan
- Bus
- Facility Update
- Enrolment/ Staffing
- School Block Budget
- Learning Commons
- Technology Update
- Terry Fox Run
- Transportation
- Multi-Year Strategic Plan
- Beginning of School Mass
- HPV and HEP B
- Math and Chess Club
- Forest of Reading Club
- Dramatic Performances

COMMITTEES

Resulting from the last CSAC meeting in which parents offered up their suggestions as to what they felt could enhance the educational experience at St. Anselm, committees have been set up in order to pursue ideas further. A parent sign-up sheet was made available at the meeting as well as will be made available at the Welcome Back Bonanza Event for any parent wishing to become directly involved in any committee.

FUNDRAISING

Mr. Corkery confirmed that this year personal and corporate donations made to the school will be eligible for a tax receipt through Canada Helps.

Mr. Corkery proposed the voluntary family fee be simplified to \$50 per child. On a show of hands the proposal was approved. The legacy fee will remain the same.

EVENTS

Curling Night will be held November 9, 2013

ADJOURNMENT

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