

St. Rita Catholic School
CSAC AGM Minutes
September 24, 2014

Attendance: Elisa Arciero , Principal; Tracy Hall, Chair; Marlene Elias, Co-Chair; Kelly Dos Reis, Parent

Regrets: Kelly Cronkite-Marzilli, Spec. Ed. Teacher and Tony Palermo, Community Representative

Opening Prayer: Elisa Arciero opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Sept. 2013 AGM Minutes: The minutes were approved by Tracy Hall and moved by Marlene Elias.

Principal's Report for 2013/2014: Elisa Arciero's summative report:

- Successful 2013/2014 school year!
- We had 6 fire drills and 2 lockdown practices between September and June
- our students participated in Cross Country, Boys and Girls Intermediate Volleyball, Mixed Primary Indoor Soccer, Boys and Girls Junior Indoor Soccer, Intermediate Boys and Girls Basketball, Junior W5H, Intermediate W5H and Track and Field, and Boys and Girls Intermediate Soccer competitions
- Constable Douglas reviewed Internet Safety and Crime Stoppers with the Gr. 7/8 students
- 14 students participated in the WE Day event at the ACC
- most of the Grades 6, 7, and 8 students went to Lake St. George for 5 days for an outdoor educational program
- Mike Ford performed 2 concerts and worked on a song writing activity with the Gr. 6 and Gr. 7/8 classes. This was a free presentation that Ms. Arciero was able to book for St. Rita. The Gr. 1 to 5 students participated in a free comic art workshop that was booked by Ms. Arciero.
- Grade 7/8 students participated in the Skills Canada presentation learning about various trades.
- Kindergarten to Gr. 8 students participated in bus safety presentations by Stock. George Chuvalo visited with our Gr. 7/8 class and he focused on Drug Prevention and the importance of an education. The Kindergarten to Gr. 8 classes enjoyed dance lessons from Dance and Play Studio and the Gr. 7/8s went to the symphony at Roy Thompson Hall. These lessons and the trip to the symphony experience were paid for thanks to a donation by our school trustee for musical enrichment. Ms. Arciero booked a free visit from the author Susan Aguilo for the Grades 1 to 5 classes.
- Every month we recognized students who were nominated by their teachers for practicing that month's virtue. An assembly with a paraliturgy took place every month. The recipients received a certificate and a pencil.
- The Late Father Stan celebrated masses with our students both at St. Rita and at St. Mary's Polish Catholic Church. Father Stan also celebrated the sacraments of First Reconciliation and

First Holy Communion with our Gr. 2 and some older students. The Bishop celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation with our Gr. 7 and 8 students.

- The Gr. 4/5 students participated in the Swim to Survive program
- Thanks to our monthly dress down days, we earned \$300 for our local charity (Angel Foundation for Learning) and \$300 for our global charity (community in India)
- Officer Eric ran a bike rodeo for Gr. 3 to 6 students and visited all the classes once to review and discuss safety issues
- We had a mulching event and students helped protect our trees
- We had at least one Spirit Day a month – enjoyed by many students
- Gr. 8 students participated in many high school visits and presentations
- St. Rita had its annual Scholastic Book Fair
- St. Rita recognized Remembrance Day with a special assembly at 11 a.m. on Nov. 11th
- The TCDSB only had one organized Parent/Teacher conference session after the Progress Reports went home. Parents were invited to call or book individual interviews when the first report went home in February.
- St. Rita's Safe Schools Team participated in the Bullying Awareness and Prevention symposium
- We had the Hep. B for Gr. 7 students and some Gr. 8 female students had the HPV vaccination at our clinics over the course of the year. Juice was provided for all the students by the Office.
- St. Rita had its well attended Christmas Concert for Kindergarten to Gr. 8
- 2 anonymous donors gave clothing and toys for our St. Rita Christmas baskets
- due to the extreme cold, the Gr. 1 – 3 students went skating 4 times in 2014 and the Gr. 4 – 8 students went skating twice
- The Grade 4 students wrote the OLSAT/8 test in January 2014
- In February 2014, St. Rita experienced carnival activities thanks to our French teacher
- The Office sold cookies at Valentine and at Easter as well as had 2 Kernels popcorn sales to help pay for the new St. Rita statue for the school and to help pay for other students' expenses
- The Grades 1, 2, 5, and 6 students participated in saying the Rosary live on Radio Maria over the course of the year
- ROM Discovery subsidized a trip for our Gr. 4 to 6 classes
- St. Rita recognized Earth Hour on March 28 and Earth Day on April 22
- St. Rita had a toonie Tuesday on April 8th and raised \$117.00 for ShareLife
- St. Rita participated in the Jump for Heart Heart and Stroke Foundation event thanks to our Physical Education/Health teacher - \$796.40 were raised for the Heart and Stroke Foundation
- the Grades 2, 5, and 7 students wrote the CAT/4 assessments and the Grades 3 and 6 students wrote the Primary and Junior EQAO assessments
- During Education Week, teachers prepared Math lessons/activities and parents were invited to join their children in class. Ms. Sanderson and Ms. Arciero also had the WTK event during Education Week
- On May 22nd, we celebrated our first annual feast of St. Rita mass and Father Xavier De Pinto presided over the mass. Our statue of St. Rita is in the front hall
- Ms. Arciero and Ms. Migliaccio attended the Board's CSAC Appreciation Event (all CSAC members were unable to attend)
- Ms. Arciero applied for the 2014 -2015 Parent Reaching Out (Pro) Grant – family math night

- Ms. Arciero offered the Learning Advantage Workbooks for the Parent Community to order in June – several families placed orders
- Ms. Arciero and the St. Rita Staff organized a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon for St. Rita’s volunteers
- St. Rita students enjoyed a Play Day during the last week of school in June
- During 2013/2014 Ms. Arciero purchased 6 laptops for the school and new Literacy Resources for the Kindergarten to Gr. 8 classes with part of the school budget.

The report was approved by Marlene Elias and moved by Tracy Hall.

Chair’s Report for 2013/2014: Tracy Hall presented the report:

- St. Rita’s first movie night
- Halloween dance
- Valentine’s dance-a-thon
- Santa photos
- asked for Christmas baskets for needy families
- First communion gifts
- Confirmation gowns and gifts
- Helped with French Carnival
- TTC tickets for sporting events
- Gr. 8 Graduation awards and medals
- Scientist in the school programs
- Rocks and Rings Presentation
- Teacher subsidy
- Half price of a school bus per class
- Play Day and Ice Cream truck

Fundraisers: World’s Finest Chocolates, Knitwit, Pizza, Subway, California Sandwiches, Bake Sale, Raffles, Dances Freezies, Movie Night, Santa Photos

This report was approved and moved by Marlene Elias.

Treasurer’s Report for 2013/2014: Tracy Hall asked Ms. Arciero to review the financial summary sent to the Board. All profits and expenses were itemized. A cheque to Scientists in the School written in June bounced and the CSAC account incurred an NSF charge leaving \$109 in the account. The Scientist in the School June program was paid with St. Rita C. S. funds in September and CSAC will reimburse the school. This report was approved and moved by Tracy Hall.

St. Rita Catholic School By-laws: Elisa Arciero presented the St. Rita C. S. by-laws. Tracy Hall suggested making an amendment on page 11. It should state that 2 signatures are required, the Principal’s and the Treasurer’s or Chair’s signatures on all CSAC cheques. All

agreed to make this change. The amendment and By-laws were approved by Tracy Hall and moved by Marlene Elias.

Roles and Responsibilities of CSAC Executive: Elisa Arciero reviewed the roles and responsibilities of each CSAC Executive.

Election of New CSAC Executive: Nomination forms were not submitted. Tracy Hall was nominated the Chair, Marlene Elias was nominated Co-Chair, and Kelly Dos Reis was nominated Treasurer. There is no secretary. Elisa Arciero agreed to prepare the minutes until a parent volunteers. Kelly Cronkite-Marzilli will be the teacher representative. Tony Palermo will be the community representative.

After the AGM Adjournment: Dates were chosen for upcoming meetings. The start time was changed to 6:30 p.m. Seven dates were set for 2014/2015. The new CSAC executive was invited to attend the Principal & CSAC workshop at the CEC on October 1.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. It was approved by Tracy Hall and moved by Marlene Elias.