

CSPC Meeting Minutes – May Meeting

Date: Wednesday May 17th, 2017

Time: 7:00pm to 9:30pm

Location: St. Gregory School Staff Room

Meeting Attendees: Julie D’Aprile, Vanessa Thomas, Marj Bridger, Christina Sachanowicz, Stephen Thomas, Monika Boszormenyiova, Joe Pannozzo, Ana Pires, Natasha Abramowitz, Diana Oliver, Lori Tenuta, Lisa Di Battista, Matthew Akelaitis, Tina Hall, Natalie Sturo, Jennifer Pyz, Diana Morrone, Lara Attardo, Nataliya Arcidiacono, Celia Goncalves, Vita Peri, Karen Plut, Dori Falcone, Maria Skinner

CSPC Members apologies: Phil Vokins, Luana Fanelli, Sonia O’Brien, Susan Rowlison, Daniela Balsamo, Andria Dametto, Jacqueline Wewior

Meeting called by CSPC Co-Chair Julie D’Aprile

Opening Prayer led by Vice -Principal Pires

Guest Speaker Vita Peri

(Attached Powerpoint)

- The Ontario Ministry of Education is encouraging the TCDSB to implement boundaries to address over/under subscribed secondary schools in the Board
- Specifics regarding the policy are in the attached presentation
- Boundaries will be implemented for both comprehensive and specialty programs
- Choice of secondary schools and specialty programs will now be limited based on the current draft

- Dual specialty program attendance is not outlined specifically in this policy so it is unclear how this will be handled. Many students have participated in dual specialty programs and this opportunity may be at risk
- Sibling rule will no longer be applicable to sibling school admission if a student is in a specialty program
- There is no grandfathering for students who had chosen specialty programming
- The Board would like to have the policy go into effect for the September 2018/2019 school year, with information ready for the Fall 2017 Secondary School Open Houses. This would impact students currently in Grade 7.
- Board Survey regarding the policy closes Friday May 19th. All parents are encouraged to submit their comments to ensure their voice is heard.
- The Board will consolidate feedback from the survey and consultation meeting at the CEC on May 8th and present a Report to the Trustees in June.

Co-Chair Report - led by Julie D`Aprile

- Meeting was held at the board May 2nd with their facilities team and Julie D`Aprile and Vanessa Thomas, to discuss the possibility of A/C inside the school
- Some parents are concerned and would like the ability to cool the school as it grows extremely hot in the warmer Spring and Fall months
- For the time being the board will not allow CSPC to fundraise for any initiative (ex: A/C) that will raise their annual operating costs
- They have sent a technician to the school to perform maintenance, he established that the reason the cost of hydro for this school is so high (much higher than other local schools that DO have Air Conditioning) is because the initial installation of certain modules in the heating and air vac system was not

done correctly and do not shut off when they are supposed to, he has since fixed it so the air has cooled down and allowed for air flow in the gymnasium (mainly where the issue was)

- Public Health was called and they gave us the guidelines needed to collect the proper information; incident reports would need to be kept by Mrs. Pulcini as kids come down to the office sick or complaining of heat issues (exhaustion, breathing issues, etc)
- They have given a time frame of 4 years as potential for HYDRO issue to be rectified
- A/C installation issue is on hold (no timeframe). In the meanwhile, we can look at options like fans, extra window a/c units, window changes, etc)
- Julie motions we vote on the IT Primary proposal (\$13,560.00) that was discussed at the April meeting, (and sent via e-mail April 2nd, 2017) Christina seconds the motion to vote. It passes unanimously
- Julie motions we vote on the safety gym mats spend (\$2,379.00) that was discussed at the April meeting, Christina seconds the motion. Council votes and it passes unanimously
- Teacher Appreciation Lunch was a success!

(Proxys's were used during tonights voting: Christina Sachanowicz had Phil Vokins, Julie D'Aprile had Andria Dametto, Marj Bridger had Daniela Balsamo and Monika Boszormenyiova had Jacqui Wewior)

Principals Report - led by Mr. Panno

- Emails are being sent regarding the secondary school boundary proposal
- Two portables will be installed at St Gregs (in September) - by the fence closest to the green yard - one of the classes in the portable will be the instrumental music class he second has not been confirmed at this this

- Teachers in portables will have swipe cards to give to students to get into school and use washrooms. Portable fully functional - locks on doors, P.A. system works as usual, regular plumbing for sinks
- April 19th, trustees approved a motion to have school cash online in 5 phases; it will be fully functional by this September 2017 at our school. Permission forms, spirit wear and more will be available online
- Karen Plut has been speaking with the board about if school cash will separate CSPC items from the school items specifically in the same way Hot Lunches would - Karen will be going through the manuals and processes to see if CSPC would be better off dealing with one system (School Cash) or go their separate route with Hot Lunches (a second online payment system)
- Canada's 150th Birthday celebration was in the gym - great turn out by school community
- BRICKS awards forms are due back this week - May 19th
- Mental Health awareness week went well
- Track and Field regionals this Friday May 19th
- Soccer season has just started
- June 9th is a P.A. Day
- June 12th a theatre company will be in to present to the FDK-Grade 3 classes
- June 20th sacramental lunch
- June 21st year end mass

- Grade 8 grad June 22nd - forms to be sent home
- SK Grad June 23rd - forms to be sent home
- Last Day of School June 29th

Vice-Principals Report - led by Mrs. Pires

- \$10,000 left in block budget to be spent for new items for September 2017
- Volunteer Appreciation tea Thursday May 18th
- CAT Testing for the grades 2, 5 and 7s is happening
- EQAO for the grade 6s next week (end of May)
- EQAO for the grade 3s will be the following week (beginning of June)
- EQAO results are given to High Schools and can impact admissions
- FDK put on a mother's day tea and it was very well received
- Grade 8 trip to Quebec City was a success and great experience
- June 3rd is first communions, June 9th is the confirmations
- Welcome to Kindergarten is May 25th - CSPC will have a table manned by Marj, Julie and Christina and be saying a small piece about the initiatives and events CSPC takes on

- Father John is leaving, it is brought up again if we can use funds for a gift, unfortunately due to constitution policy we cannot purchase staff gifts from school generated funds, so we are unable to purchase a gift from CSPC unless we use our personal funds. An email will be sent to the parent community about contributing to a token of appreciation/farewell gift

2017 Treasurer's Update

(See Attached)

- Voting on \$1500.00 for extra library resources, book & lit club - Passes YES
- Waiting for next month's meeting (JUNE) for vote on hockey jerseys spend

2017 Subcommittee Update

- Lori provides ARTucate update (see attached PowerPoint)
- Proposals for ARTucate enrichment from the ARTucate committee are as follows- 1. Art on Wheels \$1,200.00 - two carts that classes can sign out with art supplies to support and augment art enrichment in the class 2. Artist in the Classroom \$6,525.00 - each class is allocated \$225.00 for an artist to come to the school and conduct a project with their class - session must be October - March (before ARTucate) a list of artists will be provided and the teacher can choose whichever they see fits best for their curriculum
- Lisa Di Battista proposes that with some of the ARTucate funds (her proposal is attached) to offer more workshops with her design and art background (as she did prior to ARTucate) for roughly \$250.00 including materials needed for a half day workshop. Lisa would be added to the list as an Artist in the school - because she is not an active member of CSPC it would not be a conflict of interest
- Proposal for vote (within 30 days - next meeting) to allocate the \$1500.00 to seed money to fund ARTucate next year and the remaining profit amount

\$7,932.00 to Artist in the classroom and recommend the Art on wheels proposal is looked at again next year

- Julie is putting in a motion to put an application in for a pro grant - Vanessa seconds it, It PASSES unanimously. Julie will apply for it tonight
- Christina provides Grad update - planning and preparation is going well, almost everything has been purchased or booked, many SK parents have donated to the SK grad which has helped keep us within budget. At this point more volunteers are needed for both grads (Grade 8 PM and SK AM) as well as any parents willing to donate (fruit, pastries, etc)
- Marj Bridger gives BINGO update. Night was a success and made about a thousand dollars

Goodnight and meeting closed by Co-Chair Julie D`Aprile