

CSPC Meeting Minutes – January (Final)

Date: Wednesday, January 16th, 2019

Time: 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Location: St. Gregory School Staff Room

Meeting Attendees:

CSPC Members: Marj Bridger, Christina Sachanowicz, Jessica Ferrari, Diana Morrone, Vanessa Thomas, Jennifer Pyz, Lori Tenuta, Antonietta Vetro, Monicka Boszormenyiova, Lisa Tarasca, Susan Rowlison, Joe Pannozzo, Barb Muron

Other Attendees: Markus De Domenico (Guest Speaker), Mr. Vlasschaert, Ms. Martino, Tina Hall, Elsa Berardi, Karen Loughlin Plut

CSPC Member Regrets: Alma Artenian, Julie D'Aprile, Maria Skinner, Phil Vokins, Melissa Lachman, Mert Guler

Meeting called by Co-Chairs Marj Bridger and Christina Sachanowicz

Opening Prayer led by Mr. Vlasschaert

Trustee Address - Markus De Domenico

- Happy to attend St. Gregory's CSPC to say hello and discuss a few things happening at Board:
 - There are 12 on Trustee Board with 5 new trustees.
 - Excited about change in Wards - happy to be overseeing Ward 2 - schools in the Ward have similar needs. First foray into politics and was previously Chair and Parent Rep at Fr. Serra.

- There have been 3 Board meetings so far - 1 regular, 1 corporate services, 1 student achievement . Mr. De Domenico has been elected vice chair of Student Achievement .
- Locally Mr. De Domenico's goals are to be transparent and available (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, email and phone). Committed to being our advocate and especially committed to working on policy. Believes in local schools for local kids.
- Some key initiatives:
 - ❖ Accelerating plan on Cooling Centres - from 4 to 2 years. ACTION: Send Mr. De Domenico some history re: our CSPC communication on this matter and he will find out status for St. Gregory, as we had been promised cooling centre in this school year, in addition to other passive measures;
 - ❖ Passed motion to provide defibrillators at every school;
 - ❖ Pushing on purchase of properties from Public Board for our needs in Etobicoke. Stay tuned;
- Parents raised two issues: availability of AP programs which Mr. Domenico is looking into and will report back; and no cap issue re: international students at high schools leaving not enough room for local kids.

Chairs Report led by Marj Bridger and Christina Sachanowicz

- Swiss Chalet Lunch : After a successful first try, a 2nd lunch has been requested - tentatively planned for April 8th. This will be a trial doing it online only. Feedback received from prior lunch is to provide smaller portion or nuggets for younger children.

- **Activity Fee:** Volunteers have fallen off this year and as a result some of the activities previously planned will not happen. Therefore topic of Activity fee is important to raise again. As discussed at our previous meeting this topic will be brought back up in the Spring, led by Jennifer Pyz and Phil Vokin for possible implementation in the next school year. In the meantime, Mr. Pannozzo has provided Jennifer and Phil with information from other schools which have successfully implemented activity fees.
- **Anti Bullying:** As discussed at last meeting this will be a focus in February - including in class initiatives and assemblies, catching every grade. In addition the Funskate will be themed "Paint the Rink" , with reps from Kids Help Phone to be in attendance. Kids Help Phone reps will also do presentation for older grades in school and every week in February there will be an anti-bullying poem and "Act of Kindness" suggestion.
- **Progrant** has been received to fund Math night, which will be held on Thursday, January 17th.
- **Auditor Report:** Report originally scheduled for this evening will be presented in February meeting due to last minute cancellation by Carlo Santaguida.
- **Robotics in Class :** Proposal was shared by Christina at November meeting. 30 classes to be done by end of June - 1 session per class with max \$6450 spend. This meeting vote taken and passed to fund this.
- **Waterfountains:** The water fountains funded by CSPC were supposed to be installed in December/18-but there was a delay in receiving special plate required for installation. This should be received shortly.
- **Bench Proposal (new):** Mr. Vlasschaert presented proposal to replace 4 benches in the gym which are quite worn. They are used extensively for house leagues and gym and should be replaced. Cost is \$500/bench, therefore \$2000 plus HST is being requested. Will be voted on at February meeting.

Principals Report - led by Mr. Panno

- Lots of activity in December with concerts, Christmas baskets by grades 4-8 for Nativity and St. Vincent de Paul very successful. Also CAS Baby Drive by primary grades very successful and thank you letter from CAS received and read out.
- Current enrolment 739
- 74 FDK spots available - on first day of registration 52 applied so far.
- Extra curricular sports activities in progress. Chess club starts next week. Indigo Girls Club for grades 5-8 started today (Indigo organization) with 24 girls participating so far.
- This Friday January 18th is PA day. Parent interviews will be held February 13th and 14th, with a PA Day on February 15th. Family Day is Feb 18th. February 28th will be Ski Day - email to go out shortly. February is also African Canadian history month.

Vice-Principals Report - Mrs. Muron

- Family Math night is on Thursday January 17th. Lots of fun activities planned.
- Robotics Club coming up for Grades 5-8 - 2 days a week led by Mr. Reigner and another volunteer.
- Book Club also getting started for Grades 5-8.

- Drumfit program started - something fresh and new for fitness - classes to get it 2-3 times. Kids are really enjoying it!

2017/2018 Financial Audit Report - Carlo Santaguida

- Deferred to February/19 meeting.

Treasurer's Update

- Jessica presented December/18 financials which had been forwarded to Council members ahead of the meeting.
- Comments: Jessica is following up on receivables from Board (12k) and grad revenue showing in December statements will have correspond ending expenses flow through in January/19 statements.

Subcommittee Updates

- Dance-a-thon Update: held on November 30th, 2018. Over 14k raised (much more than expected) with 347 kids submitting donations. Ms. Andreatchi's class won for most class donations. Top prizes won by primary grades. Lots of other prizes given out throughout. Kids had a lot of fun! Suggestion to have a buffer period for classes coming in after recess/lunch.
- Website Update: Work is going very well. Ready to go live by end of the month as there was a lot of missing info that was being gathered.

- Bricks presentation for Grades 7/8's is next Wednesday January 23rd.

Additional Items

- Green Apple Grant has been received, Drumfit was done for Funfit Fridays - very well received.
- Canopy Buy: Quotes received by Julie at the end of last year will be sent to Mr. Cooper, Mr. Vlaschaert and Jennifer to be reviewed to give their recommendation.
- Artucate: Will be run by Lori Tenuta and Lisa Tarasca this year - to be held on Thursday May 9th. Subcommittee meeting to be held on Tuesday January 22nd at 7pm, in the staff room. Will be run as a Fundraiser.

Next CSPC meeting is Wednesday February 20th, 2019 at 7pm in the staff room

Goodnight and meeting closed by Marj Bridger and Christina Sachanowicz