

## **CSPC Meeting Minutes – September, 2020**

**Meeting Date: September 30, 2020**

**Time: 7pm – 9:00pm**

**Location: Zoom Video Meeting**

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### **Meeting Attendees:**

Joe Pannozzo  
Dawn Papadimitriou  
Natasha Abramowitz  
Melissa Lachhman  
Jennifer Domb  
Elsa Passera  
Stephen Thomas  
Dina Morrone

### **Council Members:**

Jessica Ferrari  
Kristina Beintner  
Monika Boszormenyiova  
Marj Bridger  
Diana Morrone  
Jennifer Pyz  
Maria Skinner  
Daniela Del Rosso  
Lisa Tarasca  
Celia Goncalves  
Christina Sachanowicz  
Tamara Tymkewycz  
Maria Andreopoulos  
Tom Baczynski  
Marcia Boule  
Helder Melo  
Nancy Tannous  
Vanessa Thomas  
Kathy Fenech

**Meeting called by Jennifer Pyz**

### **Item: Opening Prayer - Led by Mr. Pannozzo**

### **Item: Principal's Address - Led by Mr. Pannozzo**

Welcome to first meeting of the year. Mr. Pannozzo introduces new Vice Principal this year: Dawn Papadimitriou, educator for 20 years (K to 8) with many years of experience. Ms. Papadimitriou is looking forward to working with all.

603 students currently in the building. 120 students registered virtually. It has been challenging to find classroom space within the school. Three classes had to be collapsed in order to accommodate. The teachers who were declared surplus are now teaching virtually. Parents have been provided with a playbook to detail Covid-19 procedures, staggered entry. All students were in school by September 17. Staggered start times are in place. Only 12 to 13 classrooms outdoors at a time. Recesses have been cancelled – instead DPA and outside time for each teacher. Parents are working to screen children with Covid-19 passport - this procedure is working quite well. Today was orange shirt day. Tomorrow is annual Terry fox walk. Picture day coming up – individual photos only on October 14. October newsletter will be distributed by Friday.

St. Gregory had a positive Covid-19 test on Monday. TPH was informed in the morning by 9:30, they got back at 2:20pm. Letter was sent to the community and the classroom is self-isolating. TPH is monitoring the students and Mr. Pannozzo contacts them daily.

Virtual students will be offered picture day as well. An email be sent out as soon as possible. The Virtual students are now on the school correspondence list.

Any plans for last year's graduation ceremonies? Mr. Pannozzo reached out to the graduation committee and has decided we are not going ahead with graduation due to uptick in Covid-19 cases. Graduates will still be getting awards, medals, and pictures. It is still to be determined exactly how they will receive all these items.

If a class is quarantined due to Covid-19, what happens to their siblings? Mr. Pannozzo: If the sibling has no symptoms, they can come to school.

### **Item: Secretary Overview for 2019/2020 Council Year - Led by Kristina Beintner**

Kristina Beintner offers overview of 2019/2020 school year. Main points include:

- Sebastian Spio-Gabrah and Phil Vokins not returning to parent council
- Milk program on hiatus due to lack of volunteers
- Review of Artist in the Classroom and Sewing Studio programs
- Concerned parents review EMF Levels from new 5G tower in Parish front yard. Information was disseminated to inform the parents of potential hazards of 5G technology. Council is unable to take a formal stance on this topic due to opposing views for and against the hazards of this technology.

- Fundraising initiatives from 2019/2020: Big Box raised \$12,121.74 and Dance-a-Thon raised almost \$10,000.
- Activity Fee was debated and is an ongoing topic of discussion within the council
- Parking lot overcrowding and child safety
- CPR training for St. Gregory staff
- Playground renewal grant for FDK yard
- Cancellation of remainder of school year due to Covid-19
- Hot Lunch, Pizza and Subway refunds due to Covid-19

### **Item: Overview of Financials - Led by Jessica Ferrari**

Balance Sheet – Cash position at the end of the year is \$47,000. However, this includes credits account for Pizza and Subway Lunches that weren't delivered to students last year, because of COVID closure – amount is \$18,419.00.

Nothing has changed since last time as far as revenues or expenditures – just a few more refunds for Pizza and Subway lunch. Jessica has started the audit with Carlo Santaguida. The audit is almost complete.

Scientist in the Classroom and Artist in the Classroom – we paid out whatever classes were completed. Nothing was prepaid. Chess Club was completed and The Sewing Studio never went ahead.

### **Item: 2020/2021 Council By-Laws**

No resolutions or amendments to the By-laws for this year.

Marj Bridger: Are there any directions or mandates from the board about what we can or cannot do this year? Mr. Pannozzo: we have had weekly principal meetings – Pizza and Subway and Hot Lunch are on hold, and large gatherings are on hold.

Bridger: what can we do as the new CSPC to create a community – is there any limitations to this? Mr. Pannozzo: No

### **Item: Council Elections 2020/2021 - Led by Jennifer Pyz and Natasha Abramowitz**

Elections: Natasha Abramowitz details the election process. If your child is registered in virtual learning, you can run for parent council at St. Anne Academy, but you cannot run for both St. Gregory and St. Anne.

Diana Morrone: Can I be on both councils, one for each of my children? Jennifer Pyz: No, but I will double check to be sure.

## **Elected Council Members 2020/2021 School Year:**

Christina Sachanowicz - Co-Chair

Marjorie Bridger - Co-Chair

Jessica Ferrari - Treasurer

Maria Andreopoulos - Secretary

Jennifer Pyz

Diana Morrone

Monika Boszomenyiova

Kathy Fenech

Kristina Beintner

Lisa Tarasca

Vanessa Thomas

Maria Skinner

Celia Goncalves

Daniella Del Rosso

Marcia Boule

Nancy Tannous

Tom Baczynski

Helder Melo

Tamara Tymkewycz

Jennifer Pyz offers a refresher for new members: This is the CSPC composition...

Principal is a designated member of the parent council. There is also a teacher representative – Ms. Bellissimo is the teacher rep this year. The Church Pastor is also a member – Father Sean. There is also a space for an appointed member to represent special education interests – we could appoint this person. Lastly, we can also appoint a community member – like the Catholic Women’s League for example – this position has not been filled in the past.

Subcommittees: Any parent who wants to sit in on a subcommittee can do so, even if they are not an elected member of the parent council.

Marj Bridger suggests that we strengthen involvement in the HAT Committee in order to deal with Covid-19.

Mr. Pannozzo states that several of the parents in virtual school have reached out and the necessary IT equipment has been provided to them. IT is pretty robust for the virtual students. We still have plenty of devices available in the building.

### **Subcommittees:**

Council agrees that community events are so very important this year, amid Covid-19.

Virtual School Liaison – Kristina Beintner and Kathy Fenech

Athletic Liaison – swim, sport, athletics - Jennifer Pyz and Tom Baczyns

Budget Subcommittee – Maria Skinner, Jennifer Pyz and Celia Goncalvez

Bricks Awards –Monika Boszomenyiova and Christina Sachanowicz

Sacramental Lunch/Shrove Tuesday - TBD

Graduation (SK & Grade 8's) – Monika Boszomenyiova (SK), Maria Skinner and Marcia Boule (Grade 8)

Teacher Appreciation – Celia Goncalves: can we roll this up under community events? We need to appreciate the teachers. Marj Bridger: yes, good idea. Monika Boszomenyiova will assist.

Community Events – (Artucate, Teacher Appreciation) Lisa Tarasca, Monika Boszomenyiova, Christina Sachanowicz, Marj Bridger

School Website - TBD

Health Action Team (HAT) – hand hygiene, mental health and Covid-19, etc. – Christina Sachanowicz and Marj Bridger

Fundraising – Daniella Del Rosso

Christina Sachanowicz: even though this year has been affected by Covid-19, fundraising is still a consideration for Mr. Pannozzo's fundraising capital as well as school items. ... perhaps cookie mixes where the bottles can be wiped down.

The school is limiting visitors to the building. There will have to be an online perspective to fundraising. Distribution to the teachers of fundraising items will be an issue. Cash handling, etc. Even attendance in the morning must be left outside the door to be picked up by admin. Students and teachers have limited movement within the school.

Christina Sachanowicz: there are many companies that offer all virtual options.

Celia Goncalves: Jessica, what is our cash position? Jessica Ferrari: Just under \$30K. After refunding Pizza and Subway it will be about \$28K. Generally, we only carry over \$3K for every year.

Gonsalves: The primary reason for fundraising is to support the curriculum. Curriculum/community enrichment is what most people can benefit from this year. We have to be mindful of people in difficult financial positions right now. Let's park fundraising and look at the budget and see what we actually need to support at this time.

Daniela Del Rosso: Agreed with Goncalves' position since council has a lot of money at the moment. Too many parents are feeling the strain financially.

Vanessa Thomas: we need to have a fundraising committee to discuss these issues. We need to support the parents who are suffering financially right now.

Marj Bridger– let's table this discussion for now as to be respectful of time.

IT – TBD

**Budget subcommittee meeting booked: October 14**

Council meetings will still be every third Wednesday of the month:

Oct 21

Nov 18

Dec 16

Jan 20

Feb 17 – Ash Wednesday, council meeting will be held on February 24

Apr 21

May 19

June 16

**Meeting Closed by Mari Bridger**