

CSPC Meeting Minutes – October 2020

Meeting Date: October 28, 2020

Time: 7pm – 8:30pm

Location: Zoom Video Meeting

Meeting Attendees:

Joe Panno
Dawn Papadimitriou
Christina Bellissimo
Carlo Santaguida

Council Members:

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

Meeting called by Christina Sachanowicz and Marj Bridger

Item: Opening Prayer - Led by Ms. Papadimitriou

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

Mr Pannozzo all elementary school have been assigned public nurse which is an excellent resource for the school. The nurse is willing to participate a one hour in service for parents via Zoom. More info to come.

Nov 8th staff member in B&A tested positive. Last time the staff member was in building was Nov 5 and worked with 9 students in FDK. Students were required to self-isolate as well as the entire B&A program. The program will resume Nov 19th.

We welcome back 10 students that are returning from Virtual School Mon Nov 23rd and 2 students are joining the Virtual School. No major reorganization of classes was needed with these changes.

Virtual Remembrance Day Fr Sean. It was a successful event.

Progress reports went home yesterday and Interviews are this week either virtual or by phone

Pumpkins Decorating Contest was a success. Thanks to the CPSC for organizing the event and to the Demetto Family for donating the pumpkins. It was lots of fun.

Grade 8 grads of 2019-20 picked awards and diplomas last night (Nov 17). Teachers created a nice display and a video. It ran from 5:30-7:30pm and will run again tomorrow (Nov 19).

Individual Photo Day on Nov 4th took place and will also have a retake day in future.

A thank you to all the parents who screen their children daily and complete the passports.

Zoom is now approved in our school board and can be used for and with students.

With cold weather coming, please check school website for bus cancellations provides most current information.

The school is in desperate need of Lunch time supervisors. Please contact school if interested.

Item: Chair Report

Fundraising

Cookies and a Jar was launched. Shipping was quite high (\$20) because jars are heavy—but this is the only way we can do this without handling the jars and get it to families safely

Jen Pyz-is \$20 is a flat rate; if there are more jars ordered the shipping is free

2020-21 Initiatives-a safe class by class dance-a-thon and a plant and seed initiative in the spring;

Vanessa Thomas & Diana presented Flip Give as new fundraising initiative. It hits more retailers and brands and not limited to gift cards. It works almost like a Rakuten. Retailers share a commission with our team which is the school. It doesn't cost anything to join the team and the rate of return is 2.5%-15%. There is no cost from an administrative perspective. Looking for feedback from Council about this new initiative. It can be something that can be ongoing. The account can be there until the end of July. An account has been set up or it can be cancelled if not interested. Now may be a good time to begin the fundraiser with Christmas shopping

starting. \$100 must stay in the account. There was discussion about whether or not to go ahead with the fundraiser or to introduce it after Christmas. It was decided that we will go ahead with a soft push with a information provided in the next newsletter.

Mr Pannozzo reminded the group that Christmas Baskets are also coming. St Gregory's families to contribute financially with gift cards. Mr Pannozzo will speak with the teachers organizing the Christmas Baskets to see what they think and if this conflict and he will get back to fundraiser committee.

Community Events

Christmas Holiday Month:

Gingerbread Decorating Event--email going to teachers on Monday giving them information about. Classes have until mid-December to get houses in to be judged. Judging will happen the Monday of that week. Marcia Boule and Metro have donated the Gingerbread Houses. Safety guidelines and the importance of making the activity an inclusive one will be mentioned in the flyer.

Theme days will run on the last week (pajama day, red and green day, etc.)

Staggered Pickup

Parent concerns—parents with children in different grades have to wait to pick up each child as it is staggered. Response from Mr. Pannozzo: parents were given extensive handbook and in-services before school started and part of that outlines that it is prudent that we have staggered entry and dismissal. This is a temporary protocol and it is not perfect but this is what we have decided as a staff and have had positive feedback but if there is anyone who may have a better solution Mr Pannozzo would be happy to consider that.

Item: Overview of Financials - Led by Jessica Ferrari

Financial Statements:

-\$49,000 is cash position. There is an increase because we received the PIC grant.

Grade 8s are using hot lunch credits to purchase their grad wear.

Bank Reconciliation:

Reissued cheques—all but one has been claimed.

Cheque reimbursement - cheques will be given to the student and it will go home that way since parents cannot come into the school.

Item: 2020/2021 Audit -Carlo Santaquida

-Sept 2019-August 2020

-Receipts-no exceptions noted

-Disbursements-no exceptions noted

-Unused funds at end of the year due to COVID

Grade 8 Graduation:

Grad Wear order end at 9pm tonight; about 58 orders; delivered to grade 8s before Christmas

Recipe Book-will get to students before Christmas. If all books are sold everyone will get a Pizza Lunch

Item: AOB

December meeting will cancelled and CPSC will meet in January

Helder-bike rakes were removed but sticking up asphalt is on old pole and looks like can be dangerous. Mr Pannozzo said will be taken care of very quickly.

FDK playground-on hold for repairs

Meeting Closed by Marj Bridger and Christina Sachanowicz