

**CSPC Meeting – Wednesday, November 17 – 7:00 – 8:30 pm**  
**Zoom Conference Call**

Meeting called by Co-Chairs Vanessa Thomas and Kathy Fenech

**Meeting Attendees:**

Staff Members:

Joe Pannozzo  
Marissa Ginocchi  
Christina Bellissimo

School Community:

Vanessa Thomas  
Kathy Fenech  
Celia Goncalves  
Jessica Ferrari  
Sara Concordia  
Kristina Beintner  
Winnie Giannini  
Tina DeMaria  
Olivia Gentile  
Jennifer Pyz  
Susanne Reis  
Marj Bridger

**Item 1: Welcome**

- Co-chair Vanessa opens the meeting and thanks everyone for joining us this evening

**Item 2: Opening Prayer**

**Item 3: Principal and Vice Principal's Report**

- November Newsletter:
  - Progress reports went out November 16, 2021; parents are asked to review them and return the envelopes back to the school
  - Two classes are currently on remote learning and will return to school on November 23, 2021
    - On Sunday, November 14, 2021, Mr. Pannozzo received a call from TPH in the afternoon indicating that we had two positive cases at the school

- Approximately 75-80 students affected including: a grade 1/2 class, a grade 3 class, two cohorts from the after school program, bus 409 was also told to self isolate
- We do have the saliva PCR kits available in the office that can be picked up and dropped off directly from the school (link and YouTube video sent out in October)
- Pumpkin decorating contest was held on Halloween:
  - 4 winners included the following classes: Ms. Savoie and Ms. Del Vecchio (FDK), Ms. Trinetti (grade 3), Ms. Marinelli (grade 6) and Ms. Beltrano (grade 8)
- Graduation and photo retakes were held on November 12; there will be a final retake day on November 26
- Remembrance Day on November 11
- Bully Awareness and Prevention Week
  - This year starting November 21, 2021 - November 27, 2021
  - Increased awareness, intervention strategies and positive school climate, daily announcements, newsletters, focus on social skills and cyber bullying
- Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP) Survey to be completed by November 30, 2021 – currently in the consultation and development stage
  - <https://www.tcdsb.org/board/mysp/pages/multiyearstrategicplan.aspx>
- Safe Schools Plan – how to create positive and safe school climate, ways to address inappropriate behaviour, ways to guide and support our students, positive school climates strengthening home-school-parish connection; first draft is due this week

#### **Item 4: Chair Report**

- Co-Chair Kathy speaks about the pumpkin carving contest was held in October (winner announced above in the principal/vice principal's report)
- Gingerbread Houses scheduled for December

#### **Item 5: Treasurer's Report**

- Not much activity yet this year, balanced sheet unchanged, credits unchanged
- 3 outstanding cheques; emailed Sebastian again (no reply)
- FlipGive deposit was \$500, graduation awards were purchased
- Contacted for an HST audit from 2017-2021
  - Board has a new reimbursement form, this is due at the end of January
  - Unable to claim if there is no HST number on the invoice for certain vendors
  - What items will qualify for HST rebate?
    - Any invoices that CSPC has paid in which we paid HST on
      - Exemption: For example, subway waived HST because we are a school so we can't get anything back for this

- For any HST that was paid with a cheque, we will claim a rebate. This will go into a general pool and we can decide what to do with it from there

### **Item 6: Fundraising Committee**

- Almost \$10,000 raised so far
- Deadline extended until December 18, 2021
- Early bird raffle November 22, 2021
- Jersey Day schedule for November 18, 2021 since we reached our first milestone of \$6000
- Corporations will be able to donate via school cash online. They would just have to sign in as a guest and will be eligible for a tax receipt
- There is a CSPC pamphlet going home with students this week as well, will also include information about FlipGive and Mabel's labels
- In regards to FlipGive, there is something like an "Indigo special." You will be able to support a school when you purchase from Indigo. We are doing some more research regarding this.
- There was a question regarding when we will be able to hold community events? These are all currently on hold until January. We are hoping to start up a committee in December to start talking about what is to come in January.
- In order to get a tax receipt for any donations, need to follow the steps that were sent out regarding school case online.
- There was a question regarding social media and whether we could have a two-tier media release?
  - This is something that needs to be looked into further and will be discussed in the January meeting
  - Mr. Pannozzo did contact the director of communications at the board; the media release forms that were sent out in September do cover all forms of social media!
  - Some parents do not want to have their children on Instagram, but had no problem with these pictures being posted on Twitter by the administration or were not even aware that the school had a Twitter page in the first place
  - For now, we will not be posting any photographs of students on Instagram and will post about CSPC only events
  - If parents choose to withdraw their consent from the media release forms, this will affect all forms of communication including Remind and Google Classroom
  - Co-Chair Vanessa asked Mr. Pannozzo and Ms. Ginnochi if they have received any complaints about social media and they replied that they have not
  - If parents do have any concerns, they are encouraged to contact the administration

## **Item 7: Trustee Question and Answer with Markus Di Domenico**

1. *What is the board's recommendation for athletics for elementary schools?*
  - Toronto Public Health has made it clear that certain activities are acceptable, especially outdoors however, the current work to rule doesn't allow for that
  - Certain activities are not allowed from a public health perspective
  - Administration will begin the appropriate activities when we are allowed to start them back up again
  - Athletics are such a key component to mental, physical, emotional health, team building, having fun, etc.
  
2. *When can we expect in-school intermural to start? What about competition against other TCDSB schools? Secondary schools have started teams and are having practices for various sports, and many elementary parents would like the same.*
  - Important that these tournaments are started but at the school level right now with labour issues, we are unable to get the teachers to run any of these sports
  
3. *When can we start to fundraise and have activities in school?*
  - On November 18, 2021, there is a board meeting to discuss the motions about assisting parents to get them safely and quickly back into the school to fundraise and help administration
  - "Local authority makes local decisions" (one rule for all school should not apply). Schools are very diverse. Admin staff will make the rules as to what fundraising activities will be allowed. Our school will re-examine this issue in January.
  
4. *Question regarding the playground revitalization request for our school. Please explain the process and how we can submit this request this year.*
  - In prior years, there was \$100,000 per each ward (for 12 schools) and it was referred to as the Playground Reserve
  - Each CSPC is to look at what they really need for their playground
  - Markus recommends that we come up with an idea and work with him to see what we think it will cost, etc.; he is hoping that the board will cover all costs
  - Ultimately it comes to him and his committee to make the decision on how much money we are given to be used towards the playground revitalization
  - Markus will create a spread sheet so that every school can get something that they need
  - Markus recognises that our playground is old and unsafe. He was proud of his maintenance team that responded right away when Mr. Pannoza called to let him know that parts of the structure were unsafe. They came quickly to clean it up and to make it safer until we are able to replace it.
  - Discussion tomorrow night (November 18, 2021) about the newly named program. Applications are to be submitted in the spring of 2022. After which architects will go to the schools to see if it is reasonable request and then they

go back to the committee with their report. Markus will ask for acceleration tomorrow night, which hopefully will allow us to submit our proposal sooner.

- There was a federal program was put in place during COVID which ended up paying for some of these projects at other schools. Therefore, some of the money that they saved will go back to the ward and can be used towards playgrounds this year.
  - Question was asked about whether schools that did not receive any funds last year would be a priority this time around?
    - 8-9 schools ended up receiving something and got enough to do what they wanted to do with their playgrounds
    - Markus said that there was no application from St Gregory last year
    - He agrees that schools who did not receive anything the first time should get priority
5. *The speeding vehicles on Rathburn Road (40km/hr) zone if a significant issue. Is there anything that you can do to help us bring awareness to the TPS?*
- TPS has limited enforcement resources to put towards speeding
  - Markus will be in contact with our councillor, Stephen Holyday to see what can be done to bring more awareness to the speed limit on Rathburn Road – communication, maps, dialogues, get the rules out, speed enforcement, painting lines, etc.

Some additional points from Markus Di Domenico:

- Bishop Allen which is not in Markus' ward, but they are tearing it down and building a smaller school; no specific information at this time regarding it
- Reading the current Scarlett Heights
  - Lecce gave 19 M to build new school at Royal York and Allanhurst by 2024
  - A new elementary school will be opening up
  - At the time there will have a boundary review
  - Student can be offered the new school but not redirected if currently registered at another elementary school
  - In January 2022: either Scarlett Heights or Hilltop Middle School will surplus
    - TCDSB can hopefully buy the new land
    - Have been given 24 M have been given to build a brand new high school. Hopefully they will renovate and expand the school
- Santa Palloozza happening this year! All of the schools in the ward will be visited including St. Gregory's – admin has a date on when this will be happening
- 3-classroom addition planned for St. Gregory. This is all he mentioned at this time
- Tomorrow night (November 18, 2021) at the board
  - Markus will be moving a motion recognizing women's history month, United Nations day of the girl and person's day (1929 when supreme court

recognized women as a legal entity). Will allocate resources to staff members to reinforce importance of these two days.

**Item 10: Conclusion and Goodnight**

- Webinar OAPCE – held on November 20<sup>th</sup> – rebuilding our resilience as parents. All the information has been emailed out to the school community

**Next CSPC meeting: Thursday, Dec 9, 2021 at 7:00 pm**

- Focus is on the budget!
- Need as many council members present as possible in order to vote!