

CSPC Meeting – Wednesday, February 16, 2022 – 7:00 – 8:00 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:

Michelle McLaren
Kathy Fenech
Winnie Giannini
Daniela DelRosso
Kristina Beintner
Jessica Ferrari
Sara Concordia
Tina DeMaria
Diana Morrone
Susanne Reis
Jennifer Pyz
Marj Bridger
Celia Goncalves

Regrets: Vanessa Thomas

Item 1: Welcome

- Kathy welcomes everyone

Item 2: Opening Prayer

Item 3: Principal and Vice Principal's Report

- Current enrollment: 695 students
- There are a handful of students that are on short term learning right now and have not returned to in class learning
- There are a total of 70 spots available for full day kindergarten for September 2022. 60 applications have been received so far therefore there are 10 more spots left.
- Interviews cancelled for this week due to the current work to rule. Parents are reminded that they can remain in contact with their child's teacher regarding their progress throughout the year.

- Report cards emailed to all families yesterday; parents can request a hard copy from administration
- This Friday, February 18, 2022 is a PA day
- Tuesday, March 1, 2022 – Shrove Tuesday; Wednesday, March 2, 2022 – Ash Wednesday, March 8, 2022 – International Women’s Day
- March break is the week of March 14 - 18
- The week of January 24-28 was Bell Let’s Talk Week. Students learned about positive coping, talked about feelings and ways to deal with stress.
- The Virtual book fair is being held between February 8-22
 - Question asked about having a book swap at the school? This will allow children to go home with a book in case they are unable to afford to purchase books.
 - The concern with this is health and safety due to COVID.
 - This is potentially something we could look into.
- Communion dates have been released
- African Canadian Heritage Month: Celebrating black excellence and figures who have shaped history. Examples include Gene Augustine, Cynthia Pierre, Martin Luther King. The school has updated some of the read aloud books in the library to ensure everyone sees themselves in the books.
- Childhood Cancer Awareness Day: February 15
- Angel Foundation Day: February 23
- Technology has arrived at the school! ☺
- Question about email sent regarding Social Media Responsibility. This was sent predominately to the grade 7 and 8 students; but also involved the junior classes (grade 4 and up)

Item 4: Chair Report

- Progrant Application:
 - Submitted yesterday; eligible for up to \$1000 which would be implemented in April

Item 5: Treasurer’s Report

- Grad wear sales, enhancement fee money came in
- No expenditures for the month of January
- HST Rebate: \$11, 178
 - Few adjustments were made to the submission. For example: IT purchases, swim permits – if the school or board paid for it up front even though CSPC would have paid them back, the original payer received the HST rebate. Therefore, CSPC is not eligible to receive these HST rebates.
 - In addition, there is a 15% admin fee that the board takes from the rebate amount

Item 6: Transition Committee

- Shrove Tuesday will be on Tuesday, March 1, 2022. The school has received donations from two St. Gregory families that will cover the cost of the pancakes for all students and staff.
- Questions: Will the syrup be separate this year to prevent it from spilling like in previous years? What happens with all the pancake debris? Will there be bins in the lobby or one on each floor? Are the pancakes free of allergens?
 - Michelle and Sara sent an email to Adriana from Just Catering to ensure that the syrup will be separate and that the pancakes are free of allergens
 - Mr. Pannozzo said that admin will ensure that there are bins for all the extra debris from the pancakes
- An opt out form to be sent out to parents
- Regarding hot lunches: this will resume following March break.
- Mr. Pannozzo also gave the go ahead on pizza lunch as long as the pizza is individually packaged.

Item 7: BRICKS

- Daniela and Sara have revised the BRICKS program to decrease the limitations of the previous way
- It is now a more inclusive and diversified application
- Showed video that was sent to students. Great job ladies!
- Two most important reasons why the criteria had to change were because there was no chance to volunteer and in school activities were not happening due to COVID restrictions.
- Inclusive to various abilities for children to express themselves
- 10 students have picked up the packages
- Asked Mr. Pannozzo to keep reminding during announcements

Item 8: Emerging Young Artist Contest presented by Markus de Domenico

- 2nd Annual Emerging Young Artist Contest:
 - Two age groups: kindergarten – grade 3 and grade 4-8
 - Includes music, dance, literature, colouring, crafts digital arts, etc.
- This gives students right across the board (ward 2) an opportunity to submit a piece of art, a video of dance, singing, etc.
 - Independent judges determine 1st, 2nd and 3rd places
- Last year there were many distinguished guests
- Markus is hoping that by the end of the May we can gather in person and have those students perform or display their art work at Michael Power's Atrium.
- 250 applications last year

- This year all applications will be done online. The application is coming next month and submissions will be closed at the end of April.
- A poster was supplied to the school and we also will get one via email
- Accepting group submissions? Yes!
- Students must attend a ward 2 TCDSB school
- Markus concluded with thanking admin and CSPC leaders for jumping on and recognizing childhood cancer awareness day – February 15th

Item 9: Conclusion and Goodnight

Next CSPC meeting: Wednesday, March 23 at 7:00 pm