

Minutes of St. Cecilia School Council Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: April 8, 2015,

Chairs: Marisa Cicero & Olga Geryluk

Recording Secretary: Teresa Pavlin

Treasurer: Sandy Moutinho

School Administration: Lorinda Mazza (Principal) Victoria Purri (Vice-Principal)

Attendance: See appendix

Next Meeting: 7pm Wednesday, May 13, 2015

| Agenda Item | Comments |
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| Agenda & Minutes Approval Prayer | <p>Olga called the meeting to order.</p> <p>Motion to approve April agenda & Feb minutes: Olga Second: Teresa Victoria Purri</p> |
| Secondary School Application & Criteria | <p>St. Cecilia's Guidance Counselor Frank Amato presented.</p> <p>High School Application Timeline Late October – forms sent home Early November – Application forms sent home</p> <p>Criteria for Acceptance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Availability of a suitable program consistent with the student's choices (e.g. French Immersion)• If there is a brother or sister attending the same school• The proximity of the elementary school where the student attends to the high school <p>High school in this area for French Immersion is Bishop Allen Academy (Etobicoke). Bishop Marocco offers Extended French.</p> <p>Specialized programs are offered at specific schools (please consult the attachment for details).</p> <p>Most acceptances would be conditional based on Grade 7 final marks, but your marks must be sustained.</p> <p>All information is provided to students in the After 8 Transition Guide and to parents in the Transition Guide for Parents. The Course Calendar is also available in a printed copy and online.</p> <p>Visit www.after8tcdsb.com</p> |
| Financials | <p>Sandy presented the Treasurer's Report</p> |

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| | <p>Fundraising income \$26,858 to date</p> <p>\$27,483.33 Balance as at March 31, 2015</p> <p>See attachment for details.</p> |
| <p>Principals Report (Lori Mazza)</p> | <p>Principals Report</p> <p>Facility: Plans sign off complete Drainage issue in basement – being reviewed</p> <p>Staffing & Enrolment: Mme Myrthil leaving on mat leave Registration numbers: Approx. 640 0.5 new classes next year 2 less English, two more French Teacher Librarian changed to Library tech</p> <p>Board News: Budget deficit recovery decisions Catholic Education Week May 3 – 8, 2015</p> <p>Catholicity & Caring Vow of Silence (next Thurs) Civvies \$600 raised through Me to We towards water fountain Confirmation Mass Apr 11th First Communion at the Church – Apr 25th</p> <p>Upcoming Events: Ottawa trip Apr 28 – 1 May 9th Centenary Open House May 20 Welcome Kindergarten Night May 21 Communion Lunch June 5 PA Day June 12 Fun Fair</p> |
| <p>Committee Updates</p> <p>Centenary</p> | <p>Update from Rob: 32 Leaves have been purchased; balance in account is \$4K (roughly) Open house in May will open the school to the public, photo displays in the hallways. All grades will contribute artwork etc. Buttons will be created/sold. Glee Club will sing songs from every decade (or try to) Photo Booth will be provided by Mr. Caverhill</p> <p>Motion to approve allocation of \$500 from the Centenary purchase of Guest book, refreshments, costumes, photos, easels Moved by Ersilia Seconded: Sharon</p> |

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| <p>Fun Fair</p> | <p>Estimate of expenses is \$9,376 Revenue expected is \$4K (incremental to previous years)</p> <p>Rob stated that the Centenary funds raised will cover the costs of Fun Fair.</p> <p>Questions included: How will we make \$4K more than we've made in the past? In the past we have not approved the budget for Fun Fair in advance, why do we need to do this.</p> <p>The council is not comfortable approving a budget as it is presented today with an increase of 40% of either attendees or sales. The risk of committing funds for the expenses as presented is not acceptable to the council.</p> <p>With much discussion about previous revenue and what a reasonable expectation would be for revenue.</p> <p>Motion to approve Fun Fair a budget of \$5,500 from Ersilia Second: Patrizia Motion carried</p> |
| <p>Bylaws</p> | <p>Ersilia presented – Ersilia, Colleen, Marisa discussed the existing bylaws and with the new guidelines provided by the board the bylaws were revised.</p> <p>Bylaws can only be amended each year at the AGM and must be circulated at least 30 days in advance.</p> <p>There seems to be an appetite to set a limit to the numbers of people who are voting members on the council.</p> <p>Some members are uncomfortable with the idea of standing for election. Please provide questions and comments to Ersilia.</p> <p>This will be discussed at future meetings.</p> |
| <p>Other Business</p> | <p>GR 2 FIRST COMMUNION LUNCH Ana Cadiak has begun preparations for the lunch. If anyone can help with planning and also day of, please let her or Val Borys know.</p> <p>We made a \$300 donation to St. Rita's Angel Foundation for Learning that was directed specifically to St Rita's Nutrition Program. This donation along with ministry funding meant the school did not need to approach parents for money for a second time in the school year. This was offered in recognition for hosting our senior students during the renovation in 2014.</p> <p>Angel Foundation for Learning charitable organization that serves the needs of students in the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB). Through the generosity and compassion of donors, it support students by nurturing their body, mind and soul through nutritional, educational, and spiritual programs.</p> |

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| | <p>May 13 we will take Mrs. Mazza out for a drink after the CSAC meeting.</p> <p>Moved a motion to support a GoFundMe campaign to support a child who was diagnosed with cancer with a \$100 donation from the Families in Need budget line. Moved by Ersilia. Seconded by Sandy.</p> <p>We need a Pizza Chair and someone to run QSP for the coming year. These are large fundraisers for the school so it's critical that we have some dedicated volunteers who are available during the day to step into these roles. We thank Rob Tuzi and Sandy Moutinho (respectively) who have donated their time to organizing these key initiatives.</p> <p>Teresa Pavlin has graciously assumed the role of CSAC Secretary for the past 2 years and done a wonderful job! However, she cannot commit to the role for next year. If anyone is interested and/or wants more information, pls contact her or any member of the current Executive.</p> <p>Survey will go out to all CSAC to identify any unmet needs or expectations of the committee.</p> |
| Adjournment | Motion to adjourn: Dave Seconded: Colleen |

APPENDIX 27 Voting Members (14 required for Quorum)

Present:

1. Heath Beatson
2. Marisa Cicero
3. Sharon DaSilva
4. Olga Geryluk
5. Irina Koudriavtsev
6. Patrizia Libralato
7. Mary Ellen Lynch-Comisso
8. Sandy Moutinho
9. Colleen Murphy

10. Claire Naranjo-Vargas
11. Elisa Nicolau
12. Louise Nimigon
13. Teresa Pavlin
14. Ersilia Serafini
15. Julie Sheppard-Greenhow
16. Adrienne Solda
17. Rob Tuzi
18. David Webb

Regrets:

1. Paola Beatson
2. Tanja Berger
3. Albert Girouard
4. Cathy Henry
5. Erica Kouros
6. Sandra Leffler
7. Lyette Obonsawin
8. Claire Suhay

Absent :

1. Valerie Arsenault-Borys