

Minutes of St. Cecilia School Council Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: January 14, 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, February 11, 2015

Agenda Item	Comments
Agenda & Minutes Approval Prayer	Marisa called the meeting to order. Motion to approve agenda: Lyette Second: Val Meeting minutes: Val Second: Teresa Victoria Purri
Financials	Sandy presented the Treasurer's Report Highlights include: Total Income to date (As at Dec. 31/14) QSP Magazines: \$1,995 Pizza Lunch: \$18,221 Activity Fees: \$6,464 Fun Fair: N/A Centenary: \$1,652 T-Shirts: \$210 Yoga Mats: \$92 Total: \$28,634 Centenary Tree and sales have not started, but sales of the "leaves" are expected to generate revenue. See attachment for details
Principals Report (Lori Mazza)	Principals Report Christmas concert went well Construction: Music room is completed Kindergarten room will be complete as of January 23 Staffing Kindergarten teacher went out on mat leave early – Lori hiring soon for a replacement Ms. Pelech is back

JK Registration

Lineup began at 3am. 87 children belong in catchment, 34 are siblings. 25 will not get in there are 62 spaces.

Likely 16 - 20 redirects

There are 120 spots (JK/SK) 90 spots are French, 37 spots remained from JK moving to SK.

Kevin McSweeney attended the board meeting. Mike Del Grande ran the meeting effectively and negotiated in our favour to overturn the rule that siblings are not given preference. The end result was siblings are guaranteed entrance into the school that their older siblings are already attending (must be the same specialty program that they are in).

Boundaries did not come up at this meeting.

EQAO Math Scores (results from May 2014 tests)

We chose math as our focus. Test booklets and examples of student answers from the past five years are online www.eqao.com

79% achieved level 3 or 4 – above the province and the board

If a student didn't participate, they received a zero so the average was likely higher.

CAT Test is multiple choice

Math Pedagogy includes four areas:

1. Growth Mindset (vs. Fixed Mindset)
2. Classroom Discourse/Effective Descriptive Feedback (Literacy of Numeracy & Effective Descriptive Feedback)
3. Use of Tools and Representations (Making thinking visible, Metacognition/Classroom Discourse, Kahn Academy, Prodigy/Manipulatives)
4. Effective Instructional Tasks (hands on experiences, interactive, engaging & purposeful activities/cross-curricular/differentiated instruction/modeling and repetition to encourage thinking/visuals of key concepts)

Extra Support

- Primary French Math Collaborative Inquiry
- After school Numeracy Tutoring Program – Gr. 3 & 6 (Feb – Apr)
- Gr. 7 & 8 Program

Lori showed a video of Dr. Jo Boaler & research at Stanford U regarding Growth Mindsets and how helpful it is in learning math. If children have this, they can achieve more and work through problems. She believes and the data shows kids need growth mindset interventions in math in order to succeed in the subject and in school overall.

	<p>Lori presented a number of questions from the Gr. 3 and the Gr. 6 tests and a great deal of very interesting and informative insights into the testing and analysis that went into strategies to improve scores</p> <p>Please see attached presentation for more detail.</p> <p>Fun Fair – Jan 26 6pm Meeting Green Committee – No updates Fundraising Committee – No updates Playground Committee – Next month there will be an update with an estimate for work on the playground By-law Committee – First meeting will be in February or March so that the committee can present a recommendation in April for CSAC approval</p>
<p>Grants Committee</p> <p>Other Business</p>	<p>We have a parent (Jocelyn) who has volunteered to spearhead a grants committee and the first order of business will be doing an environmental scan to see what is available. If you are interested in helping out with this please contact Olga and Marisa.</p> <p>Secondary school admission policy – Olga & Marisa spoke with Frank Amato – he will come to a meeting in April or May to provide general info about our local schools and how admissions work etc. This will be promoted via our regular channels, especially to Gr. 7 parents. (Still open for feedback till Feb. 9)</p> <p>Louise: Request if St. Cecilia Choir can sing at the church on Sundays Hard copies of the school calendar are available in the school</p> <p>Albert: His son thought it was cool that a St. C alumnus from 1955 came in to speak to his class – it was well received. (Set up by a former Student Teacher candidate).</p> <p>Central Tech, Keele Public & St. Vincent de Paul are also celebrating their 100th year school anniversaries.</p>
Adjournment	Motion to adjourn: Ersilia Seconded: Claire

APPENDIX 29 Voting Members

Present:

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| 1. Valerie Arsenault-Borys | 6. Cathy Henry |
| 2. Heath Beatson | 7. Erica Kourous |
| 3. Paula Beatson | 8. Sandy Moutinho |
| 4. Marisa Cicero | 9. Colleen Murphy |
| 5. Albert Girouard | 10. Claire Naranjo-Vargas |

11. Louise Nimigon
12. Teresa Pavlin
13. Ersillia Serafini

14. Julie Sheppard-Greenhow
15. Adrienne Solda
16. Claire Suhay

Regrets:

1. Tanja Berger
2. Olga Geryluk
3. Sandra Leffler
4. Patrizia Libralato
5. Mary Ellen Lynch-Comisso
6. Elisa Nicolau
7. Lyette Obonsawin
8. Amy Ringrose
9. David Webb

Absent:

1. Sharon Da Silva
2. Christine Lausic (2)
3. Roberto Tuzi

Non-Voting :

Crystal Amaral
Aldona Armstrong
Teresa Borgiel
Pat DiGeorgio
Lorinda Mazza
Victoria Purri
Maggie Tavares