

## Minutes of St. Cecilia School Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC) AGM

Date: January 12, 2016

Chairs: Olga Geryluk, Marisa Cicero (regrets)

Vice Chair: Jocelyn Reyes Midghall (absent)

Recording Secretary: Jennifer Santos (regrets) – *Olga took notes*

Treasurer: Sandy Moutinho

School Administration: Nick Biagini, Principal and Victoria Purri, Vice Principal (regrets)

Attendance: See Appendix A

Agenda Item	Comments
<b>Agenda &amp; Minutes Approval Prayer</b>	<p>Olga called the meeting to order.</p> <p>Motion to approve agenda and minutes. Moved by: Mary Ellen; seconded by: Elsa</p>
<b>Toronto Police, “Parent Safety Program”</b>	<p>Officer Cynthia Kirou presented “Kiss and Ride” proposal for St C to create safer drop off environment for kids</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program would run Mon-Fri, 8:15-8:30am</li> <li>• Requires min 4 student volunteers and 1 parent volunteer for each day</li> </ul> <p><b>How it would work?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cars pull up at gate to back yard (on Evelyn) – area will be clearly designated</li> <li>• Kids get out and student volunteers walk them to appropriate yard</li> <li>• Parents do not park car or get out of car, just keep moving</li> <li>• Police will attend assembly at school to kick off – this is really a student-led initiative</li> <li>• Police will be onsite first week of implementation (kick off date TBD)</li> </ul> <p><b>Where is this already in place &amp; successful?</b> Humbercrest PS More info to come on this in the next few weeks</p>
<b>SKILZ Programs (for student enrichment)</b>	<p>Kurt Lehner &amp; Shane Brown presented their workshop offerings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kurt is world famous animation artist &amp; character designer</li> <li>• Formed company to offer students exposure to creative workshops, taught by qualified professionals (not students) – endorsed by TCDSB</li> <li>• Ex. of types of workshops available: cartoon drawing; robotix; magic; stop motion animation; clay creations</li> <li>• Price: \$15-18/class (includes all materials) – workshop runs 8 wks</li> <li>• Due to space constraints, St C would likely consider after school workshops</li> </ul> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.skzfun.blogspot.ca">www.skzfun.blogspot.ca</a></p>
<b>Financials (Treasurer’s Report)</b>	<p>Sandy presented Financials (ending Dec 31, 2015). See attached summary for details.</p>
<b>Principal’s Report</b>	<p>Nick Biagini: See Appendix B for copy of handout <u><a href="#">Highlights</a></u></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LTO hired (to cover for Ms. Kowalenko) can no longer fulfill role, Mr. Biagini searching for replacement</li> <li>• Mr. Tucci started math program to help with computation skills – taking advantage of Google Apps to help with computation practice.</li> <li>• Mr. Biagini said will include \$1,000 line for purchasing apps in next year’s school budget (they are a valuable/effective tool)</li> <li>• 5 chrome books purchased in Nov 2015</li> <li>• Due to success of stationary bikes in the classroom, Mr. Biagini would like CSPC to consider \$ allocated for stand up desks to be used towards purchasing additional bikes</li> <li>• Cost to ship 2 friendship benches was over \$300 – sourcing a different supplier</li> <li>• Hockey team is for gr 6-8 students, Parent coach &amp; Mr. B to assist</li> </ul>
<b>Other Business</b>	<p><b>Swim caps:</b> Motion for CSPC to approve up to \$300 to fund swim caps for school swim team. Moved by: Aldona; Seconded by: Patrizia Daphne suggested we add this as a line item in annual budget.</p> <p><b>Pizza:</b> Term 2 registration open. 1st day of Term 2 Pizza is <u>Friday February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016</u></p> <p><b>Real Food for Real Kids:</b> Declined starting a program at St C for now – cited overly complicated logistics and lack of space.</p> <p><b>Fun Fair 2016:</b> Was strong support in room for holding a fun fair in the spring. Fundraising committee will be notified/mobilized.</p>
<b>Adjournment</b>	Meeting Adjourned.

**APPENDIX A: 25 Voting Members**

**Present:**

1. Aldona Armstrong
2. Claire Naranjo-Vargas
3. Claire Suhay
4. Colleen Murphy
5. Elisa Nicolau
6. Elsa Romao
7. Joanna Stocking
8. Mary Ellen Lynch Comisso

9. Olga Geryluk
10. Paola Beatson
11. Patrizia Libralato
12. Richard Williams
13. Sandy Moutinho
14. Sharon Da Silva
15. Teresa Borgiel

Regrets:

1. Rosanna Mangion
2. Jennifer Santos
3. Julie Sheppard-Greenhow
4. Marisa Cicero

Absent:

1. Cathy Henry
2. Deirdre Swatman
3. Diana Alpeza
4. Erica Kourous
5. Jamie Sprules
6. Jocelyn Reyes-Midghall

APPENDIX B: Principal's Report - handout

CSAC Principal Report: January 12

**Facility:**

Proposal has been submitted to the Board to have an electric fence installed where entrance leads from parking lot into the North yard. Facility will only add a fence but no swipe. Waiting on approval from Facility.  
New lines in parking lot to be done in Spring

**Staffing and Enrolment:**

Ms. Patricia Gatti hired as an LTO for Ms. Kowalenko  
Still interviewing for the Sk/1 class

**School/Board Improvement:**

Continued focus on the regular use of learning goals, success criteria and descriptive feedback. Promoting student voice as much as possible. School will continue to work on computational skills as a school wide focus. SSLN will continue to work on promotion and use of Google Apps for Education.  
School is registered for the LEXIA Remedial reading program. Our Special Education teachers have been in-serviced and they are already reporting a success with increasing student engagement

**Catholicity and Caring:**

Project Hope

**Interschool Events:**

PD Day- January 22  
Parent Teacher Conference : Feb.11 and 12  
Reports go home Feb.9  
Chromebooks  
Bench  
Stand up desks  
Young Gems program  
Teacher/Student Buddy System  
Jr. Soccer at the end of January- Jan.26-Boys and Jan.27-Girls  
Intermediate boys and girls basketball  
W5H Tournament  
Hockey team to be selected this month  
Swimming practices  
Preparation for Concours D'Oratoire  
Grant submitted to Participaction for three more stationary bikes  
St. Cecilia Roadrunners' Club to start for Grades 5 to 8 students in AM and after school  
Preparation for Wizard of Oz musical