

## **BISHOP ALLEN CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

### **Summary of Meeting of October 30, 2007**

#### **In Attendance**

Barb Di Santo	Art Hileman
John Grassby	Jody Rathgeber
Marie Couture	Lucie Jabour
Don Walker	Andrew Kwiatowski
Christine Kwiatowski	Anna Gilmour
Amanda Liscio	Michael Wahbi
Joe McGrade	Danny Ranalli
Ela Tkach	Sandi Kiverago
Bernadette Gilbertson	Krystyna Dix
Julie Pignatori	Rosa Rea

Meeting opened with a prayer.

1. Adoption of September 25, 2007 Minutes. Marie made motion to accept same with correction to paragraph 4. Seconded by Andrew.

2. (a) Auditor's Report – Jody Rathgeber. Ms. Rathgeber reviewed her report for the Bishop Allen 2006/2007 year. She read her report and it is to be included in these Minutes. She came to the conclusion that the financial statement submitted September 4, 2007 by Marie is in fact correct.

(b) Treasurer's Report. On October 4<sup>th</sup> CSAC received cheque from Ms. Sillery in the amount of \$8,490. for a balance in the account of \$8,832. For the new parents to the school attending meeting, it was clarified where the money for CSAC was obtained. The money comes mainly from the activity fee collected from parents, the \$90. fee plus the optional \$10. CSAC fee. Art, the CSAC Chair said that he'd like to leave \$500. in the account for coffee, donuts, etc. for the year. The FOBA and CSAC accounts are separate accounts. From CSAC funds are deducted the NSF cheques.

3. Student Council Representative Report – Amanda Liscio & Joe McGrade were present. This current week is Spirit Week. The students have been participating in numerous Halloween activities; karaoke, donut on a string, mystery substance guessing game. Student council fashion show is October 31<sup>st</sup>. An e-mail was sent to home rooms. The first 20 classes to respond got a pumpkin to decorate. The winning class gets a class breakfast.

Afternoon Zero and Skye Sweetnam were here on October 24th for the School Rocks Canada Tour. It was a great show. The first 20 classes who responded were permitted to go down to watch the show in 4<sup>th</sup> period. Food cans were also collected.

November 30<sup>th</sup> is the senior semi-formal only for seniors, grades 11 and 12. It will be held at Verdi's in Mississauga from 6:30 to 11:00. They're not really working on a theme this year.

Council also working with Free the Children helping to build a school in Masari, Africa. Me to We Day was held recently at Ricoh Coliseum. There were about 7,000 kids there. November 16<sup>th</sup> is the Salesian Retreat at Jackson's Point. About 6-10 Bishop Allen students along with two grade 12 leaders will be attending and teachers. This is only for grade 11 students. There is a process followed where the students are interviewed and then chosen.

October 31<sup>st</sup> is dress down day. Students can wear appropriate Halloween costumes. No masks will be allowed. Face paint?

A parent had a question concerning the school clubs – that if you didn't register on the day you were supposed to, could you still join? The answer was yes as the clubs are always open and you can join any time.

4. Teacher representative Report – Michael Wahbi. On October 2<sup>nd</sup> the ESP team kick-off took place at the Institute for the Blind. Participants were given an opportunity to meet Chief Bill Blair. All schools under 22 Division were asked to meet. Marty Olsen is our police representative. Our school has been asked to host it on November 14<sup>th</sup>. We'll be running ESP clinic for all schools.

Re BASLO – On October 3<sup>rd</sup> 110 kids showed up on the field at 6:00 a.m. to prime and paint the goal posts. They're now red and white. It took two days to finish.

With respect to intra-mural teams – Mr. Correia is in charge. There are 14 teams and they are just about complete. We have European handball which is for the juniors, grades 9 and 10 as well as volleyball for seniors. This is on Friday nights.

On November 9<sup>th</sup> Mr. Otten's geography classes are going to the Royal Winter Fair to look at the Sustainable Society exhibit. The French Immersion classes are not included in this excursion. Mr. Wahbi will mention the interest in this to Mr. Otten.

14 students have been selected to host the OFSA Volleyball championships on November 23<sup>rd</sup> and November 24<sup>th</sup>. They've been asked to be referees, scorekeepers, line judges, etc. Today representatives from OFSA ran a clinic for this. An announcement was made, and all students interested who had prior involvement could apply.

5. Principal's Updates – Sue Sillery. Next week is our grade 8 open house. We're hoping for a large turnout from our students. November 7<sup>th</sup> is Take Your Kids to Work Day. Mr. McCabe is arranging it. Question by parent as to what percentage of the students participate? Ms. Sillery asked Mr. Walker, who said that the vast majority of the students do participate. Many of those who don't take part stay home, and some of them

come to school. Guidance checks with the home room teacher to check which students are attending, and they are called down to be spoken to. If a student has nowhere to go for that day, the school tries to find a placement for him/her. November 14<sup>th</sup> is Information Night for students and parents re colleges and universities.

Our Newsletter is getting ready for printing. CSAC has been invited to submit an article or whatever we want. The deadline is November 5<sup>th</sup>. November 22<sup>nd</sup> is parent/teacher interviews. They're from 3:15 to 5:00 and 6:00 to 9:00. It's recommended that parents come for the afternoon as it will be less busy. Report cards should be distributed on November 16<sup>th</sup>. The marks are due in November 9<sup>th</sup>. November 23<sup>rd</sup> is Staff Retreat Day – PA Day.

Various upcoming activities - United Nation group will be going to McGill, 10 or 12 students will be going to the Dominican Republic, and the school band will be going to California. French Immersion group going to St. Donat, Quebec in February for four days.

Concerning Advanced Placement – the highest honour achieved is National Scholar. We have two students out of the 39 receiving the award from Ontario and Quebec. Qualifications for National Scholar – you have to write five exams and achieve a mark of 4 or 5.

- (a) Request to CSAC Funds – the list was reviewed. Ms. Sillery gave a background on each of the teams.

Dragon Boat Team – more established now and go to more regattas. The \$3,000. requested is a substantial increase from last year.

Prom Committee – money used for security at the prom. Perhaps the costs have increased?

Dominican Republic Experience – students lodge with the Grey Nuns. The cost is \$1,200. per student which covers air fare and a subsidy to stay at the convent. The students will be working with both the Haitians and Dominicans, as the convent is situated on both of the islands.

Science Gurus – Ms. D'Avella was to start this club. The money is for chemical supplies, robotic supplies. The actual need is \$790. but asking for \$500.-\$600.

Library – Festival of the Word – 70-100 students participate in this.

Art Department – the graduating students decorate a pillar. The money is needed for materials.

Fitness Club – weight room – mirrors are needed on the other wall. The cost for that is \$2,000. The weight room is used by the phys ed classes.

Free the Children – Ms. Lafontaine is a lawyer now teaching. \$200. is start up money to buy stamps, gifts, etc.

Cardinal Athletics – they want to purchase officiating stand for volleyball. Mr. Pietras doesn't think the one they have is safe. Art Hileman, the CSAC Chair thought that this money should come from the Board as this sounds like a safety issue. This request to be taken off CSAC request for funds, and will go through the Board.

Salesian Leadership Retreat – It costs each student attending \$205. for three days and two nights. There is a \$55. subsidy per student, and student pays the balance. It's on November 16<sup>th</sup>. Student Council representative Amanda Liscio said that the money may be for the February weekend. Ms. Sillery advised that the school will subsidize the students if CSAC doesn't. A parent asked why the money isn't paid out until November if the funds are approved as of today? Treasurer Marie Couture said that she needs the request in writing as the auditor has asked her for proof in writing.

BASLO – This club has never been funded by CSAC in the past. There's new life in the club this year. Membership has doubled. Club needs to order t-shirts, guest speakers, busses. Mr. Wahbi advised that our school will be the host school this year for Camp Olympia. 20 schools attend. We have to hire three guest speakers at a cost of \$500.-\$1,500. A donation has to be given to the priest. Gifts have to be purchased for each of the 400 students attending. The core group goes up to the camp the day before. A van has to be rented for that. Walkie talkies have to be purchased, a dee jay has to be hired for the dances. Water, juice, snacks have to be purchased. They're only approved to take 50 students and want to try to bring 100. It takes place the first weekend in May. The Camp Olympia weekend is seven months in the planning for the three days. The camp is in Huntsville. The Board provides some funding and they are asked to go to the school for the balance of money. Ms. Sillery advised that the school will likely cover the necessary costs of hosting Camp Olympia.

Fitness Friday Group – money is needed for hand weights, body bars and other equipment.

Retreats – the money requested is really for Allen Chaplaincy team retreat sweats, - \$800., they want \$650. and the kids to split. \$40. per student x 20 = \$800. They also want a laptop plus Power Point at a cost of \$3,000. Actual request is \$650.

Funding approved as follows:

Dragon Boat Team	\$1,000. (\$2,000. cut from request)
Prom Committee	750.
Dominican Republic Experience	500.
Science Gurus	500.
Library: Festival of the Word	500.
Art	140.
Fitness Club	1,000.
Free the Children	200.
Salesian Leadership Retreat	660.
BASLO	1,500.
Fitness Friday	500.
Retreats	650. (\$2,650. cut from request)

**Total is \$7,900.00.**

Art put motion forward to approve above list with taking \$2,000. off of the Dragon Boat request and \$1,000. from Fitness Club request. Andrew seconded motion. The motion was carried.

(b) FOBA Update. Andrew Kwiatkowski said that some things requested by various groups can be funded through FOBA such as weights, mirrors, etc. FOBA can fund “physical” items. Mr. Walker advised that FOBA bought 10 digital cam corders. Two of them cost between \$1,500. and \$1,800. These are used in the media and geography classes. The teachers previously involved in FOBA need to be replaced, as well as new parents need to be involved. Andrew said that FOBA can in fact be run by the parents. Question asked by parent – Can’t FOBA fund CSAC requests? These requests have to be within the FOBA Constitution, and they have to be tangible, physical items. Mr. Walker will look into it. Ms. Sillery said that FOBA should in fact be run by the parents and not the teachers. She will have to review the FOBA Constitution to clarify this. FOBA ads should be put in the school newsletter. Andrew will stay on as coordinator. John Grassby and Krystyna Dix will possibly join. There will be information on FOBA at the parent/teacher interview. The school website is now up-to-date.

(c) Portable Update – The portables issue is still tied up with the Board. It will probably never happen. MEDD programme – If this programme is implemented in the school, the rooms for it are required to be on the ground floor

Concerning enrolment issues, redirection, an announcement is coming from the Board on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting is Tuesday, November 27, 2007.