

BISHOP ALLEN CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Feb. 24th, 2009 CSAC Meeting

In Attendance

Adrian Della Mora	Mary Keenan	A. Della Mora
Mark Stadnyk	Chester Budziak	Valerie Devine
Aoife Humphreys	Franca D'Onofrio	Venita Indewey
Andy Kwiatkowski	Danny Ranalli	Ela Tkach
Lucie Jabour	Marie Couture	M. Whabi
Denise Williams	John Grassby	Susana Rodrigues
Krystyna Dix	Kelden Formosa	Una Kilkenny
Margret Brzoza	Art Hileman	

1. Opening:

Meeting opened with a prayer.

Chair asked for feedback on transition of all Grade 10 students back to the main campus. Results positive. Acknowledgement of great effort by all.

2. Approval of Minutes from Jan. 20 , 2009.

- Change format in 2 places - Motion to vote accepted by A. Kwiatkowski and seconded by Kelden Formosa and voted passed.
- Change year to 2009

Motion to accept the minutes of the Jan. 20 2009 CSAC meeting with caveat of changes was moved by A. Kwiatkowski and seconded by Kelden Formosa.

3. Student Council Rep Report

- Spirit week was a success. Spirit wear sales post-poned for two weeks due to a change in manufacturer.
- Junior semi formal being planned for April
- Mentoring program will be discussed with the team handling grade 9 orientation. Note that BASLO has a mentoring program as well.

4. Student Fund Raising Request (P. Dempsey)

Art Hileman read P. Dempsey's letter requesting support. Committee discussed the CSAC award given at graduation as a precedent for giving one person an award. Agreed that the intent and timing of CSAC award does not align to this request. Four years ago new Ministry guidelines provided direction on how CSAC should operate and these guide CSAC in decision

making despite any previous decision. Motion to vote on the issue made by Art Hileman and seconded by V. Indewey. Results – No support carried by the majority. 3 in favour.

Action Item - CSAC Award criteria and practices to be reviewed at next meeting.

5. Teacher Rep Report

- BASLO did a Saturday trip downtown to feed the homeless.
- Junior girls Volleyball advanced to the semi finals
- Badminton and Volleyball started up.
- Girl's swim team won their final meet – Champions.
- Ski team won at a recent event as well.

Action Item – Agreement to post these ‘wins’ on the outside signage for students and community to see.

6. Principal's Update

- In response to a question – The cost of new portables whole project undetermined as yet. Cost of portables alone was \$67k + GST for each.
- PD Day feedback – Differentiated Instructional Practices (assessment and evaluation practices) was a key topic practiced.
- Lockdown practice scheduled for March 24th.
- Safe School In-service – four teachers sent on training; two teachers sent on mediation training
- Impressive school initiatives: Lawrence Hill presentation; Huntington's Gala Dinner; and Ottawa letter campaign
- NSF Cheques – Mr. Della Mora clarified that the NSF follow up process is not being successful recouping funds. CSAC should not feel that they have been ‘shorted’ this amount and due diligence is being applied. Challenges faced this year and consistently in past year are the same in the amount of about \$6000.
- Uniform discussion – whether to include shorts in the accepted uniform practice. Sample of the short was reviewed. Concern expressed by Mr. Della Mora that based on his experience at the only other school in the TDCSB allowing shorts (Michael Power) the short creates enforcement issues as students roll them up. Discussion supported having the students experience the air conditioned portables this year to see how much more bearable pants are. CSAC's response – do not want the teachers to have to invest more time enforcing uniform policy. Kelden Formosa moved that we seek a poll to determine if there is support to advise the Principal to take the summer short initiative under consideration. 7 voted for supporting this initiative and 6 voted against it (do not consider the short).

Action Item - Recommend discreet messaging on cheque writing ‘challenges’ that create NSF cheques be put on application form.

Action Item – Add the ‘Gently Used Uniform Program’ to a future CSAC agenda for discussion.
Objective – How might we market this better and raise money of support students who need uniforms but don’t have funds.

Action Item: Student Success Initiative – letter from Toronto Police Services (22 Division) asking if they could speak re: community safety. Support that they come and speak at a future CSAC meeting.

7. Treasurers Report

- \$500 cheque will be issued for Attawapiskat.
- Account balance will be \$757.

Art Hileman raised a request from Mr. Sung (teacher leading the dragon boat teams) asked for additional \$500 funding to maintain the previous year’s funding. Mr. Della Mora said he would support the shortfall from the school funds.

8. FOBA update

Andy Kwiatkowski, chair of FOBA presented an update on current activities.

- Focusing on ‘beautification’ of space above lockers (calligraphy messages)
- Funds in account \$2000 with some donations still coming in
- Donated an LCD projector to the Phys Ed Dept.

9. Adjournment and Next Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 when CSAC members joined the Principal in viewing the new portables. There is no March meeting. Next meeting April 28th.