

BISHOP ALLEN CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Summary of Meeting of January 15, 2008

In Attendance

Susan Sillery
Don Walker
Art Hileman
Krystyna Dix
Sandi Kiverago
Lucie Jabour
Michael Szul
John Di Paolo
Nicole Swift

Mark Stadnyk
Barb Di Santo
Andrew Kwiatowski
Susana Rodrigues
Bernadette Gilbertson
Marie Couture
John Grassby
Denise Mucha

Meeting opened with a prayer.

1. Motion to adopt Minutes from November 17, 2007 meeting made by Andrew Kwiatowski. Seconded by Marie Couture. Motion passed.
2. There was no Student Council report tonight.
3. Follow-up items from previous meeting – Art Hileman
 - Principal Profile
 - A - our school is overburdened with portables and should be put high on the list for trying to resolve
 - this school is well-known for leadership skills and this should continue
 - sportsmanship
 - academic excellence for all students

Art will redo the Profile and send it out. Once it has been approved and passed, Andrew will put it on the school website.

➤ Washrooms

The Ontario Building Code refers to them as water closets. According to the Code, one water closet is required for every 30 males and one for every 26 females. We have approximately 793 females and 679 males. Art will get a full count for the school for both students and staff and figure out the ratio. Mr. Walker will do this on January

16th. Ms. Sillery advised that if there are any washrooms that are not useable there is a work order in for it to be repaired. Provision for portables – i.e. if there are enough washrooms for the main building, this does not apply to portables.

Meeting recently held with physed teachers and coaches re security and ideas to improve same; i.e. doors to be fitted to light up when they are ajar, only have one set open. The security rules are to be reinforced and staff to be more vigilant. There has been one further incident of a boy being caught by students. He was reported, the police were called, and parents were called to the school. No charges were laid. The boy admitted theft, he returned money and the boy was suspended.

4. FOBA Update – Andrew Kwiatowski

New Constitution was approved and passed on December 17th. Andrew is the chair of FOBA, and three students are also participating. The Christmas campaign was very successful. There is a current account balance of \$8,106. A meeting concerning distribution of these funds is next Tuesday. 85% of the money raised is to be spent during the school year. 15% will be held back for administrative matters.

- Alumni Report - data base and link still being worked out and should be running shortly
- BA Website - FOBA link now on school website.

5. Teacher representative Report – no report.

5. (A) Donald Walker presented new Safe Schools Report. New legislation comes into effect on February 1st. The material on Bill 212 will be coming in next week. Mr. Walker then did a power point presentation on the new legislation.

Examples of new legislation –

- Bullying and cyber bullying have been added to the list of infractions where suspensions for same are to be considered.
- If students are gone from school for say 1 of 20 days they must be given an educational programme so they don't fall behind
- Teachers are no longer allowed to suspend students
- Suspensions are no less than 1 day and no more than 20
- All suspensions are subject to possible appeal, except the 1 day suspensions, within 10 days of commencement of same

- A committee made up of three trustees being formed to hear appeals
- Board is in the process of setting up programme to educate expelled students from all board schools

Ms. Sillery put forth question – has safety concern within our school increased or remained the same? She believes that in her eight years at the school it has been constant. The Board Code of Conduct is being delivered to the school next week and then it is to be reviewed by the school. Mr. Walker advised that our school social worker has access to all sorts of programmes for students.

6. Principal's Update

Don Walker is to return to the classroom next semester. Mary Topping will be coming to school on February 4th as Vice Principal.

Other matters – Updated Safe Schools Code of Conduct includes updated discipline model. The Year Book was recently distributed. Students returned from skiing/snowboarding trip to Mt. Tremblant. 33 students participated. Great time had by everyone.

The grade 8/9 admissions are ongoing.

Mark Stadnyk is preparing the exam schedule. They start on January 28th.

Period 1	-	January 28 th
Period 2	-	January 29 th
Period 3	-	January 30 th
Period 4	-	January 31 st
		February 1 st is make up day

On January 22nd and 23rd, grade 9 students are writing Math and Religion exams from 9:30 to 12:30.

Length of exams

Grade 9	-	1½ hours
Grade 10	-	2 hours
Grade 11	-	2 hours
Grade 12	-	2½ hours.

7. Treasurer's Report – Marie Couture

December 21st – Teacher's Appreciation Cake – to be paid soon.

After all monies have been deducted there is \$611.95 left. \$500. cheque for Parent Involvement Fund has not yet been received by CSAC from the school. Ms. Sillery will write it soon. This money has to be spent by August 31st and Ms. Sillery has to make accounting of how money was spent. Suggestions for spending \$500. – buy stamps? Ms. Sillery will come up with a list for distribution of money for the next meeting.

Other discussions – Art had Ms. Sillery's permissions to discuss student success matters – review of course timelines and homework completion – a student shouldn't be penalized for this with reduced evaluation. Mr. Stadnyk advised that Mark Fenwick chaired a panel concerning assignments handed in late. The Board has removed students being docked for lateness concerning assignments. Student has until the last day of the semester to hand in all assignments and homework before being docked. The teacher cannot put a zero until the end of the semester. During course of semester the teacher should be phoning home to remind student to hand his/her work in.

Parent had question from her son – He'd like to know why there is no football team here at the school? Ms. Sillery said that this has come up the past three years. She referred this question to Mr. Stadnyk as he's a former football coach. Start up costs is approximately \$50,000. Right now, equipment and insurance costs are too much to warrant a team. Andrew said that there is funding available for start up costs. Ms. Sillery said other factors involved are injuries. We have a soccer field that would have to be adjusted for football. Concerning coaches – if we had five teachers who wanted to coach that would be one thing. She's been told that we could get volunteer coaches. It's a huge commitment, and the interest has to be there first before a team can be considered.

Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting is Tuesday, March 4th.