

BISHOP ALLEN CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes of the January 18 2011 CSAC Meeting

In Attendance

CSAC (2010/2011)

Staff/Students

Others

Andrew Kwiatkowski
Valerie Devine
Adam Coote
Krystyna Dix
Aoife Humphreys
Anne Walsh Rieger
Joanna Bak
Audrey Butrimus-Halpin
Deirdre Mackintosh
John Grassby
Josie Allen

Adrian Della Mora
Don Walker
Jen Smolders
Joshua Calafato
John McCabe
Mary Keenan

Chris Kwiatkowski
Connie Jemma
Denise Williams
Gabrielle Kresic

Apologies:

Venita Indewey
Marisa Neim
Mary-Jo DeQuintal

Michael Kim

Action Items from Jan 18th Meeting:

1. Group to meet to discuss new constitution and long term strategic plan for CSAC/FOBA.
(Joanna Bak, John Grassy, Adam Coote, Andrew Kwiatkowski)
2. Review of possible application for 'Greening' grant will be reviewed
(Don Walker and Andy Kwiatkowski)
3. List of Late start dates to be added to the Web Site
(Don Walker and Andy Kwiatkowski)
4. Find out if the parent who owns the Laundromat is able to launder used uniforms
(Andy Kwiatkowski)

1. Opening Prayer:

Meeting opened with a prayer.

2. Adoption of Minutes from the November 30 2010 Meeting

Minutes of the meeting were published on the web for review prior to the meeting.

Valerie Devine moved to accept the minutes and Joanna Bak seconded.

3. Student Rep Report (Joshua Calafato)

- Spirit wear orders are due in 1st week of Feb
- Multi cultural day planned for March 2nd 2011
- There will not be a semi-formal in March as hoped due to events at last years by a small group. Onus is now on Student Council to come back to Mr. Della Mora for the following year (2012), with a proposal on how to address the negative activities that occurred previously.
- Interviews for Camp Olympia to start after examinations

4. Treasurer Report (Anne Walsh Rieger)

- Christmas Campaign raised \$6,830 in donations
- Canada Helps \$96.10 came in on Dec 29 2010, Also \$408.43 on Jan 4, 2011
- Also received QSP check from magazine sales of \$138.10
- Current FOBA Account Balance \$14,740.96

The above balance includes some other donations that were made which Anne reviewed.

Charity return for 2010 year end has been completed and reviewed by our auditor Jody Rathberger. Return has been mailed.

The BA Newsletter will provide details of the Christmas campaign\

Andy advised that generally funds raised within the year should be spent within that year. So we are one third of the way towards goal of \$30,000 for technology equipment in the school.

5. Teachers Report

Jen Smoulders and John McCabe presented – see Appendix A attached

A couple of CSAC parents are interested in forming a CSAC team to ride in the Inside Ride (see Appendix A) on February 15. Each person will have to ride for 10 minutes and each team will need (at most) 6 riders.

Due to the increased costs (i.e. fuel) in running the Grade 9 Muskoka Woods program and the fact that there has been no change in fees for over 6 years, a request was made to approve an increase in the fees for the upcoming year. The request was for a \$25 increase both for students and student helpers to the amount of \$275 and \$175 respectively. There was also discussion about increasing this by \$50, however, it was agreed that \$25 would be acceptable.

Group segued to discussion on managing possible used uniform program (in the spirit of re-using and re-cycling) – would need to be run and managed by parents. Mr. Della Mora will advise

new parents at the Grade 9 Orientation night and in the Newsletter (telling parents to check the website to find out details) about the one night (TBD - during early summer) when freshly-laundried BA uniforms will be sold at a reduced price. Monies made from this program would be allocated to student-based programs (i.e. Muskoka Woods). Left-over uniforms will be left in school to be lent to those who forget their uniforms. Andy indicated that there's a parent who owns a laundromat who might be able to do this for us.

Krystyna Dix and Deirdre Mackintosh have volunteered to be on the committee. Others are welcome to join.

6. Chairs Report (Andrew Kwiatkowski)

- Policy guideline sent out before Christmas for comments. Comments sent to board and board has acknowledged and is formulating an update
- Also feedback on the long term plan from the TDCSB has been sent to the board.
- New constitution: Joanna Bak advised that there is some work to do around merging FOBA into the CSAC constitution. This is ongoing and will take some time.
- Career Day: Andy advised he part took in the day and the students were very interested. However presenters should have a time limit to talk so that enough time is allowed for student questions etc. John McCabe advised that other presenters had provided same feedback. Andy also said that it would be beneficial to include the Grade 12 also.
- Grant for greening of the school: Andy advised of article advising that non-profit or charity organisations can apply for this grant. Mr Walker and Andy will review

7. Principals Update (Mr Della Mora)

- CSAC funds: disbursements have been honoured based on staff, student and parent feedback in previous years. Extracurricular clubs, the school newspaper, art supplies for murals and door painting, and a subsidy program for appropriate students in all activities are included. The fees also assist with Baslo, Camp Olympia, Fitness Friday, Festival of Word, Chaplaincy, Dragon Boat etc.
- Walkathon scheduled for Thursday, May 19, 2011. Staff and students are preparing for this event which will run in alternate years with the Mini Olympics/Carnival day. The walkathon will entail a 10K walk through the ravine located behind our school and will require a permit. Passports will also be issued to be stamped at stations. Police and staff will be along the route. We will have an adjusted schedule for period 1 and 2 with a projected return to school around 1pm for bar-b-que, juice and snacks and return to school for period 4 during which passports will be collected. In order to participate, each student will be required to raise a minimum total pledge amount of \$20. Students who raise significant pledge amounts will also be eligible for prizes. This is not a FOBA event and so, funds raised will go into the school's account. No tax receipts will be issued.
- Golf Tournament: Andrew Kim (parent) is organising this event in conjunction with Mr. Della Mora and other CSAC members. He is actively seeking corporate sponsorships and is very optimistic that parents, alumni and teachers will take part in this 9 hole shotgun format round of golf followed by a dinner and silent auction on June 2, 2011.

Costs should be reasonable. This is not a FOBA event and so, funds raised will go into the school's account. No tax receipts will be issued.

- Parent Reaching Out Grant – Mr McCabe is looking scheduling strategic guest speakers targeting key social issues (i.e. social networking) relating to our grade 10 students. Class visits allow for better fielding of questions and discussion rather than a grade level assembly approach. The PRO Grant funds will be used for a parents evening to allow a speaker to present to parents on current relevant topics affecting students/teenagers today

8. FOBA Update (John Grassby)

- John Grassby thanked those who worked on the Christmas Campaign.
- Strategic Plan is under review but is closely tied to the revised constitution. Adam invited everyone to review plan and provide feedback. A meeting will be scheduled to review prior to the next meeting. Andy advised that the document is posted on the web site.
- The QSP brochures which were not handed-out on Curriculum Night will be sent home with students. Parents can order magazines from QSP - all year round.
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9. Open Forum

- Adam asked if there was any feedback on the late start days to allow teachers to meet on school matters etc. There have been two to date. This gives teachers the gift of time to meet by department – also Mr Della Mora and Ms. Keenan are able to meet with applied level teachers. Feedback from the CSAC members was that it has had a negligible effect on their kids.
- The list of dates for late starts to be posted on the Web site.

10. Adjournment and Next Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:50 pm. The next meeting will be held February 22 2011 at 7pm.

Motion to adjourn Adam Coote and seconded by Valerie Devine.

11. Appendix A

Teachers Report Jan 28 2011



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