

# **BISHOP ALLEN CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the May 25 2010 CSAC Meeting**

### In Attendance

| <u>CSAC</u>     | <u>Staff/Students</u> | <u>Others</u>         |
|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Art Hileman     | Adrian Della Mora     | Gabriele Kresic       |
| Aoife Humphreys | Don Walker            | Christine Kwiatkowski |
| Chester Budziak | Keldon Formosa        | Josie Allen           |
| Krystyna Dix    | John McCabe           | Denise Mucha          |
| Maureen Gomes   | Mary Keenan           |                       |
| John Grassby    | Mathew Ziomec         |                       |
|                 | Jen Smolders          |                       |

### **1. Opening:**

Meeting opened with a prayer.

### **2. Adoption of Minutes from the April 27, 2010 Meeting**

- Some additions from Chester to be added to attendance and Mathew's name to be added in Student Rep section.
- John Grassby - Principals Rpt – clarify 'late assignment policy' as opposed to 'late policy'

Krystyna Dix moved to accept the minutes and Maureen Gomes seconded.

### **3. Year End Business**

- CSAC award presentation usually given by graduating parent. Art is graduating parent and will be happy to present.
- Art also encouraged all parents to continue to attend and to volunteer for executive positions. John Grassby also asked for volunteers for FOBA.
- Amount for balance in bank not known but we need to spend the amount to bring balance to 0.00 as next year all funds will remain with Mr Della Mora under the new process for

handling CSAC portion of funds. Mr Della Mora will follow-up on application for Parent Reaching out grant for next school year.

- Mr Della Mora spoke to Art's involvement in CSAC for a number of years. He brings energy and enthusiasm to the position and will reserve official thanks for September.

#### **4. Student Rep Report (Matthew Ziomek)**

Keldon outgoing student rep attended also.

- Currently having election week for student council – voting this Thursday. Candidates give speeches and present videos. Results to be announced Friday May 28<sup>th</sup> at Carnival.
- Friday May 28<sup>th</sup> is Carnival in conjunction with mini-Olympics
- To end this year there will be a transition to encourage students to be more involved with CSAC and FOBA. Will look for some grade 11 students to become involved – objective to extend CSAC and FOBA goals out to the student population. Would like to be able to get some students involved in the activities.
- ABC Anti bullying Club – “Harmony movement” seminars were conducted for 40 students. Finished last week with presentation on monitor in foyer. Many of the students will take what they have learned this year and apply it next year within the school.
- ACT group - 15 students attended a ‘Respect for life’ conference at the House of commons
- SCOPE in the middle of water bottle campaign to reduce use of water bottles – collecting and creating a pile to show how many are used within the school.
- SAGE program called “Youth and Control” - trying to extend message that student should be responsible in terms of alcohol consumption beyond the school environment. The theme is ‘party in the right spirit’. Using the model of ‘Lifesaver’ to encourage students to be life saver if friends are being irresponsible. BYOB campaign – bring your own banana. Those who do will get a free smoothie or free ice cream.
- School play was held and funds used to pay royalties and costs and additional funds will go to drama department.

Grade 11 Students attended the ‘Stop the Stigma’ campaign by the Moods Disorder Association. Guest Speaker was a gentleman who grew up with depression and also spoke about other disorders. Mr McCabe advised that they hope to extend the program to make available to grade 9, 10 and 11 next year

## **5. Teachers Report**

Jen Smoulders and John McCabe presented – see Appendix A attached

## **6. Principals Update**

Presented by Mr. Della Mora

- Graduation – School will have grade 12 assembly on Monday May 31st. A letter is sent home explaining expectations and outlining various upcoming events for grads: breakfast, picnic, prom and graduation ceremony.
- Year End Activities:
  - H.I.P.E (Healthy Improvement Promotes Excellence) Breakfast – the school acknowledges the improvement of students and invites them to a breakfast in their honor. Alumni are invited back to speak with these students about their success.
  - Emergency lockdown scheduled for Thursday May 27<sup>th</sup>
  - Mini-Olympics & Carnival Friday May 28<sup>th</sup>
  - Athletics Banquet at school June 10<sup>th</sup> - all students who participated during the year can attend. The original athletic fee covers this cost.
  - Spring Concert this Thursday May 27<sup>th</sup>
  - EQAO June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> for Grade 9 Mathematics
  - Final mass on June 2<sup>nd</sup>
- PRO (Parent Reaching Out Grant) – Update and proactive planning – there was a parent information evening. Mr Della Mora proposed using the funds to continue the ‘Stop the Stigma’ presentations in conjunction with gender specific presentations targeting grade 9 students.
- Beautification Grant Update – Mr Walker provided an update. We did not get the grant this time. The reason given was that we did not show any fund raising from this side for the project. The plan was to try to put in some native plants growing in front etc. It was proposed that in September, CSAC could possibly look into setting up a sub committee to manage this initiative. Also suggested that CSAC could seek sponsors from the community or parents who have contacts in the

industry. Also need plan to maintain upkeep of landscaping – also over the summer – need low maintenance items that would survive.

- Mr Della Mora acknowledged Keldon Formosa for his input over the years and attending the CSAC meetings.
- Late Assignment Policy has been approved and will be in the handbook for September 2010.
- Strategic staff professional development – teachers are always looking for ways to better serve the community. Topics scheduled for next year's staff meetings include effective student feedback, instructional skills, how to know how the students are feeling and using technologies in the classroom.

### **7. Year End Financial Statement – Treasurer**

Lucie Jabour absent – no report given.

### **8. Seeting of 2010-20111 CSAC meeting dates**

- Traditionally last Tuesday of every month and dates will be put forward for the last Tuesday of each of the following months: September 2010, October 2010, November 2010, January 2011, February 2011, April 2011 and May 2011 as per usual practice.

### **9. Any other business**

- Mr Della Mora thanked parents for attending throughout the year.

### **10. Adjournment and Next Meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45 pm. Next meeting – September 2010. Date to be confirmed.

### **11. Appendix A**

Teachers Report May 25 2010



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