**Parent Council Advisory Committee Meeting**

**May 15, 2017**

Parents Present: Nikki Crenna, Chair; Todd Lichti; Dawn Stafrace; Abby Watson; Mary Rolston; Jesse & Chris Armstrong; Mary Mascarenhas

Regrets: Catherine Sinclair, Secretary/Treasurer; Kate MacNaughton;

Staff Present: Kevin Dorey; Melanie Taylor

1. **Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

1. **Opening Prayer**

Mr. Dorey lead the group in prayer.

1. **Approval of Agenda**

***MOTION PC19/17, THAT the agenda be approved.***

***Moved by: Mary Mascarenhas***

***Seconded by: Todd Lichti***

**4. Approval of Minutes from the Parent Council Meeting of April 11, 2017**

***MOTION PC20/17, THAT the minutes from the meeting of April 11, 2017 be approved.***

***Moved by: Todd Lichti***

***Seconded by: Mary Rolston***

1. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

Mary provided a brief update on the attendance (14 + organizers) at the PROGrant event in late March. She also encouraged ideas for future PROGrant events (available annually).

1. **Financial Update**

A Financial update was not available.

1. **Form for Teacher Funding Requests**

The Chair provided an update - a form has been created for teachers to request funds from council (form has been reviewed and approved by Kevin and approved by him.)

1. **Fundraising Updates**

Paint Night is coming up – Tuesday, June 27th. 8 tickets of the 60 available are sold. Abby shared the colour flyer she has prepared – needs to be shared on social media and posted on community bulletin boards. 35 tickets need to be sold for the event to take place and our deposit to be returned.

The Mini Market was held last Thursday and Friday – very popular and raised $300.

Fun Fair (formerly Spring Fling) will be held on Friday, June 16th . We will seek items for a smaller raffle – Sandbanks passes, Hamilton Beech, Stormy’s are possible donors. Discussion to be moved to a subcommittee. At present, members are Nicola Crenna, Abby Watson and Mary Mascarenhas. Will also post on Facebook.

***MOTION 21/17, THAT planning for the Fun Fair be moved to a subcommittee.***

***Moved by: Mary Mascarenhas***

***Seconded by: Abby Watson***

1. **Funding Requests**

Without the financial update, we did not make any commitments but discussed providing an allotment to each teaching staff member for September, 2017 – at present, 12 classrooms plus 4 floating teachers. We also discussed the need to set funds aside for the Thanksgiving Lunch.

***MOTION 22/17, THAT Council supports the planning for the traditional Thanksgiving Lunch. Nicola Crenna and Mary Mascarenhas have agreed to start the committee and to begin the reservation process with the hall (target date, Thursday October 5th, 2017).***

***Moved by: Mary Mascarenhas***

***Seconded by: Abby Watson***

1. **Principal’s Report**

Mr. Dorey stated there are 262 students enrolled.

The first week of May was Catholic Education Week. He had hoped the entire Grade 6 class could attend but were limited to 12 students, lots were drawn for attendance. During Catholic Education week, St. Gregory’s hosted the Theatre Guild Night, which was well received.

There are 5 Queen’s candidates at St. Greg’s for their observational practicum as well as 1 candidate from Trent. There is also one “Tutor in the Classroom”, placed in Mr. Thompson’s room, for 100 hours.

St. Gregory’s has been approved for the summer program again this year. This allows up to 30 current Kindergarten to Grade 2 students to attend programming for the first 3 weeks of July. Morning is given to literacy/numeracy/academic work and the afternoon to athletic/experiential opportunities. Staffing personnel not confirmed as yet.

Mr. Dorey briefly updated on other activities that have taken place and are upcoming. The Mini Market, Track and Field and Primary Play days all went well. Cross Country has been postponed again, likely to mid-June. (Due to Zwicks park being too wet for the event to take place at present.) On May 16th, Hyrdo One will be in for “Arbour Day” and will plant 3 or 4 trees.

Mr. Dorey has 1 extra ticket to hear Ron Suskind, Pulitzer Prize winning journalist, on this coming Thursday (in Kingston). Some St. Greg’s staff will be attending afternoon or evening sessions. (There is a documentary about how Mr. Suskind used Disney movies to improve communication with his son, who has autism.)

Friday, May 19th is a P.D. day and Monday, May 22nd is the Victoria Day holiday.

EQAO will be written by the Grade 3 and 6 stuents between May 23rd and June 5th.

The next school mass will be June 1st. Confirmation is June 7th, Graduation is June 23rd and the Paint Night Fundraiser is June 26th.

Following a question from a parent, Kevin said he had spoken with Triboard regarding any potential impact to busing for St. Gregory’s based on the consolidation of schools in the public board. He said Triboard indicated they had not received any requests for changes from the public board as yet but had run simulations and expect minimal, if any, changes to our bus routes.

1. **Other Business**

The Chair brought up a communication from a parent not present about the possibility of the school offering an Extended French program (with about 50% of a student’s learning day being in French.)

Mr. Dorey spoke a little more about the possibilities for an electronic payment system for pizza day/sub day/milk/etc. He has seen a draft version, created by school administrators, that will be piloted within the board.

Discussion also touched on selling frozen cookie dough (instead of Little Caesar’s?) in the next school year and increasing the notice period for events happening in the school.

1. **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

As this was the last business meeting for the 2016/2017 school year, dates were discussed for elections and the first meeting for the 2017/2018 school year. Council elections will take place on Thursday, September 14th at 6:00 p.m. with the first full council meeting scheduled to take place at/after the back to school barbeque on September 28th.

***MOTION PC23/17, THAT the meeting be adjourned.***

***Moved by: Nikki Crenna***

***Seconded by: Mary Rolston***