

St Edward Catholic Elementary School CSPC Meeting Minutes

November 2, 2015
1 Botham Rd

Present: Anthony De Ciantis (Principal), Dan Amodio, Lisa Nerpiti-Cazzolli, Larisa Mottaz, Gonzalo Santana, Kirby Szeto, Robert Batelli, Emily Gardiner-O'Halloran, Sherrie-Lee Neill, Richard Varela, Luis Mendes, Darlene Potter, Nunzio Grella, Kevin Hodgkinson, Dan Capozzi (teacher rep), Shobna Nijhawan, Elizabeth Evans, Joe Conneely, Jamie Stuart.

1. Opening Prayer

2. Minutes Review: Minutes from the meeting held on October 13th. were presented, reviewed and approved.

3. Action Plan Review and Status:

No	Action Item	Assigned to	Due Date	Status	Comments/Notes
1	A donation letter to be made to the Catholic cemetery, for Rebecca's garden.	Mr. DeCiantis	June 2016	Ongoing	a. Grandparent has agreed to help with this project. b. Catholic Cemeteries has agreed to make a donation – Tony to find out how much. For December's meeting we are to have more information. c. Proposal for other children to be memorialized in the garden, as well. d. JP to seek out a landscape architect to help with layout.
2	On-Line payments. Can we have an on-line payment form for CSAC fundraisers? Research and presentation back to CSAC.	Chris Pereira		On Hold	Waiting to hear how the TDSB trial with a vendor went. We are not moving forward with a vendor in the TCDSB. Call with a Cambridge company to get a demo of their payment tool, which is used in other parts of Ontario. Looking to influence the board to adopt this tool. With board awaiting decision on whether we can be chosen for a pilot.
3	Liaise with Tony to put forward "MyBlueprint" from the TCDSB to the school	Cheryl Bristol Dan Capozzi	Nov. 2015	Ongoing	Reconvene with the leaders of this topic in January 2016.
4	Career Day	Chris Pereira and Gonzalo Santana, Dan Capozzi	Nov. 2015: Status to be shared	Ongoing	a. SW Program to be purchased by the School Board. b. Purpose is to have kids oriented on future career paths. c. This, appropriate when kids begin to inquire on secondary school.
5	Greenhouse	Rob Batelli Lead Budget	Dec 2015	On Going	Will the school proceed with the Greenhouse?

		Committee			

- **Bus Committee**

Sherrie-Lee presented her findings on parents concerns surrounding the bus system. Much stemmed on communication; ensuring safety of children once they are on the bus; children boarding the correct buses; and substitute drivers.

The issue of sidewalks were discussed but were parked for next month when the city counsellor will be attended to address it. Safety Sub Committee to champion.

- **Stock Bus Update**

TCDSB representative, Kevin Hodgkinson, gave an update on the Stock bus situation.

Outlined the 'purple tag' system for younger children. Not all parents were aware of the purple tag system and most felt it wasn't being utilized at St Edward.

They also indicated they would be going out for RFP for a new bus provider in the next two years.

Sherrie-Lee to liaise with Kevin as Bus Sub Committee lead.

- **Principal Update – Tony DeCiantis**

School continues to make math a focus for the year.

Family is another theme for this year.

- **Greenhouse**

There is no formal response yet. It may take up to one year due to the Board's regulation and its procurement procedure.

Tony still does not have an answer from the board. Budget committee to review whether to reallocate funds.

- **Budget Committee**

Robert and Lisa presented the budget outlining all of the funds and how they were being allocated. They were under four basic headings.

The budget was passed. 15 in favour. 0 against.

- **Dance - a - Thon**

Emily did a review of the dance-a-thon and was thanked for her being the lead this year for the first time.

- **School Web Site:**

Kirby mentions the site is up and running. We may access from www.stedwardcs.ca. The website was pulled up and navigated by the CSPC team to see it live.

- **Instrumental Board Update**

We received the instruments but there is still a surplus of funds. This will go into the regular pool of funds.

Robert motioned to adjourn the meeting, Sherrie-Lee seconded; all were in favour.

Meeting ended at 9:10 p.m.

Next meeting is December 7th. John Filion to attend.