

School Advisory Council Meeting

September 15th, 2009-09-15

St. Michael Catholic Secondary School

1. Prayer
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Approval of Agenda and Minutes – Forwarded by Lionel
 - i. Seconded by Brenda
4. Matilda Street Sidewalk and Condition discussion. Paul brought up issue of safety on Matilda street and the condition of the road. The letter submitted earned a response outlining that the next step is to meet with Ray Nathdraft. There is a history of this issue and the residents are not interested due to a possible tax increase. The city is concerned but the residents are not overly interested.
5. Member introductions and roles.
 - a. Members introduced themselves.
 - b. Roles on the council are not separate from each other. Everyone is involved in everything. We have members and liaisons. It was proposed that members assume a role that they are interested in and passionate about.
 - c. Cell phone policy is a hot issue. Marina Pinder and cell phone policy discussion. Maria is not present to make her presentation. One member pointed out that some positives do exist when it comes to cell phone use. Perhaps we need to reconsider and think about future possibilities. Frustration around issue of the policy and enforcement of the policy. Will continue to drive the issue home and pursue further. Paul will put cell phone policy on agenda again next month
 - d. Dinner discussion night next Wednesday the 23rd at Mitchell Golf Course. Paul will attend with Imke (student Rep), and so will 4 other members. The meeting is open to all members and to plan for the year and discuss the future of the SAC.
 - e. Parent Teacher Conference Night: SAC has an idea (do they still have \$500). Teachers will now be in both gyms and SAC will use the Cafeteria for a coffee house. Snacks and performers are possibilities for those who attend. One concern is that parents do not attend and the coffee house will attend as a family together. Perhaps the snacks will encourage the children to come. Cultivating a community together. Can the name of parent teacher night be changed to something like Family teacher conference or student parent ,teacher night? Other boards do call it parent/student/teacher interviews. CAN SYNERVOICE BE USED TO COMMUNICATE TO PARENTS THE IMPORTANCE OF KIDS COMING?

- f. Can we remind teachers to invite students to parent teacher conferences too?
- g. Thursday Oct, 15th is parent teacher night. (Food Course for snacks?)
- h. Paul will work with Tina Robinson to co-ordinate the schedule for the coffee house and Imke has expressed an interest and that student council could also play a role. Will be discussed at next meeting.
- i. H1N1 – Dan outlined board policy and directed everyone to board website for updates and more information.
- j. Member recruitment – Some new members are using the school web page to find out things by checking happening etc. To recruit new parents we need to find ways, many members are leaving as they will no longer have a child in the school. Need more members to help out and be on parent council

Principals Reports

- k. Board Policy covered and referred to. Members will get binders containing policy
- l. Package distributed and discussed containing nutritional information, grants, and rachael's project.

6. Member Reports

- a. Web/Media – love happenings on web page, see web page for future dates. Minutes will be posted, draft agenda will also be posted. Link for SAC on web page.
- b. Student Council – Imke Bertens is the rep. Have had 2 meetings, march for mikes, and a dance on the 2nd of Oct for the OFSAA Championship. – Half of proceeds to the Committee, if team players attend the dance. Tigani as DJ perhaps. Breathalyzers used.
- c. Parish Report – Brenda – Father Tom has been visiting, religion classes toured the church, pastoral discernment team has been formed to meet 4 times a year and look at youth opportunities for faith development and analyze the needs of our youth in HP. The team's purpose is to support the needs of the faith community at large. RCIA is an option for youth as well as adults if any students are interested.
- d. Safe Schools – is no rep currently – otherwise will be deleted perhaps
- e. Teacher (Heidi Clark is Rep) – M4M is Sept 29th, 2009, parents interested in help out are more than welcome, please contact Ted Hopkinson at St. Mikes, Some teachers have web pages if parents are interested, link for staff with web pages will hopefully be added to web page shortly, PD Day on the 25th of September. A university presentation also takes place on the 25th in Toronto. Social Justice meets every other Thursday in room 128, all are welcome.
- f. Board Meeting – Paul highlights minutes – new website is there and user friendly

- i. 11800 for non-residents, energy audit done, trustee expenditure guidelines, audit committee to look at school boards
- ii. Updated list requested of current teachers.
- iii. Bus issue brought up by Imke

Next Meeting Oct 13th in the Library at 7:00 in the library