

2022-2023 Christ the King CSAC Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, September 26, 2022

Start Time: 6:03pm

Location: CTK

Attendees: Ashley Hebert, Stephanie Elliott, Laura Mills, Paulina Van Velzen, Fulvio Valentinis, Paul Naim, Andrew DiPietro, Sara Palmer

Regrets: Jennifer Jewell, Grace Huang

Approval of Previous Minutes

- May 30, 2022 minutes were previously approved by Council via email

Trustee Report

- Majority of students at both the primary and secondary levels have opted for in person learning, although virtual is still an option. Across the Board, about 50 out of over 13,000 at the primary level, and 15 out of over 7,000 at the secondary level chose virtual learning for the 2022-23 school year
- There will be at least two new Trustees for the WECDSB this year as the municipal election is occurring in October, and two incumbent Trustees have chosen not to run again
- The new Catholic Central High School is still under construction due to procurement delays

Principal/Vice Principal Report

- No vote was required for the CSAC positions, as only one person was nominated for each position. The 2022-23 CSAC for CTK will be:
 - o Chair – Ashley Hebert
 - o Treasurer – Jennifer Jewell
 - o Secretary – Stephanie Elliott
 - o Fundraising Rep – Pauline Van Velzen
 - o Special Events Rep – Grace Huang
 - o Parent Rep – Sara Palmer
 - o Teacher Rep – Andrew DiPietro
- 257 students are registered at CTK this year, up from 227 last school year
- Classroom re-organization happened today (September 26th). Twelve classrooms are being used. There is also a virtual STEM class being taught from one of the CTK classrooms
- Due to operating system upgrades, School Cash Online has not been available for new users. This should be fixed soon
- The Friday PD day for teachers was focused on the Math Up Program which will be used in grades 1-8, and also on the Scholastic Online literacy program
- The school has licenses again this year for the Je Lis Je Lis French reading program
- Remind App – the Principal is continuing to use the app for communications, and the teachers will be as well. The JK/SK teachers are also using See Saw this year
- Terry Fox Run – the school collected approximately \$500 in donations
- Student Agendas – they were ordered in June, but due to a paper shortage, have not yet arrived. The cost was \$1322. CSAC had voted last year to contribute \$500 toward the cost

- Recycling – the school is encouraging garbage-less lunches. They are unable to recycle plastic containers due to the mess (because the students can't clean out the containers, it was becoming an issue). They will continue to recycle paper products
- Bus Patrol training occurred last week for student volunteers; and this week, all students will be involved in bus evacuation training
- Students from JK to Grade 4 will be going on a field trip to Thiessen's on October 7th
- The Cross Country team will be going to Malden Park for a meet on October 4th
- Masses – there will be five this year, mainly at the school. In June, the students will be bussed to Corpus Christi for the final school year mass/grade 8 grad mass
- The school is working on plans for the grade 8 grad; there are only five grade 8 students this year
- The asphalt was replaced in the schoolyard, and the Principal is looking into have painting done for the ground (ex. Four square, hopscotch, etc.)
- Safe School Team – a parent volunteer is required. If you are interested, please contact the Principal
- Parent Engagement Funds - \$500 has been deposited in the CSAC account, and we will need to plan an event
- Crossing Guard – the Principal continues to follow up on having a crossing guard at Longfellow and Grand Marais; however, the City has stated it is not a proper intersection to allow a crossing guard. Parents can voice their concerns by contacting the City
- The school will be running a Pizza Remo fundraiser for about 2 weeks in October. \$10 per pizza, the school gets 30% of sales
- IB update – an IB PYP consultant will be at the school October 13 & 14, as the school is going through the final phases for IB authorization. The current IB monthly attribute is "communication" and there will be a student of the month assembly upcoming recognizing students who display this attribute regularly. Once the school receives the official IB PYP authorization, CTK will then be the only publicly funded French immersion school in Ontario with this designation
- Spirit Wear – online forms will be available soon for purchases
- The school has put a request to CSAC asking if we would purchase 25-30 spirit wear jerseys for school events, as most of the current jerseys are outdated. Students can buy their own jerseys as well but this will ensure all students have access to one. The cost for a jersey without a number or name is \$11, and it costs \$3-4 more to add numbers. **Vote Required** - will be sent out via email to the CSAC members. A CSAC rep asked if it is possible to add on the spirit wear website, an option for other parents to buy/donate an additional jersey for the school or a child who needs one. The Vice Principal will see if this is an option
- The Nutrition Program (OSNP) provided the school with \$6,900 for school snacks throughout the year. Each teacher will be given \$250 per class to do a food based activity with the students
- The VP and some students are continuing to work on cleaning up the Peace Garden. They have not yet spent the \$3,500 grant that the school received to plant an Indigenous garden in that area
- Starting next week, the library will be open at recess for any students who would like to stay in for extra help, or for things like chess. It is not required and is at the student's discretion

Special Events Report

- There will be a book fair in November
- The school will be running a Read-A-Thon in the new year with the goal of raising funds for new Chromebooks and IPADs
- The teachers are planning a Christmas play/event
- Grade 6 Exhibition – IB related – similar to a science fair, will also be happening this school year

Teacher Report

- Thank you to CSAC for the gym equipment purchases last year, the school remains well stocked
- The students could use outdoor equipment. **Action Required:** The teacher rep will look into costs on what can be used and then CSAC can vote on an amount
- Soccer Field – it is not in a good location, too close to sewer grates and the neighboring fences. The school is going to look into getting estimates on the costs to relocate them, and this could be a cost that CSAC could contribute to
- A long term consideration could be fundraising to add in a walking/running track in the school yard

Treasurer Report

- The current balance in the CSAC account is \$4,439. The Treasurer was unable to attend the meeting, and will provide a detailed statement for the next meeting

Fundraising Report

- The Fundraising Rep provided some ideas, such as the Big Box of Cards which hasn't been done in a few years but has been successful in the past. \$35 per box for 35 cards. CSAC would receive \$11 per box, and the company provides incentive gifts depending on the amount of sales
- It was suggested that a Google forms survey could be sent out to see what parents would be interested in
- Dieleman's has online catalogs again, and a new points system for students to earn prizes over the years
- What's Popping Popcorn – can sell buckets of popcorn
- Raffles have been successful as well the past few years
- CSAC needs to look at the plans for both CSAC fundraisers and school fundraisers, and ensure nothing is overlapping: suggested timeline:
 - October – School Fundraiser – pizzas
 - November – CSAC Fundraiser - Big Box of Cards
 - January/February – School Fundraiser – Read-A-Thon
 - Raffles – Halloween or Christmas basket raffle in 2022? Spring/Easter basket raffle in 2023?
- **Vote Required** - determine which fundraisers CSAC will run

Chair Report

- The group agreed to the following meetings this year for CSAC:
 - November 7, 2022 – virtual – 6pm
 - February 6, 2023 – virtual – 6pm
 - April 17, 2023 – in person – 6pm
 - Additional meetings as needed. The minimum required per year is four which we will meet (including the September 26th meeting)

Committee Reviews

- No updates for September 26, 2022

Open Discussion

- Question – will there be any after school activities? The school will be looking at some options such as Lego Clubs or STEM

Meeting Adjournment by Chair: 8:50pm

Next Meeting: November 7, 2022 at 6:00pm

Location: Virtual Via Google Meets