

ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA PARENT COUNCIL Meeting
Tuesday September 29, 2009

MINUTES

Present: Denise Bancic, Jason Boily, Susan Carnevale, Vania Castro, Helena Coito, Liam Condon, Jo-Ann Crane- Rodriguez, Iris D’Cruz, Jonathon Diab, Laura Green, Maria Lemos, Anna Leon, John McKenzie, Patrick Mendez, Deanna Panthaki, Tania Stephan, Loreena Van Bokhorst, Sr. Ursula Witkowska

Regrets: Seema Esteves, Joanne Smith

Guests: Debbie Crook, Salomie Cunje, Regina Claudie Madeira, Cathy Marchetti, Magali Regina Silva.

Recorder: Anna Leon

ITEM	DISCUSSION
1. Opening Prayer	1. Sr. Ursula opened the meeting with a prayer
2. Approval of Agenda	1. Agenda approved.
3. Election of Council Roles	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Several nomination forms were submitted and the following positions were filled/elected:2. Composition of Council is as follows:<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Administration Rep - Laura Green(Principal)* Parish Rep – Sr. Ursula Witkowska (Chaplain)* Teacher Rep – Jason Boily* Student Rep – Jonathon Diab* Parents3. Roles on Parent Council are as follows:<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Co-chair – Tania Stephan* Co-chair – Susan Carnevele* Treasurer – Jo-Ann Crane-Rodrigues* Parish Rep – Iris D’Cruz* Fundraisers – Loreena Van Bokhorst , Maria Lemos* OAPCE – Patrick Mendez* Secretary – Anna Leon, Vania Castro4. If anyone has any other ideas/positions they would like to fill please let Tania know.
4. Update from Chair	1. John Mckenzie (past Council Chair), shared information regarding the roles on Parent Council, officiated the selection of new Council Members and officially stepped down from his role on Council.

- 5. Update from Principal**
1. There are currently 1899 students at Gonzaga. There will be one more teaching position added on.
 2. Last Thursday was meet the teacher night; also, a club fair took place to introduce the students to the many clubs offered at Gonzaga and to encourage participation.
 3. Gonzaga will be going green through the “Green Scene” program. York University will be sending a representative through their Eco Source program. This person will speak to a teacher, custodian and student from the school and will measure our “footprint”.
 4. EQAO scores are in. Gonzaga had a 96% pass rate in the Grade 10 literacy tests, and were number one in Math. These tests were done at both the applied and academic levels.
 5. Our school will be participating in the Mississauga (Streetsville) Santa Claus Parade in November.
 6. The opening School Mass was held today at Merciful Redeemer Parish during periods 1 and 2.
 7. Gonzaga is celebrating its 10th Anniversary this year. The Staff is looking into commemorating the milestone. This project will be headed by Leah Zlataric (teacher)
 8. This Friday (October 2nd) our school will have a football game at St. Marcellenus. Our Jazz band will be performing at this event.
 9. The following overseas excursions will take place this Year:
New York (social science dept)
Washington (social science dept)
Chicago (drama dept)
France/Italy (Modern languages dept)
Austria, Germany, Czech Republic, Poland (Music)
Outreach Program considering the Yukon.
 10. Gonzaga will be having their first “Girl’s Night Out” on Friday Nov 27th and “Boys Night Out” on Friday Nov. 6th. This will take place from 5 – 10pm. There will be guest speakers and activities catered towards girls/boys.

- 6. Update from Teacher Representative**
1. Early warning letters for students at risk will go home in mid October.
 2. Academic Awards Day will be held on November 10th. There will be a breakfast for all honour roll students - those currently in grades 10,11, and 12 (396 sts). Of these, there will be approximately 85-100 subject awards given.
 3. Lynn MacKenzie will be doing an OSAID (Ontario Students Against Impaired Driving) presentation at the school for both students and parents.

- 7. Update from Chaplain**
1. The following plan is underway for this year's retreats:
Grade 9 – Individual retreats with their respective classes
Will be held at Merciful Redeemer (bring bagged lunch).
Grade 10 – Service at the Good Sheppard Centre downtown
Grade 11 – Visiting the Sacred Sites.
Grade 12- Queen of the Apostles Centre (focus on cross-roads in their lives)
 2. SHOUT is going strong with approximately 130 students
 3. Food drive will be organized by the Prefects
 4. A Mass took place today at Merciful Redeemer Parish.

- 8. Update from Student Representative**
1. There will be a "buy out" this Friday, October 2nd for \$5 to raise funds for Terry Fox Organization. This will take place on period 4.
 2. Last year \$15,000 was raised for the Brandon Morreira Fund. This was to go towards a room at Credit Valley Hospital. It will however go towards an incubator.

- 9. New Questions/Issues From Council Members**
1. There was some discussion with regards to fundraising. The treasurer reported that we currently have \$235 in the bank. Last year we had started with ~\$1200. There is some concern with increasing funds earlier in the year and we will look at possible dates for a Civics Day Fund-raiser for the Parent Council.

10. Adjournment

Next meeting: TBA