

## ST. BASIL CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES – 2020/2021 SCHOOL YEAR

DATE: Wednesday, November 25, 2020

LOCATION: Zoom

**Attendees:** A. Ramalho, E. Filippozzi, C. Kopec, M. Zigante, A. Campanelli, J. Munro, J. Di Giacinto, M. Izydor-Fik, S. Hillier, V. West, A. Brooks, M. Diamond

**Regrets:** J. Brady

**Meeting Start Time:** 7:00pm

1. **Opening prayer led by** E. Filippozzi
2. **Review and approval of agenda:** Approved by A. Campanelli and seconded by V. West
3. **Review and approval of minutes from Oct. 7 meeting:** Approved by A. Campanelli, seconded by M. Zigante
4. **Principal's Report:** Presented by E. Filippozzi
  - E. Filippozzi thanked the council members for attending today's meeting
  - Thank you to staff for their resilience and dedication to work through all changes to meet students needs and the students & parents for enduring these changes - parents in our community have been very supportive and we're thankful for that
  - Transition to hybrid learning - kids can go to class in school or join from home
  - This is proving difficult for kids and especially staff who need to prepare activities based on numbers
  - We're recommending for students to not switch back and forth as we need to be aware of the cohorts and covid tracing
  - Remote and virtual learning are the same - students physically not in the building assigned to a remote class, not to do with St. Basils
  - We're fortunate that our staff did not have to re-org. when changing to hybrid
  - We initially had 57 virtual students in September, 20 have come back and we had room in classes without doing a re-org.
  - All classes are not at capacity - to maintain required physical space. Ex) FDK both classes have 26
  - Port-a-pac: We had to un-shutter 2 classes to make room for 4 new staff members who are working with remote classes
  - We gained 3 new virtual grade 2 classes and 1 virtual grade 8 class - 90 remote students who are now St. Basil's students

V. West

Has a son in grade 1 and the amount of content coming home is incredible - teachers are working really hard

A. Campanelli - Teachers honesty and transparency is much appreciated

- With 90 new students - our budget will be impacted - awaiting info from the board on whether we'll be allocated different funding
- Virtual Bookfair - thank you Mrs. Brady for organizing
- Next Thursday there will be Virtual Santa for FDK-Grade 3

- We've had a couple of virtual masses
- Discussion of technology - At some point there may be school closures and the board is working on what do we do with technology?
- Challenge - If all classes were to be full day online it could be difficult for families, especially those with multiple children
- The biggest challenge for St. Basil this year is the lack of supply teaching and those willing to work
- Occasional teachers have been refusing to take jobs, especially at schools with covid cases.
- We've had to resort to emergency instructors - we have about 5 on call
- If we can't find an emergency instructor, special ed classes close and the teachers cover class
- Next a circ class is cancelled, then French, and lastly a remote class is shut down for the teacher to cover the class
- Those with O.C.T certificates cannot be an emergency instructor - would need to go through supplying
- Line painting in the yard - thanks to the council for paying for this

Question from M. Zigante- How do we get supplies to kids who've forgotten something?

- We provide ziplock bags with extra cutlery and can supply cups for water
- If they forgot shoes? They have to wear what they have

Question from A. Ramalho - Are coat racks being used?

- Initially jackets were kept at students desks but going into winter we can now use coat racks
- Racks are colour-coded in groups

Question from A. Campanelli - How do we pick up kids early?

- Call Nancy to bring them to the door or send a note ahead to teachers

- We asked for Christmas trees because we want a bigger impact of Christmas at school
- Christmas activities are starting early, including spirit week

5. **Treasurer's Report:** Presented by: C. Kopec,

- October Projected funds remaining \$4,503.05 MOTION TO ACCEPT: Approved by M. Zigante, seconded by M. Izydor-Fik

6. **Future Events:** Presented by E. Filippozzi

- Miguel Martinez Proposal - Virtual assembly option?
- E. Filippozzi to see what the options are with Miguel for possibly 3 groups - FDK, grades 1-4, and 5-8