

St. Jean Brebeuf School Council
Meeting Minutes
November 24th, 2021

MINUTES

In Attendance:

B. Davies, N. Cormier, R. Nadal, K. Ciavioliello, L. Choporis, M. Truax, P. Kaminsky, N. Carrejola, S. Magoolagan, Z. Colantonio, M. Jedrzeczcak

Absent:

N. Cormier, Z. Colantonio

Land Acknowledgement

We would like to acknowledge that we are on sacred Indigenous territory and thank the Missisaugas of the Credit First Nation for being stewards of this land.

Opening Prayer

Prayer Recited by R. Nadal.

Parent Council:

Co-Chair	Mirela Jedrzeczcak
Co-Chair	Brian Davies
Treasurer	Susan Magoolagan
Secretary	Natalie Carrejola
OAPCE Rep.	Preston Kaminsky
Non-Teaching Reps	Kristina Ciavioliello, Nathalie Cormier
Parent Rep.	Zena Colantonio
Parish Rep.	Rowena Nadal
Teacher Rep.	Tina Burns

Parent Council email: parentcouncilSJB@gmail.com

Future Parent Council Meeting Dates

Wednesday, February 23rd, 2021	6:30 PM	Location TBA
Wednesday, April 20th, 2022	6:30 PM	Location TBA
Wednesday, June 1st, 2022	6:30 PM	Location TBA

Meeting Minutes Approval

B. Davies and N. Carrejola

Agenda Approval

R. Nadal and B. Davies.

Important Dates

November 30th, 2021	Poinsettia Orders Due
December 9th, 2021	Poinsettia Pickup
December 17th, 2021	Last Day Before Christmas Break

Chair Report – B. Davies

Domino's Pizza Fundraiser Update

- To date the fundraiser has been doing well, especially compared to other schools who do the fundraiser once a month.

Planters for front of school

- The cost was \$2500.00 for the council's choice of planter which was out of the budgetary range. The preference would be to keep the price around \$1000.00 and there are two options in this price range with the board approved vendor, Dumor.com. Another option is that if council does not like the products presented currently as they appear to be more commercial, we can continue the search and look for alternate options. Safety is the main concern as well. L. Choporis is going to go back to the representative to see if the shipping fees are waived for the board. M. Jedrzeczczak is willing to pick it up in Paris if necessary. Some item numbers that parent council were interested in were 114 at approximately \$1000 and 184 at approximately \$1400.

Fundraisers

Poinsettias

- Earnings are \$403.75 to date.
- Email reminder to be sent out to parents.

Treasurer Report - S. Magoogan

October 2021 Month End Balance

\$8698.76

November 2021 Beginning Balance

\$8698.76

The teachers were grateful with the \$150.00 per class teacher allocated funds. They were proactive this year and wanted to bring Christmas Cheer to the student body. This year SJB is doing Gingerbread Houses and were able to purchase one for every single student. A big chunk of the teacher allocated funds are being used toward the Christmas Activity for the school which have been purchased and are ready to go.

Teacher Allocated Funds Budget Wishlist

Budget wish list for parent council from staff per L Choporis:

- Tumblebooks - \$650 for year two of Tumblebooks.
- Graduation – Parent council is asked to consider giving \$1000.00 as in prior years.
- Sacramental gifts for grades 2 & 7 - \$300.00.
- Community – Support for Families in need \$500 – last year council offered support for 5 families from our school community.
- Presentation for Students – Aussie X - \$1500.00 – may be \$2000 total and council can split with the school.
- Planter \$1000.
- Technology – Chromebook tub \$2500.00.

Even with spending this amount we would have almost \$3000.00 left in the budget roughly. If we went up to \$1500 for the planter, we would have \$2500 left. Parent Council votes in favour.

Parent Engagement Funding

Council just got word that we have \$500.00 for Parent Engagement Funding. Last year Miguel Martinez spoke. Must be board-approved and can put it towards presenter like last year. Silent auction was presented as an idea. One idea is to get donations for prizes online only, with the highest bidder winning, and money goes back to school. A further idea is online Bingo. Another option is each class makes a basket and auctions it off. We may be able to do this through school cash online (e.g. buy 5 tickets for basket 1, 6 for basket 2 etc) during Catholic Education week.

Parish Report – R. Nadal

- Tutoring Program Began on November 21st. Grades 1 to 10 English and French Students are encouraged to attend. University students and teachers are also encouraged to reach out to church if they can volunteer.
- Advent Retreats Dec 1st to 3rd- \$40.00 per person.
- Confessions are taking place Saturday December 11th.
- The Giving Tree is being hosted as well – please consider helping those parishioners who are disadvantaged. Nov 28th to Dec. 12th

OAPCE Report - P. Kaminsky

Nothing new to report.

Teacher's Report – M. Truax

- Teachers were grateful to purchase the gingerbread houses and the money towards it.

Faith

- Virtue recognition continues monthly
- Remembrance Day Liturgy and presentation November 11th at 10:40am. We thank Mr. Faelis, Mme Grima and their students for putting the presentation together
- Advent Mass will be streamed from St. Marguerite Bourgeoys on December 7th at 10am
- Pastoral Plan for the school will be shared on School website in December
- Had our first virtual Rosary Apostolate visit on November 18th
- School Wide Advent retreat planned for December 7th.
- Information letter regarding the Sacraments of First Communion and Reconciliation was sent out to the community on behalf of St. Anthony of Padua Parish

Curriculum/School Items

- Well-Being and Closing the Literacy gap- Focus on Reading comprehension strategies school wide
- Catholic School Learning Team met to work on school goals and developing a literacy and equity plan
- Progress Reports went home on November 16th and phone interviews held November 18th
- St. Thomas Aquinas continues to connect with our grade 8s
- French books were purchased. Allotted approx \$2700.00 for this purchase
- Bus Cancellations- If buses are cancelled for our Zone (2), the school is closed to all students and students transition to remote learning via the Learning Management systems (Google Classroom). Teachers will post work and will be available for questions and support.

School Generated Funds

- Each year we make a plan of spending funds. This year however, the school is generating very little funds due to the ongoing restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic
- There is approximately \$12K.
- This year we have funds allocated to the following: Technology, charitable donations, Nutrition program, resources for online learning in math and language, presentations, student agendas and graduation

Extra-Curricular

- Halloween: We were able to have a little fun here on October 29th. We had music playing outside and all classes had an opportunity to dance and have some fun in a safe manner. We are thankful to Mr. Faelis, Mr. Koltun, Mlle. Moreira and a few of our Intermediate students who assisted with this.
- Eco Initiatives- Pursuing Platinum Certification- Looking into a few new initiatives this year including mask disposal and reducing car idling.
- Treaties Week- celebrated November 1-5th. Celebrated with daily announcements, school wide activities, videos. Thank you to Mlle. Moreira, Mme. Franco and their students for putting this altogether
- Spirit days for Christmas. Still working through the details for the specific days
- Gingerbread house decorating for all classes
- Volleyball for Intermediate students has begun. Strict protocols in place. Thankful to Mr. Koltun and Mlle. Moreira for coaching.

Health & Safety/ Plant

- Regular health and safety routine checks take place monthly and our school is extremely compliant
- Completed all our fall fire drills and a lock down drill
- Reminders to community about mask wearing during entry and exit- while on school property
- Had COVID cases but all cases have cleared.
- Continue to follow protocols as set out by Peel Health and the Board.

Adjournment and Closing Prayer

Recited by R. Nadal.

Pending for next meeting

- Further budgetary discussions.
- Parent Engagement Event

Meeting Minutes by:

N. Carrejola