

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

MINUTES

In Attendance:

M. Jedrzejczak, B. Davies, N. Cormier, R. Nadal, K. Ciavioliello, L. Choporis, T. Burns, P. Kaminsky, J. Daly, N. Carrejola. T. Burns

Absent:

S. Magoolagan

Land Acknowledgement

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

Opening Prayer

Lord Jesus, may everything we do begin with You, continue with Your help, and be done under Your guidance. Allow the Holy Spirit to inspire our hearts as we gather here today and fill our conversations with Your grace and truth. Fill this meeting with your presence. This we humbly ask through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Parent Council:

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

Parent Council email: parentcouncilSJB@gmail.com

Future Parent Council Meeting Dates

June 2nd, 2021

6:30 PM Location TBA

Meeting Minutes Approval

P. Kaminsky and M. Jedrzejczak.

Important Dates:

- None to report

Chair Report – B. Davies

Picture Day

- This is currently pending an update from the board

Fundraiser for Spring

- **Plantables.ca** – They need 4 weeks to plan and ship. The lowest price is \$4.00 with different price point options. The shipping rate is \$9.95 per flat. They typically come in flats of 6. If you order two (for 12 plants total), they offer free shipping. For every order the school gets 10% back. We register online. They send materials to advertise. They ship mainly in May and June. This can even start in April. This ties into the school's Eco Initiatives. K. Ciaviello will register. It is a four-week turnaround from date ordered, and they continuously deliver (generally May to June with some July). Before deciding dates, Kristina will advise us what the contact says about the dates.
- **Domino's Pizza** – You can register through your school with Dominos and select a certain date every so often, for example once a month. For every pizza ordered on that given day, \$5.00 goes back to the school. This is at the Domino's on Wexford, however there is a local Domino's on Torbram that we could approach to see if the Domino's is willing to support us. It may be franchise specific, however we could approach this franchise. This offers the simplicity of rolling out school wide easily with an online blast and in the School Newsletter. Another suggestion is to also check with the local Pizza Pizza that supports our school Pizza Day. A code would go out once a month for families to use.
- **Magazine** – If it is over \$100.00 it is free shipping. Otherwise, it is \$12.95 and there is no bending. Because of this, this may be better for next year when/if the school can be the conduit for deliveries.
- Given the current climate and times that we are in, we want to be sensitive to and mindful budgets and economic hardships families may be facing. Whatever we decide should be emphasized with our community that there is no obligation to purchase. We would offer information without pressure to purchase. The council decided on Plantables.ca in addition to the Pizza fundraising.

Front Door Planters for Spring

- We would be required to go through a school vendor. If we are unable to find what we need then we can look at something else. Mrs. Choporis will give us one of the vendors who offers these products. If they do not have what we are looking for, then we can go beyond and purchase elsewhere. We would require heavy duty planters to withstand damage. The prices might be high, however they are built for commercial, school and industry and will last for the

price. This will look welcoming for the spring. Mrs. Choporis will look it up and give us the name so council can review.

Water Challenges and Tree Planting in the Field

- We had brought this up in the past with the city regarding the water flooding the school property. When we had investigated it had something to do with the grading, and as with any other property, at some point it will have to be regraded.
- Tree Planting on the property – the challenge with planting trees is we require the follow through with watering. Mrs. Connolly and Mrs. Burns would load up buckets of water and water the trees. However, our school yard is open, and there is damage to the trees such as branches being broken. If we do plant trees, we need a plan for follow up for care afterwards as discussed by Mrs. Burns in the summer, as we do not have the students on the Eco Team available. We do have to go through the board, and we would have to oblige to whenever they are able to plant.

Snow Removal

- The board sends in people to remove snow and custodians take care of sidewalks. In the kiss and ride area during the last storm, there was only one strip cleared and the rest was covered with snow. Mrs. Choporis will find out if it is school or board responsibility.

Treasurer Report - S. Magoolagan

January 2021 Month End Balance
\$9859.02

There was not much change, except perhaps Tumblebooks clearing the system, as no one was in school to write cheques. The balance is unavailable.

Parish Report – R. Nadal

- Parish is putting a procedure in place for how to go through with Confirmation
- First reconciliation and communion – registration is still on hold. They are planning on resuming the registration by end of March or beginning of April.
- For Lent, if you want to get your Holy Communion, the parish has asked people to register for a slot to come to church. They had done this for Ash Wednesday as well. This procedure is still in place. Monday to Saturday is Private prayers. Sunday 08:30 to 14:00HRS, you sign up for 10 minute slots online for your communion.
- The parish allowed the school to provide names of those wanting to receive confirmation and are anticipating perhaps June for confirmation.

OAPCE

P. Kaminsky shared the attachment sent to him for parents as OAPCE rep – please see below.

- [The Parents 4 Parents Press - February 2021.pdf - Google Drive](#)

Teacher's Report -- T. Burns

- The teachers were advised today about the funds available to them from council. Teachers are very grateful and are trying to think hard about best way to spend that money, given that we are unable to go on field trips this year. They are trying to spend it as wisely and best as they can. Teachers are also open to suggestions of what council may want to see happen in the classrooms. Children have been asked for their feedback in the older classroom as well as to what they may want to see the money used.
- Wild flower planting in front flower beds – Mrs. Burns has a number of Wild Flower Seeds leftover. She advised if we would like we could see if we could get together with the Eco Teams. We could plant them in the Peace Garden, and in side garden of school.

Principal's Report – L. Choporis

Faith

- Continue to have monthly virtue celebrations.
- Gr. 7-8 Confirmation. E-mail sent to community on Feb. 11 regarding all students in G.7-8 wishing to complete their Confirmation in June.
- Ash Wednesday and Virtue Liturgy was be celebrated on February 17th.
- Lenten Mass will take place on March 26th @ 10am
- Lenten Daily Reflections read on announcements

Curriculum Items & Other School Information

- February Black History Month: Announcement/ Activities/ Liturgies/
Saidat Show: Friday, February 19th FDK-Gr. 3
Friday, February 26th Gr.4-8
- Guest Presenter Michelle Coutinho: Principal- Equity and Inclusive Education presented to staff at our Feb. 8th Staff meeting.
- CSILC 2020-2021- Our Focus will be Mental Health/ Equity and Diversity
 - Announcements: weekly reflections, inspirational quotes and self-care
 - Wellness Wednesday's: once a week meditation/self-reflection/faith based (1pm)
 - School Presentations: Aussie X, Sara Westbrook,
 - School Wide activities: One school wide activity per month until June
 - i.Gratitude Graffiti
 - ii.Mural
 - iii.Kindness Jar
 - iv.Spirit Month
 - v.Rock Garden
- Extended French deadline passed on February 16th.
- Eco Initiatives – looking to sustain Platinum certification. During lockdown team meet virtually 3 times. National Sweater Day, Winter Wellness Day (Thanks to those families who sent in pictures!). In March team is planning a school wide Virtual assembly to raise awareness. Also planning the 'Big Gulp' which promotes using re-fillable water bottles for the end of March.
- March Break postponed to the week of April 12-16th
- Catholic Education Week – May 2- 7th- Theme this year is "Nurturing Hope".

Health & Safety

- Changes to in-school protocols regarding COVID-19
- Regular health and safety routine checks take place monthly and our school is extremely compliant
- Fire Drills + Lockdown Review to continue this term once weather is better

Upcoming Important Dates

- March 10– Alectra Electricity presentations: Grade 4-8 at 9:30am & JK –3@ 11:15 am
- Feb 25- Parent Engagement event. CCCSC presents Dr. Monica Hau from Peel Public Health who will provide parents/guardians with a Peel COVID-19 update, followed by a presentation by the Canadian Blood Services.
- March 25– Grade 7 & 8 Presentation from Skills Ontario @ 11:10am
- March 26– Lenten Mass at 10am
- March 30– Grade 3– Indigenous presentation @ 1:30pm
- April 2– Good Friday
- April 4– Easter
- April 5- Easter Monday

Adjournment and Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank you for the wonderful time that You have allowed us to gather together. As we leave and go about our lives, may You send us out from herein the power of the Holy Spirit, equip us in our workplace, guide us in our school life, and inspire us in our neighborhood.
Amen.

Pending for next meeting (date TBA)

- Spring Fundraiser
- Grade 8 Graduation
- Confirmation/First Communion
- Decisions Regarding planters for the front of the school.

Meeting Minutes by:

N. Carrejola