

St. Jean Brebeuf School Council
Meeting Minutes
September 30th, 2021

MINUTES

In Attendance:

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

Absent:

N/A

Land Acknowledgement

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

Opening Prayer

Beginning of School Year Prayer Recited by Principal L. Choporis.

Parent Council:

Co-Chair	Mirela Jedrzejczak
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.	Melissa Truax

Parent Council email: parentcouncilSJB@gmail.com

Future Parent Council Meeting Dates

Wednesday, October 27th, 2021	6:30 PM	Virtual
Wednesday, November 24th, 2021	6:30 PM	Virtual
Wednesday, February 23rd, 2021	6:30 PM	Location TBA
April, 2022	6:30 PM	Location and date TBA
Wednesday, June 1st, 2022	6:30 PM	Location TBA

Meeting Minutes Approval

S. Magoolagan and M. Jedrzejczak.

Agenda Approval

B. Davies and R. Nadal

Important Dates:

N/A

Chair Report – B. Davies

Fundraisers

Domino's Pizza Fundraiser – Start date October 5th. A code will be provided that people can use when ordering Domino's from the specific Torbram location. Five dollars per pizza will be donated to SJB. The details will be shared on SJB social media and the newsletter.

Plantables.ca – Required minimal effort on part of parent council, and although it did not yield high profits it runs itself and does profit some funds for the school. We will likely revisit this fundraiser in the spring.

Planters

We are looking at purchasing planters for the front of the school. We have looked at vendors vetted through the school board but have not been able to find an appropriate option. Alternatively, we have looked at one called Cottery Yard. They will deliver the planters to the school and will affix them to the ground so that they cannot be tipped over.

Picture Day

Dates are pending. However, there will be no class pictures.

Immunizations Grade 7/8

Per L. Choporis Peel Public Health will take care of this. Although the school reached out last year to Peel Public Health, they could not come into the school. There is no update as of yet for this year.

Halloween Dance

Last year the children were able to dress up and children could not wear costume masks. During outdoor learning there was music and students were able to dance in their own zones. The process will likely be the same this year.

Graduation

All guidelines come from the school board and Peel Public Health for graduation. The board level will determine the protocol (e.g., the Board may not allow the school; to bring tents and chairs outdoors. However, if this is allowed this is something that will be explored to make it as memorable and special as possible.)

2021/2022 Parent Council Fundraising

- L. Choporis advised that fundraising will likely look similar to last year. We will have to restrict people coming into the school. It looks as though fundraising will require online options such as Plantables.ca again but L. Choporis will clarify.
- For our big fundraisers she will clarify if we are able to do the Laura Secord chocolates as in years prior, however the school cannot promote gathering or people coming into school to pick up things. If council would like to explore chocolates or poinsettias for fundraising, L. Choporis can go back to board and get confirmation.
- DFS does home delivery, per N. Cormier. They have a multitude of catalogues, and can offer completely virtual and completely ship to home – profit margin ranges between 40 to 50%, catalogue dependent. N. Cormier is verifying shipping costs. L. Choporis asked if they can make a large delivery of all items purchased to the school as an option. If the total is \$1500 or over, than there is no fee to delivery to school. If it is under \$1500, there would be a small fee which was not noted. Another option is to send a catalogue home with students and then have the items sent home with the individual students once received at school. L. Choporis will clarify further with the board so parameters of fundraisers can be gauged. N. Cormier will also look at other fundraisers in the binder to see if any are offering home deliveries.
- Terra Cotta may be another option as. SJB parent council could offer time slots for pickup and hand out cookies hand at the back door of gym with one person at a table, in order to avoid having parents enter the school. L. Choporis will verify with the board if this is feasible.

PRO (Parents Reaching Out) Grant

Council makes a proposal such as a presentation. Last year the schools were given \$500 for the PRO Grant which SJB used for Miguel Martinez. The amount varies year to year, and the amount is pending an update currently.

Treasurer Report - S. Magoolagan

Aug 2021 Month End Balance

\$8698.76

The budget plan will be formed at the next meeting.

Parish Report – R. Nadal

- The registration for First Holy Communion started the second week of September.
- Confirmation registration will start in October.
- For both Confirmation and First Holy Communion, parent/guardians of children must send an email to the parish.

- For Confirmation the address is confirmationp@stanthonyofpadua.ca – Please include the child’s name, school and age, parent and guardians names, and contact email address.
- A Parish Retreat will occur – three night event to get to know St Joseph beginning October 13th from 7 pm to 9 pm.
- Thanksgiving food Drive October 2nd/3rd weekend.

OAPCE

P. Kaminsky shared the September 2021 Newsletter Link for OAPCE below:

https://www.oapce.org/wpcontent/uploads/2021/09/September_2021_parents4parents_version7.pdf

Teacher’s Report – M. Truax

There is nothing new to report. M. Truax is happy to relay any info we want back to staff.

Principal’s Report – L. Choporis

Faith

- Streamed masses with Father and the 4 feeder school like we did last year
- Virtues Assemblies: monthly format recognizing Virtues through a virtual liturgy and presentation
- Rosary of Apostolate – Working on bringing them in virtually
- Food drive for Thanksgiving is this week and next. Food will be delivered to the Knight’s Table in time for the Thanksgiving weekend.
- Today we celebrated Truth and Reconciliation (Orange Shirt) September 30th. The school provided all students with pins made by students from Cardinal Leger. All Geronimo Henry is a residential school survivor who attended Mohawk Institute residential school for 11 years. His dream is to build a monument in memory of those, like himself, who suffered and continue to suffer as a result of his experience in residential schools. St. Jean Brebeuf staff and students will be supporting Geronimo’s dream by wearing our orange pins and knowing that the proceeds of the pins will go to support building that monument.
- Would like to resume Youth faith Ambassadors
- Registration for Confirmation and First Communion will take place until October 26th School

Reopening

- Staggered entrances, exits to promote social distancing
- Arrows, signage, one way stairwells, washroom protocols in place.
- School Yard Zones- Specific cohorts/classes assigned to a zone
- Outdoor Learning Blocks- 25 minute in morning and 25 minutes in afternoon for all classes
- Outdoor Lunch Recess- 20 minute outdoor play during the lunch hour
- Due to COVID restrictions, visitors are not allowed in the school
- Approximately 35 students online and 320 in person.
- Can share materials with proper sanitization procedures.

Curriculum

- Edwins (computers) have been provided once again to all Intermediate students. As well, the grade 6’s in our Grade 6/7EF class, also receive Edwins
- New Math Curriculum was introduced by the Ministry and teachers have received some training with more to come this year

- 3 more math carts purchased.
- 40 more Chromebooks and 10 iPads purchased to help with our inventory
- Computers will be provided if there is a need due to a COVID class closure
- CCAT gifted screening assessment for grade 4 students will take place the last week of October 25th
- School goals include Mental Well Being and Literacy • Progress Reports are sent home on November 9th and Interviews on November 11th • Focus on well-being (purchase of X-movement virtual program, mental health Board document, Brave Education) St. Jean Brebeuf Elementary School School Council Meeting – September 30, 2021

Financial

- School Generated has a balance of approximately: \$11000.00
- Budget plan is submitted to the Board

Extra-Curricular

- Terry Fox Event will be held on October 1st. Students will be walking the perimeter of the school yard with their class and staying in their cohorts.
- Celebrated Truth and Reconciliation week with Liturgy, announcements and class activities to further our understanding.
- Clubs can resume this year with social distancing and appropriate protocols in place
- Athletics is still be worked on in consultation with PPH

Health & Safety/ Plant

- Fire Drills started. New guidelines for drills in line with Fire Department and COVID protocols
- Due to the number of allergies, we ask that food not be brought to school for sharing or for special events
- No COVID cases thus far
- Looking for additional Student Monitors

Adjournment and Closing Prayer

Recited by R. Nadal.

Pending for next meeting

- Budget allocation
- 2021/2022 Fundraising

Meeting Minutes by:

N. Carrejola