

SJA School Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 14, 2020

6:30pm – 9pm

via Microsoft Teams

Present: A. Bomben (Principal), J. LePrevost (VP), S. Simeone (VP), S. Ngo (Student Rep) N. Meier (Staff Rep), S. Smalridge (Non-Teacher Rep), G. Ling (Chair), A. Longerich (Treasurer), A. Ciccone (Member), M. Trudgill (Member), Regrets: B. Corbet, H. Vilorio

Recorder: Teams Transcription

Opening Prayer & Land Acknowledgement: S. Smalridge, SJA Chaplin

Welcome:

A. Bomben, Principal

- Mr. Bomben introduced himself as the new Principal of SJA
- He provided his background as an educator. This is 16th year as an administrator (9 VP 7th as Principal)
- 15 years ago he was a teacher at SJA – he’s thrilled to be back.
- He explained the role of the Catholic School Council and addressed those who put forth nominations
- There were fewer than 15 nominations so each parent who put their name forward were acclaimed as members of the School Council
- the position of treasurer, OYAPCE Rep, Parish Rep, and Secretary were available to those interested. He will continue to accept nominations or volunteers
- **The purpose of Catholic School Councils is, through the active participation of parents to:**
 - a) promote the mission, vision and values of the board;
 - b) support the sacramental life and Catholic practices of the board;
 - c) promote and support co-operation and communication with the local parish and OAPCE (Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education); More information of their new website that just launched today
 - d) be faithful to its mission;
 - e) improve student well-being and achievement and;
 - f) enhance the accountability of the education system to parents.

Agenda Approval: A. Longerich 1st motion, G. Ling 2nd motion

Student Report

S. Ngo

- The Student Prime Minister gave a brief description of what the council has accomplished so far in the first month.
- Senior Sunrise was a great success.
- Grade 12 students were able to gather at 7:00 AM in the morning and watched sunrise together while eating some snacks. Letters were written to their future selves, which will be given back to them at their graduation.

- Terry Fox Run was very successful.
- The goal of Student council this year is to fully return from a pre COVID model and get everyone involved again and get fun events back.
- Some events planned are semi formal, Halloween spirit week and Relay for Life
- There will also be a Grade 9 election for a grade 9 rep.

Chaplaincy Report

S. Smalridge

- The full pastoral plan, which is a working document that outlines some of the faith-based initiatives throughout the school year.
- The Pastoral Plan should be available on the school websites sometime in November once approved by staff members, admin and the Superintendent.
- All grade 9 students were brought down to the Chapel in September for a Chapel orientation.
- The retreat program was explained and highlighted. The grade 12 religion retreats for the semester have taken place at Rattlesnake Point.
- The grade 9 retreats will be at St Josephine Bakhita Parish Hall
- Grade 10s and 11s will be a little bit later on in the semester.
- Thanksgiving Assembly liturgy that dovetailed with the Terry Fox run was very well attended and successful.
- Still accepting non-perishable food donations for the food drive that's going to support the food banks of Mississauga.
- Spoke about the feast of Holy Rosary in the church calendar.
- free rosaries were handed out at the Chapel to anyone interested, and to take time and invite people to come and pray the rosary and the Chapel.
- there is also a regular group praying the rosary and the Chapel at lunch.

Teacher Report

N. Meir

- current population we're sitting at right now about 1030 students, which is a great number.
- a lot of core selection course changes the first couple weeks of the semester.
- dealing with level changes.
- With addition of new staff, we have managed to split some larger classes to increase success rates
- grade twelve assembly to discuss postsecondary planning.
- applying to university and colleges is open now.
- every grade 12 student received a status sheet so they can see all the credits that they've currently earned.
- Post-secondary night coming up early November and it's not just for grade 12 students. Many universities and colleges from the province will be in attendance.
- November 23rd is the Grade 8 Open house.

Principal Report

A. Bomben

- Very good start to the school year – a few hiccups as both the head secretary and Guidance secretary announced their retirements in June. For the first few weeks we had a number of temporary secretaries from Staff Works. Everyone pulled together and managed the best they could.
- Happy to welcome Ms. Luis as our new head secretary, Ms. Wood to guidance and Ms. Vella as the new attendance secretary. All have embraced their new roles and have made very positive impacts on the community already.
- Fall Teams mentioned: girls Flag football, boys volleyball, girls basketball, PIP bocce, cross country, dance team, hockey meeting today
- Trips are being planned – some day trips, some longer the Europe (Paris, London, Rome) trip planned for March is on the horizon – meeting on the 18th
- Parent engagement funding – email sent on Sept 21 - \$500 to each school SGF/Council acct. See email for specific do's/don'ts for funding use
- CCCSC Family of Schools Chairs' Meeting Details
- email from SO Scigliano's office with dates for the year. FOS Chair's meeting on October 19th at St. Francis Xavier CSS @ 5:30pm.
- Bus driver appreciation and safety week Special needs buses. We'll plan something with the students in our Planning for Independence
- Take our kids to work day is Nov 1

VP Reports

J. LePrevost

- Picture Day was a success
- Picture Re-Take day is Nov 2

S. Simeone

- Very happy to be a new member of the SJA community.
- Gave some background information about herself and career – former math teacher and department head and Vice Principal at St. Roch in Brampton for the past 5 years.
- Parent-Teacher conferences are on Wednesday October 25, 2023
- Parents can book appointments online.

Chair Report

G. Ling

- Nothing to report
- Inquired about the change in uniform for the 2024-2025 school year
- Taupe pant to change to black pant
- Mr. Bomben explained that if the School Council approved the change last year then McCarthy's will be instructed to stop making the taupe pants available for purchase and there will be a four year transition

Treasurer Report

A. Longerich

- Nothing to report
- Was informed by Mr. Bomben that Parent engagement funding – \$500 to each school SGF/Council acct.
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Other Business

- No other business

Next Meeting Dates

All meetings will be held via Microsoft Teams and in person for those wish to attend in person at 6:30 pm. Please check your emails for the invite or contact the Principal, Adriano Bomben.

Proposed Meeting Dates: Wednesday December 6, 2023
 Wednesday February 7, 2024
 Wednesday April 10, 2024
 Wednesday June 5, 2024

Motion to Adjourn: A. Longerich 1st motion, G. Ling 2nd motion

Closing Prayer: A. Bomben