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Catholic Secondary School

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SJA School Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

6:30pm – 8:30 pm

via Zoom

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)
Regrets: B. Corbet, H. Vloria, A. Longerich (treasurer)

Recorder: Zoom Transcription

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

Welcome:

A Bomben, Principal

Approval of Agenda and December Minutes

- A motion to approve the February agenda and the December meeting minutes was approved by Council Chair, G. Ling and seconded by Treasurer A. Longerich

Student Report:

- Christmas Spirit Week was very successful – candy grams, Santa Claus, and musical chairs were among the many activities for the students
- Student Council is proposing a Semi-formal dinner dance for students to be held in March for grades 11 and 12.
- Currently planning a backup plan of having a chill night for senior grades, which will basically be a cozy night in
- semester. 2 plans moving forward are student versus teacher Dodgeball, a crispy cream sale and a student year spirit week.
- Relay for Life is being planned.

Teacher Report

- from the art department. They're very excited that they've been invited to participate and
- institute multi-arts festival.



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- we are the only school. So St. Joan of Arc in Zillow School in Deffron Peel with this opportunity. So it's a very special invitation, and the art teachers are very excited along with these shoes and students.
- and they're going to work along with the Cawthra Park School, and this is coming up on March 21, 2024
- Course selection has begun. Students can choose courses through my blueprint
- Students should make sure that they can log into their accounts for course selection.

Chaplaincy Report

- Mr. Smalridge opened his portion the meeting with a prayer
- Grade 9 religion classes are invited down to the chapel for an orientation to the beautiful space, and just a reminder of how to comport themselves when they're in the chapel, and that it's a place for quiet and a place for prayer.
- Ash Wednesday liturgies coming up on Wednesday February 14, 2024.
- There will be 2 liturgies of the word including distribution of blessed ashes which we'll get from Saint Josephine, Bikita.
- Black Voices Committee is doing great work. Students doing reading profiles over the PA
- V.O.I.C.E club is meeting again next Wednesday, to organize donations to Dr. Simone's Canadian Food for Children or Regeneration Outreach in Brampton.
- A special Lenten retreat for a select group of students is being planned for February 28.
- Retreats are starting up first off the grade tens will go to at the end of February. They're gonna be going to Ripley's aquarium and just reflecting on God God's presence and power and creativity in his beautiful creation.
- On March 19 SJA will participate in the Ordinandi youth event, which is an annual event hosted by the Archdiocese of Toronto.

Principal's Report

- Mr. Bomben discussed Black History Month and the successful guest speaker and activities the students planned for the month. He also reiterated that just because the month is over doesn't mean that the activities will stop. The goal is to build equity and inclusivity into the fabric of the school so that it is clearly part of the school's culture.
- The Trustees newsletter was highlighted.
- Among the items discussed was the pilot program for distributing report cards electronically.
- All elementary and secondary schools will distribute report cards digitally by June.
- There's a quote school facility condition assessment program. The Ministry of Education has set aside funds for Dufferin-Peel.
- Approximately 27 schools will be inspected between February and June to see what repairs are required, and this hopefully, these are like our renewal projects that won't come at a cost to the school



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- The board is going to be reviewing the dress code policies of our all of our secondary schools and consulting with various groups in our community through a board approved survey.
- Mr. Bomben discussed how the school has surpassed the projections for the 2024-2025 school year
- The school is still about 60 to 80 students shy of where we are currently in our population.
- The PA day scheduled for May 17 has been changed to April 8 due to the solar eclipse
- The new School Council email was introduced. Mr. Bomben will be sending a message to the community, providing the necessary information.

Vice Principal Reports

S. Simeone

- Mrs. Simeone shared that the school board has started a math initiative in both the elementary and secondary panels. The focus is on changing student perspectives and thoughts on math starting from a young age.
- The plan has started in elementary.
- The secondary plan has yet to be finalized
- a parent engagement in mathematics night is being planned at SJA to help parents learn about some strategies and things that they can do to support their children at home
- Mr. Bomben interjected and asked if School Council would consider using funds from the School Council account to support this parent engagement event. Council members voted and approved the use of School Council funds to support the parent math initiative.

Joanne Le Prevost

- Mrs. LePrevost discussed June graduation.
- The Graduation Committee has been assembled and is meeting to plan the event in June.
- Grade 12 students can expect communication shortly regarding the collection of funds, ordering gowns, and other aspects of the graduation ceremony.
- It was suggested that the \$1000 in the School Council account be used for the Parent Engagement Math Event.
- The voting members of the Council's approved the use of the money for the Math night

School Council Chair Report

- No report

Treasurer Report

- The current balance of the Catholic School Council account is \$1000



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Motion to Adjourn

- The motion to adjourn the meeting was approved by Council Chair, G Ling and seconded by Treasurer A Longerich

Meeting Dates:

Wednesday April 24, 2024

Wednesday June 5, 2024