

St. Sebastian Catholic Elementary School CSAC Meeting

Wednesday, March 10th, 2021 @ 6:30pm

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Angela Longerich (Treasurer)
Dion Marchand (Principal)
Jeff Daly (Vice-Principal)
Jennifer Ciccone (Parent at Large / voting member)
Jotsya (Parish Rep)
Marisa Gentile (Fundraising Chair)
Matthew Trudgill (Parent at Large / voting member)
Moya Marr (Chair)
Rachael Di Clemente (Parent at Large / voting member)
Samantha Welch (Parent at Large / voting member)
Sharon Hobin (Trustee)
Vesna Zovko (non-teaching Rep)

Regrets:

Carmela Moody (Teacher Rep)
Tosin Duru (Parent at Large / voting member)
Vanessa Menszies (OAPSE Rep)

OPENING PRAYER

INTRODUCTIONS

- The CSAC has no appointed Secretary at this time so Meeting Minutes for this session will be recorded by Samantha

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Approval of current agenda by Marissa, seconded by Angela

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes from previous meeting approved by Marissa, seconded by Rachael
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UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR:

- nothing to report
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UPDATE FROM THE TREASURER:

- Bank balance has stayed the same since November: \$18,382.89
 - Awaiting February statement
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UPDATE FROM THE FUNDRAISING CHAIR:

- Nothing to report
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UPDATE FROM THE PARISH REP:

- Reconciliation for First Communion students: March 24th @ 4:00pm-8:00pm at Merciful Redeemer Parish
- Catholic education week May 2-7. Theme: Nurturing Hope

UPDATE FROM THE OAPSE REP: (presented by Moya)

Notes from the January, 27, 2021 OAPSE Meeting attended by Vanessa Menzies:

- In planning stages for a Zentangle meet, (A form of active meditation) for St. Patrick's Day.
- Human Trafficking , 2nd Session for 2021 in planning stages. A lot of feedback said some parents were disappointed in 1st presentation
- Update on proposed Gaming/Addiction presentation, waiting on reply from presenters
- Some Resources for parents/kids
 1. Learning Resources - Grade 1 up to grade 12 - tvo.org ; tvolearn.org
 2. ICE - Institute Catholic Education, iceont.ca , good presentation on Digital Citizenship
 3. Mental Health - Bell Let's Talk dpcdsp.org/search?k=mental%20wellness
 4. Paul Davis - socialnetworkingsafety.net/sample-page/
- Also [Vanessa's] name was drawn to collect a book on pep talks for Catholic Parents; can bring to school office to leave for anyone's perusal

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Faith

- Fr. Suresh will be visiting the school on the following dates (Mar. 16th/ Mar. 30th/ Apr. 20th) for Confirmation classes. Confirmation will be held on Friday, April 30th 2021.
- First Holy Communion Masses:
 - Saturday 8 May 2021, 5:00 p.m.
 - Sunday 9 May 2021, 12:00 p.m.
 - Saturday 15 May 2021, 5:00 p.m.
 - Sunday 16 May 2021, 12:00 p.m.
- Handheld Rosaries: School has ordered 200
- Ash Wednesday Virtual Liturgy was celebrated on Wednesday, February 17th.
- Lenten Daily Reflections read on announcements
- Holy Week begins March 29th
- Good Friday is on April 2nd, 2021 and Easter Monday is on April 5th, 2021
- Stations of the Cross will be celebrated virtually in each class with a power point on Thursday April 1st throughout the day.

Curriculum Items & Other School Information

- CSILC 2020-2021- Our Focus will be Mental Health/ Equity and Diversity/ New math curriculum / Balanced Teaching and assessment and evaluation (Four categories of achievement: Knowledge and understanding, Thinking, Application and Communication)
- Spirit Week (March 15-19th)
 - March 15th~Hawaiian (Shirt) Day
 - March 16th~Caribbean Day
 - March 17th ~St. Patrick's Day (wear green)
 - March 18th ~Beach Day (wear beach attire)
 - March 19th ~World Down Syndrome Day (wear Funky socks)
- Extended French application deadline for St. Rose of Lima and St. Therese has passed (February 16th.)
- Eco Initiatives
 - The Big Crunch (Tomorrow-March 11, 2021)
We will celebrate and promote healthy eating on this day. Students can bring a crunchy fruit or vegetable and together we will take a bite!
 - The Great Gulp (March 22, 2021)
Let's raise awareness about drinking clean water and reducing single-use plastic bottles. Bring your refillable water bottle to school!
 - WWF Earth Hour (March 27, 2021)
At 8:30pm in our homes, we will switch off our lights for an hour in support of nature and our planet. Think of some fun activities to do together with your family. This event raises awareness of the many environmental issues facing our planet.
- (Yesterday) ~ Eco-Schools Waste Virtual Workshops Presentations Gr.2-8
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- March Break postponed to the week of April 12-16th
- Catholic Education Week – May 2- 7th- Theme this year is “*Nurturing Hope*”. More to follow in April Newsletter

Health & Safety

- Changes to in-school protocols regarding COVID-19 (Class dismissal/ masks mandatory on school property (includes parent/ guardians)
- Outdoor Masks Breaks: In an effort to increase the opportunity for masks breaks, teachers should permit the students within their cohort to have a mask break outdoors for up to five minutes, provided all of the following conditions are met:
 1. Students and staff are at least two meters apart from one another.
 2. Students and staff remain in the same place for the duration of the break.
 3. The duration of the break is up to five minutes.

- 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 9th ~ Eco-Schools Waste Virtual Workshops Presentations Gr.2-8
- March 10th ~Virtual Catholic School Council Meeting 6:30pm
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- March 22nd~ The Great Gulp
- March 26th - St. Sebastian 'Earth Hour' 1:00-2:00pm
- March 27th - Earth Hour at home 8:30-9:30 PM
- April 2– Good Friday
- April 4– Easter
- April 5- Easter Monday
- April 12-16th ~Spring Break (No school)

OTHER BUSINESS

Sharon Hobin Report

- Federal government giving \$381 million to the board for Covid-related initiatives
- \$65 million for H&S
- \$50 for ventilation
- \$5 million transportation
- \$80 million for technology to support over 77,000 students
- 4,000 devices ordered this week; likely will go to staff and switch out their technology to students after being refurbished and disinfected
- \$52 million for Math and Spec Ed
 - Learning gaps expected for next year
 - Not yet sure what the impact will be
- \$60 million for online learning programs
- \$33 million for expanding asymptomatic testing (Covid)
 - Running at secondary schools
 - Rapid tests; results in 30 minutes. If positive, then go to take full test
 - Progress so far: 560 schools; 10,000 tests; under 1% positive results
- \$10 million for mental health

- Child youth workers; programming for teachers in classroom to help with mental health programs in-class
- \$6 million for Indigenous programs
- New committee for Black Advisory Council being formed; over 220 applicants

Graduation:

- Looking for consistency in graduation across all schools to be fair to all
- Number 1 advisory for graduation will come from Peel Health; concerns about the variant are an issue
- Principals and Vice Principals will be informed soon of a plan from the board

Graduation hoodies

- Search for vendor
- Sizing to be done online which means no refunds if wrong sizing
- Thinking about printing everyone's names on the back instead of signatures so that online/hybrid kids students are not missed

Motion to adjourn: Marissa

Next meeting: Wednesday April 28, 2021 @ 6:30pm