



ST. SCHOLASTICA

CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

St Scholastica Catholic School Council Meeting

Monday November 30, 2020 @ 7pm

Council Members:

Erin Sweeney-Hurd	Principal
Lisa MacLennan	Vice Principal
Jennifer Leung	Teaching Rep
Tanya Palermo	Co-Chair/Parent Rep
Lisa Paulo-Alberto	Co- Chair/Parent Rep
Natalia Gorska-Anderson	Secretary/Parent Rep
Deepa Dey	Parish Rep/Parent Rep
Elaine Cowan	Community Rep/ Parent Rep
Francine Fonseka	Parent Rep
Kristina Stajduhar	Parent Rep
Justene Thrasher	Parent Rep
Kristina Farris	Parent Rep

Agenda:

Agenda Item:	Owner:
Welcome & Opening Prayer	Tanya & Lisa
Minutes Approval	Tanya & Lisa
Principal's Report	Erin
Committee Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Parish Update b. Community Rep c. CPIC Update 	Deepa Elaine Lisa
Indigo Night Update	Kristina & Justene
Donation Drive Update	Erin
Student Council	Mr. Fabiani
School Engagement Ideas	Tanya & Lisa

Future Council Meeting Dates:

Monday, January 25th @ 7:00pm

Monday, March 29th @ 7:00pm

Monday, April 26th @ 7:00pm

June ---?

Meeting Minutes

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All members present.

Minutes from last meeting approved by Kristina and Elaine.

Principal's Report

Catholic School Council Meeting #2 – November 30th, 2020

ACHIEVING

- Progress Reports and Parent/Teacher interviews have happened
- We've opened our gym with enhanced Covid protocols in place (this is new since our last meeting)
- Administration, our Special Education Resource Teachers (SERTs) and our classroom teachers have been busy in the last couple of weeks with Student Success meetings
- Many intervention programs and student supports run through our Special Education team have begun
- Our Grade 4 students are participating in the Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test this week (CCAT) – used for gifted screening purposes
- The most recent "Change in Learning Environment Survey" went out to parents today and will remain open until 11:59pm on Monday, December 7th. Change in learning environment will occur as of Monday, January 11th, 2021. Depending on these results, some school reorganization may need to occur.

BELIEVING

- Our Advent liturgy is set to take place on Monday, December 7th at 9:45am and will be led by our Grade 2/3 and Grade 3 class
- Our Advent Food Drive is going to be getting underway this week (led by our Student Council and connected to Spirit Days)
- Advent prayer board is up in the front hall of the school and classes are adding to this board weekly
- Advent wreaths and candles delivered to each class last week and we will continue with our Advent practice of conducting a short liturgy every Monday over the announcements (office led)

BELONGING

- Our Angel Tree program is up and running with donations going to the needy families here at this school and remaining donations going to the Halton Children's Aid Society
- Social Justice Team (Junior) and Student Council (Intermediate) are extra-curricular activities that are up and running
- Library book bins are circulating using the procedure that Mrs. Chorley shared with us at our last meeting (boxes being delivered, used books being quarantined for a certain period of time, books not going home etc.)
- Mrs. Hage is planning a Christmas video (in lieu of a Christmas Concert) that will be shared with parents on our private YouTube site during the last week of December

COVID Re-Opening Protocols

- COVID protocols are continuing to go well for our students and staff (albeit time consuming)
- We did have our first confirmed case identified on November 18th which forced one classroom to be closed for a quarantine period
- These students are back to face-to-face learning and there were no other cases reported to public health from this classroom
- Hand washing still needs to be strictly reinforced, especially during this time of gloves and mittens (glove/mitten wearing does not mean that we forget our hand washing practices!)
- Lockers have opened with a strict practice about how many students are in a hallway zone at a time and what is stored in the lockers

Committee Updates

Parish: Children's liturgy classroom has moved to a virtual environment

- Candy Canes for Life campaign throughout December: they are distributing 5000 postcards with a positive message and candy canes, with many being sent to long term care homes; you can sign up by calling the parish office or by following the online link

Community: some questions about dropping off lunches; early pick up or drop off

- some messaging may need to be sent home to review these policies

CPIC Update: lots of discussion around family engagement and fundraising due to the pandemic

- Presentations about D2L, screen time, and mental health and wellness
- Lots of information that would be helpful for parents; presentation will be shared with school community in Weekly Update

Indigo Night update: many parents attended

- Many books donated; in the future, we need to give parents more notice so more people can attend
- Next time, having an online option would be helpful
- \$353.39 raised for the school library; around 18 books donated

Donation Drive update: currently has raised \$1420, which is enough to buy 2 laptops

- 18 families have donated; 5 of those families are current or past council families
- Need to send home a note in agendas; try to be more specific with what the money is for to help raise money

Student Council: Mr. Fabiani presenting

- Student council at school to engage student voice
- School spirit, community involvement, and academic achievement are the goals
- Halloween organization was grades 7 & 8s; now, grade 6s are included
- Community involvement piece: donation drive has pivoted to a food donation
- 3 spirit days over the next couple of weeks, and students will bring in non-perishable items to participate in spirit activities (all students are welcome to participate, even if they do not have items to donate)
- December 4th: first spirit day (red and green)
- December 11th: Christmas headdress day
- December 8th: pyjama day
- Food for Life would receive the donations, adhering to all COVID policies
- School council is growing slowly: eco team and social justice
- Because of COVID, meetings are in cohorts in classrooms with teacher present so students can discuss, but in their cohorts
- Goal: to create a student council twitter feed to increase student voice
- Students will produce poster campaigns and announcements; student council will use their voice to help amplify school initiatives

School Engagement Ideas: Council gave suggestions and feedback via email

- spirit days, holiday celebrations, Advent night, uniform swap (June), food drives (drive thru drop offs on weekend mornings), dance-a-thon (spring event), holiday fundraiser (Cobs bread gift vouchers)
- Flip-give (like Rakuten); registering receipts, and a portion of money goes towards the school
- Funscript: purchase gift cards, and a portion goes towards the school
- virtual Advent event: Kahoot event? Some sort of family team building activity via Teams
- posting photos and school hashtags and bringing in family might be a good way to incorporate home and school
- Kahoot: Natalia, Kristina, Justene, Francine, Lisa willing to help out to pull together a Christmas event
- Dance-a-thon: if we do this for Valentine's Day, we need planning in advance, decorations, pledge forms, etc., this needs to be decided on now.
- Subcommittee: Francine, Elaine, Natalia, Tanya, and Kristina to organize next steps for dance-a-thon and next fundraiser

Meeting adjourned at 8:31