

Sacred Heart of Jesus School Council Meeting Tuesday April 21 6:30 – 8:15pm

Attendance:

John Susi
Darren Cochrane
Sandra Biggs
Joanne Toomath
Jess Mitchell
Melanie Gaddi
Marc Fuentes
Jenn Doyle
Kyra Mancini
Victoria Gagne
Nancy Taddeo
Rose Molfetta
Krista Hinsperger
Laura Van Dyk
Jelena McFadden
Rafaella Profiti
Rachael Pesch
Julie McLaren
Irene Delorraine

Regrets:

Vanessa Van Morsel
Dave M
Krystal Towns

Conflicts of interest - none

French Immersion: (Susi)

- Board meeting in Jan. approved motion that went forward to not have French immersion waitlist. We will have up to 4 Grade 1 classes.
- Grade 9 French Immersion - Board will create appropriate curriculum and programming for 2021 at Notre Dame in Burlington. Currently house the extended French immersion program. Curriculum is being developed.
- School Organization for September - growing for French Immersion (2 additional grade 1 classes and two grade 8 classes for next year, English classes decline by 1 class. School is at capacity. We will have up to four portables for next year.

Cancellations (Cochrane)

- Ottawa (no return of \$100 deposit) and Camp (all funds refunded) cancelled according to Board. Reimbursements to come to families from the BrightSpark company (may be delayed due to volume of schools they work with)
- There was a \$100 nonrefundable deposit made to company - BrightSpark (option was offered for \$45 cancellation insurance) TICO Jess Mitchel informed of travel regulations
- Lunch fees are being reimbursed and still being processed – Pizza, Milk, Salad bar, LunchBox
- Refunding of lunch programs will affect fundraising amounts and will decrease school expenditures (i.e. Computer purchases)
- Graduation ceremonies - no formal decision has been made yet, as soon as available, communication will be made.
- Supporting Families in need: some families from the school are in need. Have been dropped off Halton Food for thought using gift cards from salad bar. Redirected funds from salad bar to families in need.

(Mr. Susi)

- Students who required technology were provided with school laptops and wifi assistance. 20+ in total families were given a school laptop as well as students with SEA Special Ed laptop (18 families)
- Let John or Darren know if there are other families in need of support within the school community.

Distance Learning feedback from Parents:

- Teachers advised not to communicate with students through live video or audio at this point
- Positive feedback for the most part, understanding of issues
- Work is similar to what it would be at school
- Request to upload over the weekend so that parents have time to map out the week
- Request to have live chats with the class. John said that the distance learning may evolve into live chat through Teams in the future
- Request for schedule at the beginning of the week to help with time management (?)
- John mentioned that if teachers were already using an online platform that they could continue to use it, however, those that were not already using an established platform were to use D2L
- One parent commented that Math Up was confusing
- Request for gallery view of classmates and teachers.
- John said that Teachers were receiving inservice on how to use MathUp and using it online.
- Provide required activities as well as optional additional activities

- Gr 7 created survey to determine where students are with their online learning
- Video and audio – if it's live, it feels more like a lesson. This feels just like giving and getting assignments. Otherwise lesson/activity is less engaging.
- Grades? Assessment for learning - feedback only, there will be a report card, teachers will provide a mark or comment gr 1-8 literacy, math, science, Social Studies. Will look at the work that they did up to March 13. The online work that they have been doing may positively affect their report cards. Assessment of learning cannot be done because of varying levels of parent support, inequalities within families. We need to focus on students improving their skills, not just on marks.

Council of Chairs meeting (Joanne Toomath)

- Events have been cancelled due to COVID-19 (golf tournament, dinner)

Parish Update (Melanie Gaddi):

- Communicate parish updates through weekly emails with information for families
- Gospel readings, reflections and homilies are communicated through website
- Link to financially support the church on Parish website
- Live stream of Sunday St. Paul The Apostle Parish Facebook site 9AM starting on Easter Sunday. Will be added to the weekly update for families.
- Gifts for Confirmation and First Communion - all purchasing is on hold for now

Committee Reports

- **Pancake Tuesday** (Nancy Taddeo)- highly successful Nancy was able to purchase 6 new Griddles with school fundraising money. Many volunteers.
- **Yearbook Committee:** (Krista Hinsperger) Put on hold for now. Doesn't need to be submitted until July. Not sure if people will want it. Final decision one way or the other will be made based upon when/if we will be returning to school. Minimum of 100 yearbooks must be sold to order.
- **Volunteer Coordinator** (Melanie and Laura) no update
- **Pizza, lunchbox, salad bar, etc.** no update

Pasta Night (Victoria Gagne and Jess Mitchell)

- Successful event, over 300 people
- Better basket donations this year (incentives, better publicity)
- Raised approx \$3000
- Thank volunteers, many grade 7 and 8 students and parents

Uniform exchange - suggestion that we would do before school starts back in September. Used uniforms are in storage at the school for families that are in need. Grade 8's who donate their uniforms to the school or to another family/sibling have the option to not wear their uniform for the last 2 weeks of school.

Staff Appreciation Lunch (Jenn Doyle, Julie McLaren) most likely cancelled. Too early to decide at this point, unless we go back in the spring.

Ukulele (Julie)

- Zoom classes 5:00, 6:00 and 7:00 in the evening.

Mrs. French's Retirement assembly - great celebration and very much appreciated. She was presented with a bracelet gift from the School Council

Future Agenda Items:

- June meeting as a quick wrap-up (either at school or online). Possibly Tues., June 9.
- School Council social afterwards if restaurants are re-opened at that time.

Next Meeting: June 9 at 6:30 pm

Meeting adjourned 8:22