



Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic School
School Council Meeting MINUTES
Wednesday, February 10, 2021
Virtual on MS Teams ~ 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

ATTENDEES:

Parent Representatives:

PRESENT:

Aileen Baretto	Maryam Farahani	Melanie Gaddi	Victoria Gagne
Kyra Mancini	Jelena McFadyen	Julie McLaren	Jess Mitchell
Rose Molfetta	Rachel Petch	Ivonne Pineda	Raffaela Profiti
Stephanie Sage	Vanessa Van Moorsel	Adele Bagnoli	Heather Gaudet

REGRETS:

Jennifer Doyle	Laura Van Dyk	Valerie Foster	Krista Hinsperger
Nancy Taddeo	JoAnn Toomath		

Teaching Staff Representatives – Lisa Messom

Principal – John Susi and Vice Principal – Darren Cochrane

1. Opening Prayer – Parish Rep (Stephanie)
2. Approval of Minutes (Nov 18th, 2020 Meeting): Approved and seconded.
3. Principal and Vice Principal's Report
 - a. Remote learning - Big job but everyone adapted and did their best. It was a big challenge for the parents, students and staff but was successful.
 - b. Lisa M.: Noticed students were anxious at the start of back to in-person classes but happy once in the classroom.
 - c. Ministry announcement about March Break - postponed to week of April 12.
 - d. Ash Wednesday Celebration: Ash Wednesday liturgy led by Grade 3 FI class next Wednesday. We also received a video of a Gospel Reading + homily from Bishop Crosby

that will be shared with the students. There will be no distribution of ashes due to COVID. We will continue to focus on 3 pillars of Lent: prayer, almsgiving and fasting.

e. February 2021 Return to School – New and Enhanced Safety Protocols

- i. Status quo except masking outdoors
- ii. The following measures will continue: 2 metre distancing, masking, hand sanitizing, cohorts at recess time, parents and staff screening at home daily.
- iii. Masking outdoors during recess has gone extremely well.
- iv. Teachers were reminded to have supervised mask breaks throughout the day, while at their desks or socially distanced outside.
- v. Parents also masking and social distancing at pick up and drop off times.
- vi. Adele asked about the in-school screening at the YMCA – they follow YMCA protocols as per the PHD.

f. Accessibility Upgrades to the school building

- i. Darren: 5 week shut down gave time for school accessibility upgrades, namely: fire alarm upgrade (visual strobe lights in the hallways), doors were removed from the upstairs washrooms plus extra privacy wall added; new washroom sinks. Installation of handicapped door entrances throughout school; Also, the interior painting in main hallways.

g. Lenten Fundraiser - “Join the J” to support Joseph Brant Hospital

- i. We were not able to do it last year but would like to support the hospital and front-line workers this time.
- ii. President of Fundraising at Jo Brant is a SHOJ parent.
- iii. Some videos to be shared with students and we will talk to them about front line workers and renovations to the hospital.
- iv. Q and A sessions in Zoom with doctors for primary, junior and intermediate students.
- v. We will have a superhero day during Lent (superhero, medical hero) to raise money.
- vi. We will ask students to bring a toonie or more for the Join the J foundation.

h. Grade 9 French Immersion Transitions to Notre Dame

- i. First time for our board to have Early French Immersion students start Grade 9.
- ii. Grade 9 FI students are doing virtual visits and talking about the Notre Dame.
- iii. Out of 31 FI students, 20 are going to the FI program (11 are going to Corpus, other programs like IB and AP, and home high school).

i. Grade 8 Virtual Ottawa Trip

- i. We will have a virtual field trip for the Grade 8's. The students will have different choices to build a trip, with the aim of building 3-4 experiences for their trip. There will be a lot of Ottawa and Montreal-based options, such as Parliament, Montreal Holocaust

museum, Science Technology Museum, Rideau Canal Museum, Bird Museum, among others.

ii. There will be a mix of asynchronous and synchronous (most with live guide) activities.

j. Graduation: We will get a better idea around May regarding graduation plans and any Covid-19 restrictions as per the PHD and HCDSB. Something special will be planned for the students as we did last year.

k. Upcoming events

i. Family Day holiday

ii. Pancake Tuesday (at home)

iii. Ash Wednesday liturgy

iv. I Read Canadian Day on Wednesday

v. February 24th Reports Cards go home and also Pink Shirt Day Canada

4. School Council Co-Chair's Report – Adele Bagnoli and JoAnn Toomath

a. Update – Parent School Council Membership Criteria

i. Request for feedback from Parent Council

ii. some provided comments and ratings.

iii. Victoria and Rose requesting to get a copy of the summary of the feedback and comments.

b. Update – Rating school Principal Criteria

i. JoAnn reminds how important it is for council members to provide feedback.

5. Committee Reports:

a. Fun Scrip School Fundraising – Adele

i. Fundscrip - Darren to send a reminder email about it to parents.

ii. Continue to advertise.

b. Parish Update from the Parish Website – Maryam and Stephanie

i. No live masses since December 26th

ii. Parish office is accessible for some services like mass cards, confessions, anointing of the sick.

iii. Sacraments of Communion and Confirmation are postponed, and details will be communicated by the Parish.

iv. Live Streaming of masses every 9am on Facebook and later posted on YouTube.

v. Tax receipts for 2020 have been mailed.

vi. Livestream of Ash Wednesday mass at 7pm. No distribution of ashes.

c. Other

i. Uniform exchange - will depend on restrictions in May or June.

6. School Council Discussion and Feedback:
 - a. School Uniforms – new provider RJ McCarthy
 - i. Effective Feb 1, 2021.
 - ii. New hoodie option (\$35 youth, \$43 adult)
 - iii. Pants, skorts, shorts can now be purchased by parents from any store/ any brand, as long as they are navy blue.
 - iv. ISW uniforms are still acceptable to be worn at school.
 - v. McCarthy pickup is near Walmart in Oakville.
 - b. Synchronous Learning January-February 2021 – feedback and discussion
 - i. Stephanie - some teachers had the expectation that parents will be sitting beside kids; Kids adapted well. Parent support was reduced as time went on.
 - ii. More training needed for some teachers, technology-wise.
 - iii. Getting the schedule in advance, including materials is helpful.
 - iv. Longer snack times - 15 minutes not enough.
 - v. Jess - For the Grade 2s: It was too much for 7-year old's; big focus on getting stuff submitted but no feedback from teacher (work was not looked at)
 - vi. Amazing that teachers adapted so well.
 - vii. Too much for young kids. Kids were fidgeting and sitting through it all.
 - viii. Lots of involvement required from parents of young kids.
 - ix. Great improvement from last school year's asynchronous model.
 - x. Melanie - It was going well in the beginning and then later it was harder to keep the energy in the virtual classroom. Mounting frustration over technical glitches, especially in younger kids.
 - xi. Lisa said teachers were wrestling with whether families needed teachers to teach more and stay with the kids longer.
 - xii. Kids miss their friends and are so happy to be back.
 - xiii. Rafaela is asking for feedback from teachers.
7. New Business
 - a. Ukulele Virtual Classes now offered. School gets \$7 for each registration. Private or group classes available. School earned \$750 last year for the in-school classes. Hopefully, we can offer these classes again in-school next year.
8. Next Meetings is set for April 28, Wednesday, 6:30pm
9. Adjournment at 7:45 pm.