

St. Benedict School Council

December 7, 2020 –Virtual Meeting Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE (Via Video Conference):

Josey Guerin, Tanya Le Conte, Marnie Ivanich, Kristi Mifsud, Kathryn Beauchamp, Bryan De Sousa, Maria Dimaculangn, Christina Mackay, Kylie Dillon-Alcasid, Elle Bernardo, Candice Singh, Stephanie Wilson, Rekha Dhayakaran, Artur Migdal, Michelle Culverwell

REGRETS: TBC - Laura Breau, Christiana Enebeli, Noel Martel,
Meeting:

Welcome - Mr. Guerin

- Prayer Mrs. MacKay
- Approval of November Council Minutes - Artur Midgal- approved, Maria Dimaculangn, - second
- Greetings from Vice Chair Trustee Duarte

Information Items

- Student Presentation by Accepting & Inclusive Committee Student Representative (Gabriel & Hilary)
 - Shared presentations on President Obama and Principal Dancer, Misty Copeland
- Ubuntu Philosophy & Video
 - Discussion with staff and in progress with students - how we should be caring for each other in everything we do. In school and out of school
- St. Benedict Catholic School Council Playbook Review - Mrs. Le Conte
 - Summary of the purpose behind playbook and how it's important to bring it to life in the school community - what we do, how we behave, etc.
- Health & Safety Update - Mrs. Le Conte
 - Re-opening of lockers with protocols and restrictions in place
 - Re-opening of more gym time with mask and cleaning protocols in place (training with staff, etc.)
 - Update from Mr. Guerin on how school is managing current status with COVID including regular contact with Public Health

- Focusing efforts on routine, cohorts, personal distance, personal hygiene and all efforts to ensure the environment is as safe as possible for the students and staff

Principal's Report

- Achieving
 - Curriculum Update
 - Classroom Connections
 - Teacher Professional Development
 - DPA outside whenever possible for all grades
 - Early Dismissal Dec. 18th (90 mins early)
 - Bus Safety Presentations
 - Virtual Progress Reports and Interviews
 - Grade 4 CCAT- Gifted Testing
- Believing
 - Advent Activities in all classrooms (Father Jim, Classrooms)
 - Christian Meditation to focus on breathing and centering
 - Family Kahoot Virtual Evening Event - Thursday, Dec. 10
 - Catholic Graduate Expectations
 - Remembrance Day liturgy - school-wide moment of silence
 - HCCEF Virtual Evening with Bishop Crosby
 - Virtual Council of Chairs
- Belonging
 - YMCA partnerships - program groups have been re-directed to be able to open up the gym for further use
 - Fundraisers (Tera, Angel Tree Gift Card)
 - Bullying Awareness & Prevention Week - virtual assemblies purchased through board fundings along with daily announcements and other initiatives
 - Engaging in Anti-Racism & Anti-Black Racism Training
 - Indigenous Awareness Month - resources and links provided by HCDSB
 - Angel Tree - fundraising and school community support for families in need
- Financial Update - Mrs. Le Conte
 - Recent purchases by school include:
 - Misc Kinder supplies
 - Technology needs
 - Gift cards for virtual family event prizing
 - Tickets for Bishop's dinner

Action Items

- Sub-Committee Reports
 - Safe Schools Committee Team Meeting Update
 - Learning Environment Request Form (Nov.30-Dec. 7)
 - Parish Update Mrs. Dimachulangn
 - Potential opening service date of Dec. 19/20

Meeting Adjourned – 7:53 pm

NEXT MEETING: Monday, January 11, 2021