

St. Benedict School Council

October 4, 2021 –Virtual Meeting Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE (Via Video Conference):

Josey Guerin, Tanya Le Conte, Marnie Ivanich, Michelle Culverwell, Stephanie Marciel, Mrs. Oudesluis, Cate Bridle, Laura Breau, Kylie Dillon-Alcasid, Lindsay Robertson, Bryan De Sousa, Christina Mackay, Tatiana Perez, Candice Singh, Monica Sgrignuoli, Pat Perrone, Artur Migdal, Stephanie Maciel, Danielle Oudesluis

REGRETS: none recorded

Meeting:

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

- Prayer / Commissioning & Ceremony
- Introductions of all attendees
- Approval of Minutes - May 31st Council Meeting
 - Christina McKay - approved
 - Laura Breau - second
- Selection of Positions
 - Kylie Dillon-Alcasid nominated Michele Culverwell and Christina Mackay as co-chairs for another year
 - Marnie Ivanich second the nomination
 - Council voted and unanimously elected Michele and Christina; both accepted
- Presentation from Pegasus
 - Presentation by Carl Van Landschoot on “Spirit Wear” considerations for St. Benedict Ravens clothing including masks, t-shirts, hoodies, jackets, etc.
 - Currently working with other Catholic schools in Halton
 - Fundraiser (funds go back to school) opportunity to build into costs
 - Marnie, Kylie & Candice to assist with product selection
- Review of By-Laws
 - Mr. Guerin noted recent update to by-laws
 - No questions or comments to by-laws
 - Kylie Dillon approved By-Laws; Bryan Desouza second

Information Items

- Health & Safety Update (School re-opening)
 - Parents received re-opening plan by board
 - Staff received re-opening plan with further detail
 - Provided update on: masking, PPE, traffic in school and directional needs, daily student screening, cohorts & zones, cleaning protocols, etc.
 - All school directive concerning COVID-19- taken from Public Health & Board. Not school based decision.
 - Looking into intramural activities - controlled setting with grade 8 students, eventually moving into other grades
 - Following public health protocols and after introducing routines/procedures- slowly re-introducing extra-curricular activities for students including choir and art groups
 - Ensuring all activities focus on safety first
 - Looking to reinitiate hot lunch as a way to help raise funds for school costs while keeping health & safety protocols in place
 - Eg. Students are not able to help with process/distribution
 - Looking into options such as individual, pre-boxed pizzas, pita (pre-wrapped) and Kidssentials
 - NOTED: St. Scholastica coordinating pizza day with increase in pricing for safe packaging options

Principal's Report

Achieving

- Curriculum Update
 - Two PA Days before school started to reinforce safety and re-opening protocols, review social/emotional strategies, closing the GAP strategies, technology training.
 - Virtual school to In-person
 - Board developed scope & sequence to help with transition between virtual and home school.
 - TVO Mathify for elementary students to help with additional learning support for math (Gr. 6-11)- access a teacher tutor online
 - New Staff since September, as LTO's have interviewed for permanent hire
 - Virtual Field Trip- Milton Hydro presented to all students around safety with electricity.
 - Staff PD opportunities- Early Literacy/D2L

Believing

- Liturgies/Sacraments
 - Father Vavek led virtual school reopening liturgy
 - First Communion throughout summer vacation- more dates to come
- Community Connections
 - Terry Fox Run/Walk
 - Jump for Heart
 - Notes to MDH nursing staff - positive feedback from hospital staff on the kindness of the school community
- Church Update
 - Father Jim still in regular contact with school
- Curriculum Update
 - Growing in Christ & Faith PD for intermediate teachers

Belonging

- Connection to the Community - Equity & Inclusion
 - Sept. 30 - Truth & Reconciliation Day
 - Crosswalk (with 7 feathers) and banner now in front hallway- entrance to Kindergarten hallway- represent the 7 sacred teachings.
- Ms. Oudesluys
 - Mind-up - Support emotional support in classrooms
 - SNAP - Stop Now And Plan
 - Pilot program during 2020 school year
 - Mental health & wellbeing program for staff to keep motivation up
 - Visited more than 15 classrooms
 - Resource for staff and students
- Picture Day still being considered - TBD: November
 - Individual shots and no class shots due to safety protocol. Class composite being considered
- Financial Update - Mrs. Le Conte
 - Starting balance for Sept - \$15,906.75
 - Less
 - \$644 - Terry Fox
 - \$254.69 - Kindergarten Toys
 - Additional - Kahoot (June) + subsidies

ACTION ITEMS

- Parish Update - looking for Parish Representative – contact Father Jim if interested
- Fundraiser/Volunteer Committee & Ideas
 - Halloween dance-a-thon (outdoor)
 - Kylie recommended early prep and planning for upcoming fundraiser
- Community Building- continue making connections in the community and providing support.

- Sub-Committee Identification
 - Fundraising - Kylie Dillon, Candice Singh, Christina Mackay, Marnie Ivanich
 - Spirit Wear - Marnie Ivanich, Kylie Dillon, Candice Singh
 - Community Building committee- Michelle Culverwell
- Uniform
 - Discussed additional uniform options including vest, cardigan and full-zip sweatshirt
- CSC main communication from school to be via email to council members
 - Shared addresses to be parent emails only
 - Discussed a group platform to keep council members in regular contact
 - Agenda/Minutes will be shared on school website

Meeting Adjourned – 8:06 pm

2021-2022 MEETING DATES:

- Monday, November 1, 2021
- Monday, December 6, 2021
- Monday, February 7, 2022
- Monday, March 7, 2022 (*tentative*)
- Monday, April 4, 2022
- Monday, May 9, 2022
- Monday, June 6, 2022