

ST. BRIGID CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting #2 of 2019-2020 November 27, 2019

Catholic School Council Members:

Parent Representatives: Liz Altomare, Janine Galloway, Donna Heaps, Maria Madeira, Cheryl Neves, Katherine Rueda

Absent: Adriana Balkowski, Mark Bairos, Tanya Brown, Dianne Cosic, Camille Gemmell, Luke Mahoney, Oriana Oliveira, Angelina Putnam, Bridgeen Wey

Principal: Claire Lanois **Vice-Principal:** Genevieve Butt

Parish Representative: Bridgeen Wey (absent)

Teaching Representative: Josie Nibbering

Non-Teaching Representative: Karen Woodrow (absent)

Community Representative: Jenn Hunziger (absent)

Guest: Gemma Simon – Public Health Nurse

1.1 OPENING PRAYER –

1.2 WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS: *recording secretary - Janine*

1.3 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1.4 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

1.5 REPORTS (ALL FOLLOWED BY QUESTION & ANSWER PERIODS)

- 1. Principal's Report: Monthly Highlights, School Improvement (Math), Student led Interviews, HCDSB 50th Anniversary, Pilgrimage of the Cross
 - Grades 6-8 Climate Survey Student Improvement Program
 - Officer & Grade 8 teachers – breakout needs assessment
 - At risk zones, safe zones ie changerooms,
 - Get feedback on clubs, some out of the box thinking from students like a put in a pond for fishing or bring your dog to school day
 - Question raised “what about younger ages”; Response we have Child and Youth Worker and Social Worker in the school who meet to discuss, run research based programs like Kelso's Choice, PALS, WindUp
 - Girls Volleyball won GOLD! Stellar year. 17 years in a row for the North!
 - The Boys Volleyball playing for Bronze – still a great performance
 - New approach to Interviews in the fall – Student led Interviews. Nothing should be a surprise.
 - Parent feedback, for the young the time went too fast – reading prayer, showing video took up time
 - Parents are always welcome to book an appointment to talk with their teachers
 - Parent liked that child was able to tell the parent what she did well, what she had to work on
 - Sensitive conversations happening before interviews
 - HCDSB is celebrating 50 Years as a board- launched a Journey of the Cross. Had a special cross built and it will be travelling around the schools in the Board. CTK has it first, we get it 4th. Board is transporting it. Pilgrimage of the Cross. Will be at our school for Dec 11. Could display it at Gingerbread Night.
 - Update on Math from Ms. Butt – there are 3 different programs from Board
 - 1) FDK early literacy screener – gathering data
 - 2) Math Up Gr 1-8 – task – moderate – see where students are at – take strategies back to the class
 - 3) Math Monitoring – Gr 1-6 – Teachers are getting in-services about every 6 weeks – have 3 “marker” students on cusp of achievement level 3 – looking for growth there. Assess strategies. Counting strategies. Additive reasoning.
 - This is a journey, not a race. Will see changes over the next 3-4 years. It's a system change. Looking at implementation
 - Priority is an hour a day for math – Ministry mandate is 300 mins per five-day cycle – ideally 60 mins per day and minimally 40 mins.
 - Drill down on EQAO, 20 students were in the 2.8-2.9 range – that is a large number
 - Moving those kids up over a 3
 - Parent – Can we do a kit to give out? Ideas? Options

- 2 : Parents Reaching Out Grant 2019-2020 – combined for C.T.K. family of schools – St. Brigid continue math games and numeracy focus – discussion with members, parent volunteers?
 - Pro Grant – were not granted as a school but as a regional grant
 - CTK Family of School are managing. Will be a carousel approach.
 - Each school doing a breakout session. Parents/children can attend area of interest (i.e., other school's carousels).
 - We'd like Math Focus – possibly coding, older grade options possibly
 - Piggyback on Health and Promotion potential
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- 3 : Student Generated Funds – report presented
 - Halton Food for Kids – we are supporting the program with a donation of \$500 – we could not attend the Raiders game event
 - Question regarding Admin category in our SGF– commissions received from purchase of agendas, school photos, spirit wear, HST Rebate – are recorded in this category – the bulk of these funds are used for tech purchases for students
 - Departments? Instruments, music program, recorders, library accounts for \$3500 of \$5700, Book Fair
 - School Fundraising includes – Pizza, Milk etc \$74K in revenues
 - External Charities – will net 0 – all that comes in goes out

1.6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

- 1. Committee Structures: review areas of need, members sign up for various committees,

1.7 NEW BUSINESS:

- 1: Gemma Simon, Public Health Nurse for Christ the King family of Schools – brief intro and presentation
 - Presented at start. Responsible for Health and Promotion in Schools
 - Substance abuse, mental health, bullying
 - An assessment / survey done with students to determine needs
 - Implement activities / initiatives based on results
 - Then evaluate if effective
 - Service delivery model – at CTK majority of the time, more intensive support
 - Public Health Nurse is available by calling 311 between Mon-Fri 8:30-4:30
 - Determine Family of Schools need
 - Ideas: Can get community partners – displays, hand out resources, keynote speaker, break out sessions, child minding to get parents out, or tie in a dinner, vaping
 - Our Schools Survey – 2017 (formerly the Tell Them From Me Survey) – this is now called the School Climate Survey which will be administered this spring for all students whose parents have signed consent
 - Parent surveys every few years – last parent survey was 2017 there was an extremely low response rate (12%) and data is not easily interpreted.
 - Our school, Paul Davis Thurs Apr 23 – Social Networking, Media Safety
 - New to Kindergarten orientation April 16th
- 2. Family Advent Mass – Tuesday December 3rd at 7pm – Craft in Parish Hall 6:15?
 - Karen has gathered supplies for Advent Mass Craft and shared with Bridgden
 - Poster? Students write to invite parents
 - Need Volunteers 5:30-5:45 3-4 people
- 3 : Gingerbread Night Thursday December 12th – update from Janine
 - Looking good. Orders are in.
 - Hot choc ordered. Please wear council golf shirts or ugly sweater. Name tags if you have them
 - Claire brought some shirts to the meeting that people could take
- Parent brought up potential for parents to connect socially through classrooms. Can we organize something? Will discuss further at next meeting
- Parent brought up Lifetouch Photographer change – asked to discuss with Karen Woodrow
- Parent brought up Math Primary Games Clubs

1.8 CORRESPONDENCE –

1.9 CLOSING PRAYER:

- 1.10 **NEXT MEETING DATES:** (Nov 27th 2019, Feb 12th 2019, April 15th 2020 and May 26th 2020) **Catholic Council of Chairs (CPIC) meetings** – Oct. 16th St. Elizabeth Seton, February 19th St. Joan of Arc, May 20th St. Anthony of Padua – all meetings begin at 6:30 (networking) and the formal meeting is 7 to 9pm.

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Home/School/Parish and Focus on Faith

- St. Brigid Student Brigade and St. Brigid Pastoral Team work together to plan school events (i.e., Social Justice, Faith Formation, Liturgical).
- September: Faith, October: Empathy; November : Respect. Principal's Award based upon monthly Gospel Value; one student per class (could be more). These are all listed in the student agenda.
- Spirit Days are coordinated by the St. Brigid Brigade Student Council. They support the preferred charities for the school and board through participation in dressing up and voluntary donations some days are designated as "non-donation" days.
- Sacramental Parent meetings with Father Dave (i.e., First Communion - Oct 9th, and Confirmation Nov. 13th)
- Celebrate the month of the rosary - weekly rosary offered for students and staff - parent volunteer Mrs. Kiss supported us
- Thanksgiving Food Drive over 5000 items collected for Georgetown Breadbasket via the Hometown Hockey "Fill the Net" Challenge
- Dr. Simone, Canadian Food for Children, Candy Drive 509 lbs. of Halloween candy - thanks to Ms. Carbone (parent volunteer) for bringing the boxes to the warehouse

News and Monthly Highlights:

- Lunch programs - Lunch Pails, Pita Pit and Toppers Pizza.
- Cross Country Meet delayed until April @ Kelso Conservation
- Banner month for St. Brigid School - Volleyball invitational tournaments at St. Brigid and regular season play. Girls win North Halton for 17th season in a row. HCDSB system finals are played this evening - Girls playing for Gold and Boys in Bronze medal match! We will keep you posted.

October

- 1st - Babysitting Course - Tuesdays at lunch (started Sep), Photo Day
- 8th - CSC Council meeting
- 9th - School Opening Mass (day); First Holy Communion Parent Meeting @ H.C.
- 10th - Therapy Dog program begins
- 11th - Faith Day P.A. day for staff
- 4th, 10th, 18th 25th - Rosary Club for students
- 18/19th Catholic Cup Volleyball Tournaments (Girls) and 25/26th (Boys)
- 18th and 21st - Rocks and Rings Curling program - gymnasium
- 18th - St. John's Therapy Dogs - program begins
- 22nd - Gr. 5 Mountsberg Trip

- 31st - Hallowe'en Dance-a-thon Fundraiser

November

- Indigenous Awareness Month -Treaties Recognition Week
- 1st and 2nd - Feasts of All Saints, All Souls
- 6th - Inuit Day, Take Your Kid to Work Day, Gr 8 Visits to CTK
- 7th - Parent Info Night at CTK
- 8th - National Aboriginal Veterans Day, ESC trip to Zoo, Gr. 3 Crawford Lake
- 9th - Keeping Christ in Christmas Contest begins!
- 11th - Remembrance Day Liturgy and Respect Gospel Values Assembly
- 12th - Gr. 7 Immunizations, Gr. 2 Living Arts Centre, Bullying Prevention Launch - "See the Problem, Be the Solution" leadership event
- 13th - Caribou Math Contest, Confirmation Parent Meeting
- Volleyball quarter/semi-finals this week
- 14th - Grade 8 Visit to CTK classrooms, CTK leadership recess programs
- 16th - Louis Riel Day
- 18th to 22nd Bullying Awareness Week - Bus Safety presentations, Scholastic Book fair
- 20th - Progress Reports and Initial Observations (Kinder) sent home
- 21st and 22nd - parent teacher interviews and P.A. Day
- 27th Catholic School Council Mtg.
- 29th Paint the Town Red, United Way Spirit Day

Communication

- School Website - Weekly Update, Calendar, C.S.C. page; School Messenger school-wide emails; Twitter; School Sign; Student Agendas; Homeroom/Classroom digital apps for communication

Report Cards

- Progress Reports - Tuesday November 20th
- Interviews November 22nd and 23rd (P.A. Day)

School Improvement Plan

- **Achieving**: Math - Number Sense: Flexible Thinking with Numbers and use of models; BrightSpace; Assessment for learning; **Student led conferences**
- **Believing**: Christian Meditation school wide at 1:10 p.m. daily - Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ (implementing new resources), Focus on Faith HCDSB social justice themes and "big ideas" ensuring that teaching is rooted in our Catholic faith tradition
- **Belonging**: Equity and Inclusion professional development focus; CYC classroom programs (i.e., Kelso's Choice, Mind Up, Roots of Empathy, Social Detective/Superflex, Zones of Regulation) - Chess Club, Games Club, CTK Student Leadership programs (i.e., recess). Asset building approach