

ST. BRIGID CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL AGENDA and MINUTES

Meeting #4 of 2019-2020 April 15, 2020 ***Virtual Meeting on MS Teams due to school closure re: CoVid19 Pandemic

Catholic School Council Members:

Parent Representatives: Liz Altomare, Adriana Balkowski, Tanya Brown, Dianne Cosic, Janine Galloway, Camille Gemmell, Donna Heaps, Maria Madeira, Luke Mahoney, Cheryl Neves, Oriana Oliveira, Angelina Putnam, Katherine Rueda, Bridgeen Wey

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

Parish Representative: Bridgeen Wey

Teaching Representative: Josie Nibbering

Non-Teaching Representative: Karen Woodrow

Community Representative: Jenn Hunziger

1.1 OPENING PRAYER –

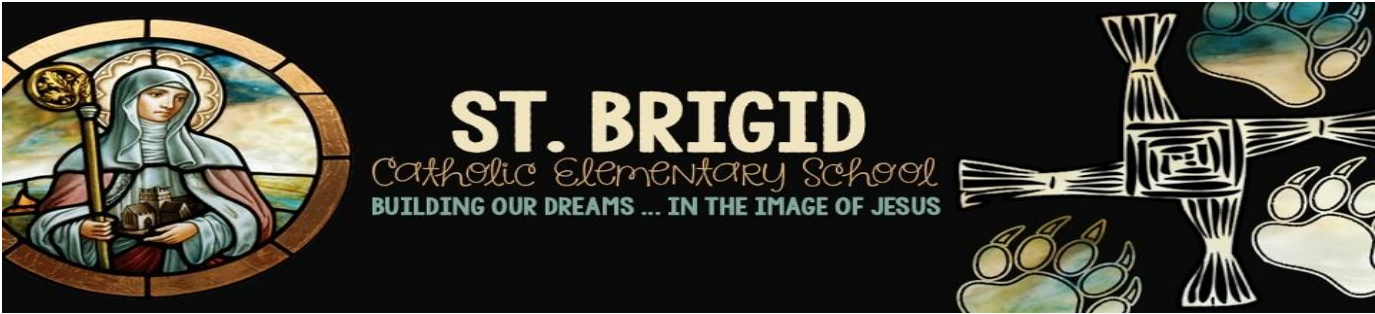
1.2 WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS: *Liz Altomare*

1.3 APPROVAL OF AGENDA *Bridgeen*

1.4 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

1.5 REPORTS (ALL FOLLOWED BY QUESTION & ANSWER PERIODS)

- 1. Principal's Report:
 - Review of **Distance Learning Communications from HCDSB** (i.e., as of April 6th) further to the two week interim plan that was provided by the Ministry of Education (document attached in appendix)
 - Sharing of supports for families in need – Halton Catholic Children's Education Fund (HCCEF) is our board charity
 - Community Partners for Healthy Living – see attached – where to get food in Halton
 - All families needing access to technology and internet will be accommodated. We facilitated curbside pick up on Tuesday April 7th and have been fulfilling more requests. Approximately 60 devices have been loaned (i.e., spec ed and regular track students).
 - Question/Answer period with CSC members
 - 1. Access to school to get belongings? Schools are closed as per the Minister of Education. Only items essential to the continuation of learning can be accessed at this time (i.e., technology, eye glasses, medication). Curb side pick up and delivery protocols are established in conjunction with the HR Dept of Health – strict protocols are observed.
 - 2. Concern with hours online? As per HCDSB and Ministry guidelines the hours are outlined. This is total number of time that students are engaged/working on tasks. This is "distance" and not "online learning"; therefore, the intent is not that this is entirely screen time. Parents are urged to communicate their needs with teachers and speak to admin, if necessary. This is all new to us. Feedback is critical!
 - 3. Assessment and Evaluation: As per the HCDSB and Ministry documents – grades and learning skills will not go down from March 13th. In elementary schools, the most recent report card is February 19th. Teachers also consider assessment/evaluation that occurred up until March 13th. DL work will be evaluated and used to the benefit of students. There will be a final report card in June.
 - 4. Immunizations – They have all been cancelled for the remainder of this academic year. Students will not be suspended. Halton Region to communicate directly with affected families. Expectation to resume



vaccinations once the region is running clinics again.

- 5. Milk and Pizza refunds – These will be processed on SchoolCashOnline. Even if we return prior to the end of June, all lunch programs are cancelled. Allow for some time for these to be processed.
- 6. Sacraments – First Holy Communion has been postponed. Father Walter to communicate when more information is available. As per Federal and Provincial directives – churches and all places of gathering are closed due to CoVid 19.

1.6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

- 1. Committee Events:
 - Shrove (Pancake) Tuesday February 25th (Karen) - event was a success!
 - Lenten Family Mass Tuesday March 24th 2020 - family craft – Bridgeen
 - PRO Grant – Family Games Night – regional/combined grant with Christ the King Family of Schools – Thursday April 16, 2020 (Cheryl and Maria – school admin) – **postponed due to school closure**
 - Paul Davis Social Media Thursday April 23rd – day presentations to students – parent evening (Cheryl) – **postponed due to school closure – rescheduled for January 25, 2021**
- 2. Council of Chairs – members unable to attend February meeting

1.7 NEW BUSINESS:

- 1: Question and Answer (i.e., as per above, in Principal Report) – related to school closure, Distance Learning – questions submitted by members and from other parents.

1.8 **CORRESPONDENCE** – see documents in appendix re: supports in Halton, OAPSCE

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.