

ST. BRIGID CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL AGENDA and MINUTES

Meeting #2 of 2020/2021 November 30, 2020 ***Virtual Meeting on MS Teams re: CoVid19 Pandemic

Catholic School Council Members:

Parent Representatives: Liz Altomare, Chris Cachia, Janine Galloway. Not present: Camille Johnston, Donna Heaps

Principal: Claire Lanois

Vice-Principal: Genni Butt

Parish Representative: Bridgeen Wey

Teaching Representative: Josie Nibbering

Non-Teaching Representative: Karen Woodrow – taking minutes

Community Representative: YMCA- Jenn Marchand

1.1 OPENING PRAYER

1.2 WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS: Claire and Liz

1.3 APPROVAL OF AGENDA- Janine

1.4 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST - None

1.5 REPORTS (ALL FOLLOWED BY QUESTION & ANSWER PERIODS)

Items

- a) **Discussed roles and responsibilities of Council-** i.e. Community connection- (BBQ when allowed, Family Gingerbread Night), School beautification, Faith Formation
- b) **Family Gingerbread House-** All orders submitted by December 7. Drive by and pick up scheduled for December 13 from 4:00pm – 6:00 pm. Virtual video will be shared via a link sent to families. Messages from Council, Administration and Father Dave
- c) **CPIC-** meeting November 25. Presentation will be sent to community. Will focus on engagement resources, increased need for funding for HCCEF, how Brightspace and D2L programs work, stress management techniques, managing screen time

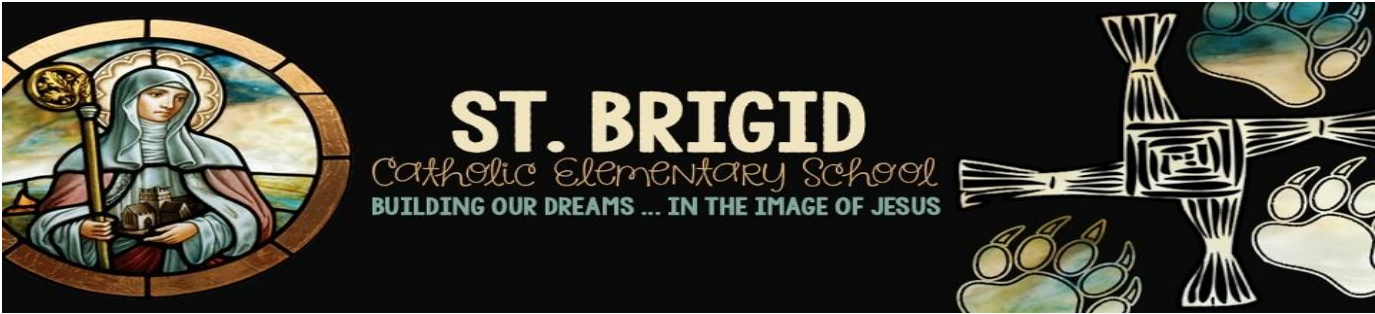
Principal Report

1) Return to School

- a) Safety is priority
- b) No Covid-19 cases at St. Brigid
- c) Lockers are being introduced to allow for boots, winter clothing storage (physical distancing will be maintained)
- d) Mask hygiene- encouraging safe storage while students at recess
- e) Movement/changes in classes with the second transition for students returning to in-class learning in January, changes may be necessary, especially due to Ministry mandated cap on # of students

2) Mental Health and Well Being

- a) Gym- Phasing in gym time but encourage outdoors for as long as weather permits. Primary classes will have gym twice a week, junior and intermediate once a week. Eventually kindergarten classes will be added to the



schedule. Gym will be divided, and equipment and high touch points sanitized. Masks will be worn in gym so activity will be low intensity. Changerooms will not be accessible.

- b) X-Movement- access to their online program (\$500.00). They are partnered with U of T- models safe exercise activities
- c) Anti-bullying Awareness- focus on wellness in November. “New way” thinking shared to students by CYC. Pre-recorded messages are shared during announcements. Joke of the day on Fridays, Charity bingo (teachers have bought cards for classrooms, ½ the money raised goes to charity)

3) **Social Justice**

- a) Thanksgiving Food Drive- \$2200.00 raised for the GBB
- b) Christmas Food Drive- food will be allowed to be collected at the school, monetary donations accepted also
- c) Bishop Crosby's Dinner in support of HCCEF
- d) Spirit days will continue

4) **Home/School/Parish**

- a) Father Dave will create virtual visits.
- b) Sacraments- Current grade 3 students have all had opportunity to receive First Communion. Current grade 2 and 7 students are receiving communication directly from the Parish.
- c) Advent Mass will not be taking place this year, but families encouraged to attend Mass or access virtually
- d) Christmas Mass will take place, but tickets will need to be purchased in advance, and only 5 tickets per family

5) **Curriculum**

- a) Progress reports home November 24- Virtual Parent/Teacher Interviews (November 26 & 27)
- b) Blended learning D2L and communication. In class is not entirely the same as virtual (not negative) but communication between school and home important. Weekly update has all information families need to stay connected
- c) Math-up- program allows for increased growth, success
- d) Transition to CtK for grade 8 students-October 22 was information night. Currently working on option sheet selection
- e) School liturgies- all pre-recorded and link is shared with virtual school and classes. Mrs. Boras is the lead, but each grade responsible for “presenting”. To date there has been Thanksgiving, Remembrance Day, and Advent liturgies.

6) **Financial Report**

- a) Hallowe'en Fundraiser- raised \$13 000.00,
- b) Loss of earnings from Pizza and Milk programs
- c) Purchased 42 Dell Devices - \$20 000.00 purchased through our Board budget: \$18 000.00 from SGF
- d) Will continue to monitor device requests and purchase accordingly

Closing Prayer

**Next meeting: February 1, 2021