



ST. BRIGID CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL AGENDA and MINUTES

Meeting #3 of 2020/2021 February 1, 2021 ***Virtual Meeting on MS Teams re: CoVid19 Pandemic

Catholic School Council Members:

Parent Representatives: Liz Altomare, Chris Cachia, Camille Johnston, Donna Heaps, Janine Galloway.

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- Jen Marchand

- 1.1 **OPENING PRAYER** - Genni
- 1.2 **WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS:** Claire and Liz
- 1.3 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA-** Janine & Bridgeen
- 1.4 **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST** - None
- 1.5 **REPORTS (ALL FOLLOWED BY QUESTION & ANSWER PERIODS)**

Items

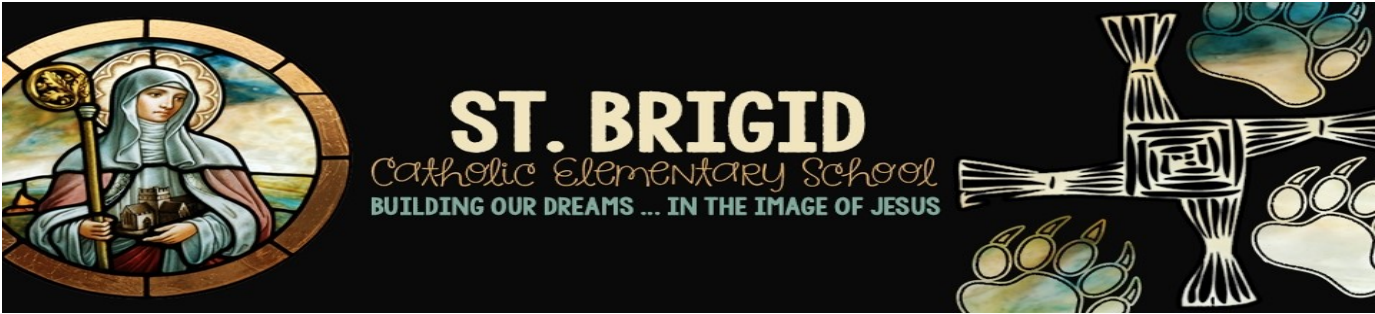
- a) **Black History Month-** equity action plan- part of equity and inclusion. Three parts:
 - i. Staff development ie. Book club
 - ii. Equity walk through library- expanding resources
 - iii. Sharing of practices through announcements, classroom-based activities (age appropriate), social media (twitter). Focus on Black Canadians
- b) **Tech Update-** Since September we have loaned out to families 113 laptops and 27 iPads, as well as 69 chrome books from HCDSB. More requests keep coming. Also, have loaned devices to staff members and supply teachers.

Principal Report

1) **School Improvement Plan**

A) **Achieving:** Math – Change to report card. Single mark for Math (i.e., instead of five strands). Number Sense: Flexible Thinking with Numbers and use of models continues to be the primary focus. Social Emotional Learning (SEL) skills have been introduced and implemented in programs; however, more professional development required. As such, students will not be specifically evaluation on these skills.

B) **Believing:** Prayer, Liturgy, Christian Meditation continue virtually. Religion and Family Life programs continue in remote learning. Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ (catechetical resource gr. 1-7, new next year in grade eight). Focus on Faith HCDSB social justice themes and “big ideas” ensuring that teaching is rooted in our Catholic faith tradition



c) **Belonging:** Continued focus on Belonging in remote learning and in-school connecting both communities of learners. Board focus on maintaining our identity in remote learning spaces. Equity and Inclusion professional development focus (i.e., anti-black racism):

2) Mental Health and Well Being

- a) CYC has been available to present programs such as MindUp, Kelso's Choice, Zones & Regulations, Bell Let's Talk. She has been available for virtual counselling for students and discussions with parents. Resources available through Ontario Tips and strategies and daily announcements. Has also provided bereavement support for students at our school
- b) Family Workout Challenge- Bridgeneen discussed will connect with parent in our community to facilitate Family Virtual Fitness Night. Important to get community

3) Social Justice

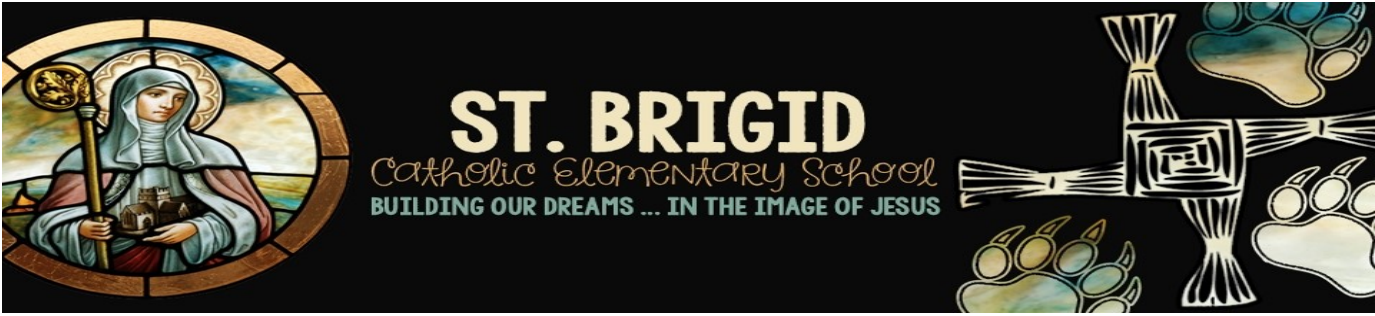
- a) Donated \$3000.00 to HCCF
- b) Spirit days will continue, and money raised will be donated to charities listed in school cash

4) Home/School/Parish

- a) Focus on Faith- Father Dave and Father Hayden continue to reach out to our school and families.
- b) Sacraments- Parents of Grade 2 & 7 students have been emailed regarding Sacraments and registering for dates. Links have been shared to allow families to follow lessons for First Communion and Confirmation preparation
- c) Lent- Shrove Tuesday ,as previously celebrated will not take place due to protocols. Lenten Craft will be available to families, including all materials. Parents register and all items will be sent home. Discussed logistics between pre-recorded vs live. Pre-recorded would allow for messaging from Admin, CSC and Father Dave
- d) Ash Wednesday- gather virtually. Father usually arranges and will distribute Ashes if allowed
- e) Easter cookie kits available to families. Purchases made through School cash. Similar distribution as Gingerbread?

5) Curriculum

- a) Math changed from 5 strands to one
- b) Social/emotional learning skills now discussed by the Ministry ie. resiliency, mindset, etc
- c) Growing in Christ, Growing in Faith now implemented up to grade 7. Next year will be grades 1-8
School liturgies- all pre-recorded and link is shared with virtual school and classes.
- d) Teachers- community feels good job overall but asking for consistency ie. Week schedule released on a Sunday to allow for parents to prep so parents are not interrupted during their day for printing etc. Teachers should be reasonable in asks ie. Don't ask student to look for soil in January.
- e) Board focus during remote learning is how to maintain Catholic learning
- f) March break- nothing official but will not be cancelled



6) Financial Report

- a) Donations still accepted through Spirit Day item in School Cash. Money raised to go to Holy Cross HELPS, HCCF
- b) No other funds raised as pizza, milk programs etc have not been able to run

Closing Prayer

**Next meeting: April 12, 2021

UPDATE*****Moved to May 31, 2021 as Spring Break is now week of April 12th