

ST. BRIGID CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL AGENDA and MINUTES

Meeting #3 of 2020/2021 May 31, 2021 ***Virtual Meeting on MS Teams re: CoVid19 Pandemic

Catholic School Council Members:

Parent Representatives: Liz Altomare, Donna Heaps, Janine Galloway, Bridgeen Wey

Absent: Josie Nibbering, Chris Cachia, Camille Johnston, Jen Marchand

Guests: Anthony Cordeiro (Superintendent) Janet O'Hearn (Trustee)

Principal: Claire Lanois

Vice-Principal: Genni Butt

Parish Representative: Bridgeen Wey

Teaching Representative: Josie Nibbering

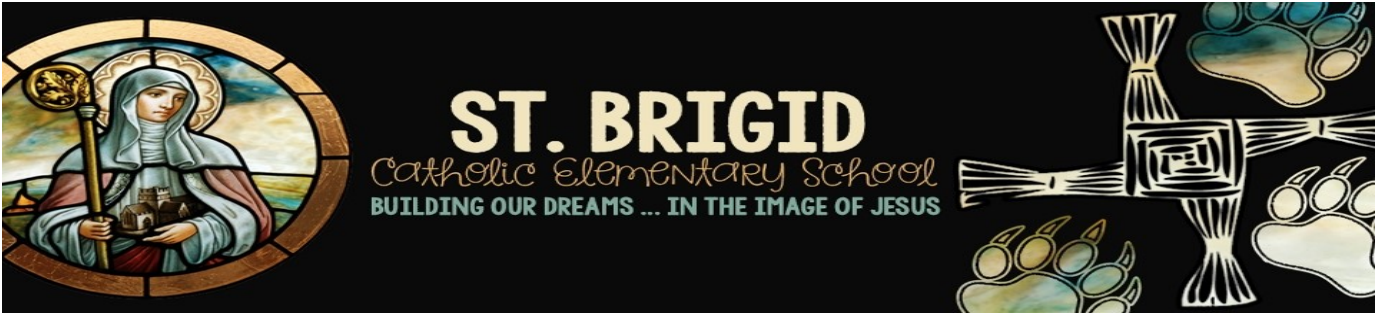
Non-Teaching Representative: Karen Woodrow – taking minutes

Community Representative: YMCA- Jenn Marchand

- 1.1 **OPENING PRAYER** - 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)**

Agenda: 3 Items

- a) **De-streaming of Grade 9 Math- Anthony**
 - i. Ministry mandated for grade 9 this year
 - ii. No applied or academic math although curriculum has not been shared by Ministry as of today
 - iii. Will be grade 9 & 10 next year
 - iv. New curriculum will allow of inclusiveness of all students. Ontario only province that does not have de-streamed subjects
 - v. Anthony discussed concerns/challenges for staff and students as new curriculum begins
- b) **Return to School Plan-**
 - i. Ministry expects all schools to have a virtual school in September
 - ii. As vaccines roll out to younger population, expectations are more students will return to in person learning
 - iii. For secondary school, one in school cohort and one virtual so learning will be hybrid. Secondary will be full days; one subject for periods 1 & 2, second subject for periods 3 & 4
 - iv. Less options for return to in-class learning. Will correspond with the distribution of report cards
 - v. No plans for competitions (ie sports) at this time, however with the continued roll out of vaccines, may be able to start in february
 - vi. Vaccines not mandated for school age students, but waiting to hear from the Ministry if that will change
- c) **Pride Flag- Janet**
 - i. First year the flying of the flag was presented to the Board



- ii. Flag was struck from the discussion so that other changes could be made ie. Educate, safe environment, availability of posters
- iii. Feedback in terms of the LGBTQ community is there is not support because flag not allowed to fly
- iv. Definite 2 sides to this discussion and both are very passionate. Changes will take time
- v. Repository resources available to teachers/schools to access
- vi. June 1 will be declared Pride Day in Secondary schools, Rainbow day in Elementary

d) **Capital Project**

- i. Vison Georgetown- funding for new school in Georgetown
- ii. Ryan Merrick (Board) instrumental in putting together a plan and requesting money from the Ministry
- iii. Suggestion to have each school Council in North Halton meet

Anthony and Janet exited the meeting after the discussion.

Principal Report

1) School Improvement Plan

- a) Kindergarten Music wall being installed over the summer
- b) Outdoor classroom as part of the outdoor education. Armour Rock will be brought in over the summer. Concern about taking up too much yard space, but 2 portables will be removed so more area will be available
- c) Parking lot will be resurfaced and new lines painted

2) Mental Health and Well Being

- a) Resources continue to be available to families
- b) CYC access still provided

3) Home/School/Parish

- a) Focus on Faith- Father Dave and Father Hayden continue to reach out to our school and families. Will provide message in the Virtual Graduation Video
- b) Sacraments- Parents of Grade 2 & 7 students have been emailed regarding Sacraments and the postponement at this time because of the Stay-at-Home Order
- c) HCCF has supported 3 of our families in need by providing monetary donations
- d) Virtual Grade 8 Graduation. Ceremony will be released June 23 and drive by graduation will take place June 24. "Swag" bags, certificates, hoodies etc will be distributed. Decorations will include balloon arch, red carpet. Pick up times will be assigned by homeroom

4) Curriculum

- a) Discussed rotary for grade 8. At this time will not be taking place
- b) Tech skills of students- improved over the year
- c) Discussed writing and improving citation for older students. Plagiarism with use of tech on the increase



5) Financial Report

- a) SGF will be posted at the end of the school year
- b) Healthy balance of \$45 000.00. Asked council for suggestions. Mentioned more recess equipment, text books (each student should have their own) . Wifi needs to be addressed as it is inconsistent.
- c) No other funds raised as pizza, milk programs etc have not been able to run

Closing and Prayer:

Claire discussed transfer to St. Teresa of Calcutta starting in September. Laura Odo will be the new Principal at St. Brigid. Genni will remain as Vice Principal.