

MINUTES

St Francis of Assisi CES

Monday, December 7, 2020 @ 6:30 via Teams | Meeting called to order by Vicki Santaguida

In Attendance

Shannon Byrne; Jamie De Oliveira; Amanda Dziedzic; Linda Ferreira; Lindsey Machado; Cheryl Nieuwendyk; Marie Paterson, Cathy Reitzel, Vicki Santaguida, Zach Sholdra; Mark Witter

Approval of Agenda

Marie Paterson and Cheryl Nieuwendyk

Approval of Minutes

Cheryl Nieuwendyk and Cathy Reitzel

HouseKeeping

Welcome

Opening Prayer – Led by Mark Witter

Principal's Report – Mark Witter

ACHIEVING

- Interviews went well; Vicki confirms it was a smooth process for virtual interviews
- 2/3 virtual and 1/3 phone interviews
- Grade 8's have had some virtual meetings with CTK and are in the process of choosing their courses
- Grade 5 extended French program is hosted at our school; to date we only had 9 registrants but need minimum 23
- Change of learning survey closes tonight at midnight
- Bully awareness week assembly hosted by Ms. Logozzo's class
- Classes are leading a virtual advent week assemblies
- Spirit week will be hosted next week – Communication to go home to parents
- Winter hats sales – 14-15 were sold
- Poinsettia's sales \$150 profit for GBB
- Gift card drive is over \$500 for GBB – runs until the last day of school
- Halton Public Health is now asking families to do self-assessments on the weekends
- Grades 1-8 students will now have access to lockers for the storage of outwear ONLY and they will NOT be allowed locks
- Gym is now being used as a result of colder weather; each class will have 1 indoor gym period per week and 1 outside. Each class has their own shelf for storage of equipment
- Reviewed school generated funds budget and plan as approved by the board
- Code of Conduct reviewed and is currently posted on our website
- Dress Code / School Uniform Policy – Uniform supplier has changed back to McCarthy's

- SFA dress code reviewed – added note to ensure students wear winter boots as part of dress code requirements
- March 2014 saw our school vote 67% against uniforms
- Council overwhelmingly voted that timing for a uniform vote is a “no” at this time given COVID uncertainty
- Jamie inquired re. the possibility of extended breaks etc. – Mr. Witter advised it’s “business as usual” at this time and there has been no directives otherwise at this time from the Ministry of Education
- Jamie inquired about the possibility of a reorganization after the Christmas break – Mr. Witter can’t say for sure one way or another
- Grade 8 hoodies – Marie inquired about whether or not that would happen. Mr. Culhane & Ms. Logozzo are working on it and plan to do it now rather than later (usually aim for Spring)
- Board has mandated NO outings / field trips etc. we are NOT allowed to enter into any agreements with tour groups etc. so nothing planned to date
- Camp Olympia has “reserved” a spot for us for a week if we are able to use it and does require a deposit from us

BELIEVING

- Catholic Education week planning is underway May 6-10

Budget

School generated funds budget presented and reviewed

Chairs Report - Vicki Santaguida

- Council of Chairs meeting wanted to know how the council can help with mental health
 - Marie suggested that we put out a communication to our families re. resources available to them in our community
 - Per Mark, he can work with Ms. Misener to put together a document with options/ resources available in our school community and beyond
- Parents have inquired about additional fundraisers for the school ie. Gift Cards and greeting cards – after some discussion we agreed to stick to the plan and not host any fundraisers at this time
- Parents have inquired about virtual trivia nights or other community building events
 - Mark - staff are over extended so he would ask that council members would organize it
 - Amanda - we can possibly organize something in the New Year
 - Marie - can we survey the parents to garner interest? Mark has offered to send out a survey; Per Zach, parents may have virtual burn out
 - Vicki and council will work on putting together some questions to form a survey
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Other Business

- Amanda – is there anything we can do for staff? Ie. Order lunch, porch drops to teachers at home?
- Mark – he has something organized with Ms. Nieuwendyk

Announcements

N/A

Next Meeting

Wednesday February 1st, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned with closing prayer at 7:58