

MINUTES

St Francis of Assisi CES

Monday March 22nd @ 6:30 via zoom | Meeting called to order by Vicki Santaguida

In Attendance

Linda Ferreira; Lindsey Machado; Amanda Manasterki-Dziedzic; Krystin Micalizzi; Cheryl Nieuwendyk; Marie Paterson, Vicki Santaguida, Zach Sholdra; Mark Witter

Approval of Agenda

Cheryl Nieuwendyk and Marie Paterson

Approval of Minutes

Vicki Santaguida & Cheryl Nieuwendyk

HouseKeeping

Opening Prayer – Led by Mark Witter

Welcome - Welcome to our guest Jennifer Santos - CPIC North Halton Rep.

Brief introduction by Jennifer

Working on Best Practices Handbook for School Council

Principal's Report – Mark Witter

ACHIEVING

- Transition from virtual to conventional school will happen on March 29th; approximately 15 students returning from virtual
- Next year we anticipate 342 students and we are seeing trends for sustainable populations
- Extended French program will NOT run next year - only confirmed 10 students to date
- We are part of coding pilot program with McMaster University and our grade 6 students and high school mentors - scheduled for early May

BELIEVING

- Pillars of Lent Activities this week
- Catholic Education Week upcoming week of May 3rd

BELONGING

- Government has been more flexible re.allocation of funding that is typically used for trips etc.; purchased four buddy benches
- March Madness Spirit Week was a huge success - student led activities have been popular and will continue to be a monthly
- Food Drive ongoing
- Mental Health Virtual Presentations booked for April 21st - Sara Westbrook
- Grades 6-8 had St. John's Bible
- Grad photos done, grad hoodies ordered, gifted students grad face masks

Budget

N/A - to be presented in May

Chairs Report - Vicki Santaguida

- Fundraising Ideas for next year collected at the break out sessions at Council of Chairs meeting
 - Outside dance-a-thon
 - FlipGive - consensus that it should get out to the families ASAP - agreed to roll it out effectively immediately
 - Cookie Drive / Ice Dawgs
- Community Events Ideas for this year and next - council decided to move forward with Lindsey's suggestion re. community window decorations/ rock painting and tie it in with Catholic Education Week; also going to try and work out a Read-a-Thon component
 - Virtual Trivia Night
 - Read-a-Thon
 - Valentine's App to send out messages
 - Cooking classes or Community Cookbook
 - Anti bullying events
- Suggestion by Vicki to have the students create cards for our Parish Priests - Mark thinks this will be a good activity for the Grade 2's and 7's - Mark will take it to staff

Other Business

- N/A

Announcements

N/A

Next Meeting

June 7th , 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Closing Prayer - Mark Witter

Meeting Adjourned with closing prayer at 7:30