

## St. Gabriel Council Meeting Via Microsoft Teams

Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021

Present: Elisa Carey (VP), Nancy Malloy (NTR), Chris Tilley (Principal), Mary Anne Innes (TR), Jamie Arsenault (Chair), Carmen Taylor, Nancy Meehan (P-REP), Michelle Brockie, Helen Biggs, Chris Bertrand, Joel MacLeod, Shauna Dussiaume

Regrets: Cait Geddes, Tracy Eade, Sam Lapadat

Guest: Jacyln Priest-Brown (Parent)

Meeting commenced at 6:35

**Opening Prayer** -Elisa Carey

**Approval of Minutes:** Chris Bertrand approved, seconded by Marianne Innes

**Approval of Agenda:** Marianne Innes approved, seconded by Chris Bertrand

**Admin Report:** Insert here

No comments or questions regarding the report

**Business Arising:**

**By-Laws:** By-laws have been rewritten by Jamie Arsenault and Heather Kuzyk

Chair has asked for council to read and review for next meeting. Questions and changes will be addressed next council meeting. The By-laws will then be officially adopted.

**Steam day update:** Pushed back again, will revisit when school returns to in person learning. Looking to possibly doing it online if online learning continues

**AGF Fair Update:** \$4001 was raised from Purdy's chocolate sales. The St. Gabe's community was able to help 21 families with \$350 in gift cards each for the holiday season.

For next Council meeting, Chris will have a breakdown of the amount the 5 days of AGF Activities Raised on top of the \$4000 from Purdy's.

Feed back was positive, overall successful.

Thanks to Elisa, Chris and the staff for all their behind the scenes work in making AGF Successful amidst the pandemic.

**New Fundraiser:**

Funscrip- Joel Macleod has floor

School signs on, link provided to school community and parish community to purchase gift cards through link. A certain percentage returns back to the school. Anywhere from 2-5%,

Electronic gift card or physical card.

School can add a weekly reminders re: passive fundraiser at the bottom of their weekly email for both Cobbs and Funscrips

Can go into parish announcement and bulletins- Nancy M.

Motion to go Forward: Joel MacLeod, Seconded Heather Kuzyk, Motion carried

**New Business:**

Distance Learning: To Continue with no return date set for now.

Chris Bertrand: Suggestion: worksheets sent out beginning of the week so parents can print before hand.

Carmen Taylor: Comment: Not all classes receiving Friday announcements or know how to access the links. Chris to provide link via email to all.

Jamie Arsenault: Comment: Harder for the younger ones, maybe suggestions for parents on how to help with younger children via email. Chris will reach out to board and teachers for ideas.

Carmen: Guidelines or rules regarding teachers having their cameras on? Expectation is yes for parts of the day, camera's off could be connection issue. Having camera's on is important for social interaction.

Mary Anne: Suggested communicating with teachers what works best for your family. Suggested an activity to take away for a break, community building, to give respite from online learning.

Helen: Some kids are not allowed to have camera's on.

Heather : Might be good to allow all classes time to socialize on camera each day

Chris T. to bring forward to teachers the idea of online time.

Chris B. Is there the same attendance expectations with online learning re truancy?

Chris T. Looks different in every household, aim is to give each individual learner what they need, keep lines of communication with teacher open regarding what works best for each family.

Jamie, Helen, Heather, Mary Anne, to head up committee for asynchronous activities for community fun.

**Facility update Gym A:** Changed out the doors, baseboard, taken out chairs from under stage and replaced with stand up chair racks in new storage area created. Kitchen pass through bricked up. Fresh coat of paint for gym and office to be done in coming weeks.

**Pancake Tuesday:** Will not happen in school. Maybe something online? Create a hashtag for the day keep it simple. No pressure. Council to email Chris with hashtag and/or ideas.

**Next meeting:** Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @ 6:30

**Closing Prayer:** Elisa Carey

At this time Chris and Elisa recused themselves from the meeting so council could discuss and take the following actions:

**Action 1:** Selection Criteria for Principals: Jamie to email to council members, council members to have response back by Tuesday.

**Action 2:** Policy change for School Council By-Laws

Joel to bring our opinion back to CPIC as well.

Overall consensus of St. Gabriel School Council is thus: Legal guardian or Parents of children at a school should not be restricted access to a seat on school council based on religion and is discriminatory otherwise. There should be no cap on non-Catholic parent reps.

**Meeting Concludes:** 8:00 pm