

St. Vincent School Council Meeting (Virtual)
Monday, May 17, 2021 @7:00pm

Attendance:

Penny Uniacke (Principal)
Gabriella Van Hooydonk (Non-Teacher Representative)
Regina Dykman (Chair)
Sonia Guglietti (Parish Rep)
Gina Millington (Community Rep)
Sharon Moore (Secretary – Rotating Position)
Siobhan Kukolic
Jane Pustai

Welcome and Introductions (RD)

Opening Prayer (SK)

Approval of Minutes (GM approve, SM second))

Last month's minutes have been distributed and reviewed.

Principal's Report (PU):

Catholicity:

- Completed Lenten initiative – cards for Long Term Care Facility – CH delivered.
- Mother' Day liturgy was online May 11 – great turnout.
- First Communion – early June ceremony will be postponed to Fall.
- Confirmation will also take place in Fall.
- June Liturgy for grades 7-8, date TBD.
- Grad mass – Fr. Con will do a video to be included in the ceremony.

Curriculum:

- Catholic Education Week – successful.
- Chef Nicole will do cooking in French with Grades 4-5 on June 9, 10.
- Continue with RTI support – literacy and numeracy.
- Grade 6 & 8 summer school literacy and numeracy is available again this summer – sign up available until June 24.

Home/School Connection:

- St. Vincent continues to communicate with families via email and Twitter.
- Parents are encouraged to check their child's D2L or Google Classrooms.
- New kindergarten families participated in a new parent information night online.
- CYC continues online.
- Staff appreciation postcards were mailed on Friday. There was an amazing response – 283 notes received.

- Grad update: Date is set for June 24. Might try to do a live Teams meeting instead of pre-recorded ceremony. Researching how much the stay-at-home order will impact how the drive-by works.
- Award of Excellence – the winning student is recognized by the board and at grad.
- St. Vincent was selected to take part in a census for grades K-3. Information is in a newsletter to parents.
- Reports cards – teachers are in a job action, if unresolved by the time report cards are issued then the report cards will have grades but no comments.
- We are not ordering school agendas next year.
- No yearbook this year. This is driven by a volunteer.

Community Building:

- School climate survey opened last week and will close this Friday.
- Dress Loud day for speech and hard of hearing was last Friday.

Health and Safety:

- St. Vincent will be receiving new floors in the gym, office and library. The Board is also resurfacing the kinder yard (replacing green mesh with rubber). These improvements are based on assessments by the Board.
- Volunteer asymptomatic COVID-19 testing is still happening in our community for those who wish to be tested.

Financials:

- Outdoor education money has been spent. (\$1200 from ministry)
- Money is set aside for grad within budget.
- Have 50% credit for Aussie Ex remaining from before – this continues to carry forward.

Council Chair's Report (RD):

Gift Magnet:

- We've used this company in the past to thank teachers and administrators.
- It is valuable because it lists all of the staff including the custodians.
- Consensus among council is that it is valuable and makes gifting easy for parents to opt in. RD will get this organized again this year.

Inclusivity

- Board decided there will be no pride flags at all HCDSB schools.
- Board is sending kits to schools with inclusivity posters.
- Board declared June 1 as "Rainbow Day" for all around inclusivity.
- Board marked June 14 as "Pride Awareness Day".
- Terminology around inclusivity follows the Fully Alive curriculum.
- SK noted that STA students are speaking out about inclusivity at the HCDSB meeting tomorrow night, and wanting to follow the precedent of other Catholic Boards that are flying the pride flag.

Committee Reports:

Grad planning

- Grad planning is on track.
- (Aside: normally CH would present here, as she is head of volunteers. She is absent today due to a loss in the family. Parent Council to send flowers.)

Parish Report (SG):

- Communion and Confirmation updates are the only news – already discussed by PU.
- RD had a discussion with Fr. Con about the ability to hold off on Communion and Confirmation long enough to be able to include seniors in those celebrations. He was open to this idea.

New Business (RD):

- June meeting? Yes to an informal social meeting.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 21 @7:00pm (Social)

Closing Prayer (SM)