

St. Vincent School Council Meeting (Virtual)

Monday, March 8, 2021 @ 7:00pm

Attendance:

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

Welcome and Introductions (RD)

Opening Prayer (AS) (Grade 1 prayer)

Approval of Minutes (RD)

- The February 1st, 2021 meeting minutes have been distributed and reviewed. SK approved the minutes, GM seconded.

Principal's Report (PU)

Catholicity

-had Ash Wed liturgy, Grade 6 students led. Mr. Miguel's Grade 7s leading one on St. Patrick's Day at 10:45am and an Easter liturgy coming up led by Grade 3s. Date TBD.
-writing cards for LTC facilities for Lenten initiatives. Mrs. Tabrizi collecting and going to Carolyn H for Windemere.

Curriculum

- Report cards went out last week.
- Continuing with RAZ.
- Juniors and Intermediates did goal setting, nutrition.
- Grade 7s are doing virtual day at STA on April 6
- April 26 – Award of Excellence happening. Usually Grade 8. Virtual.
- Continue with website and Twitter. Teacher platforms for parents. CYC programs on managing stress.
- Grad update. Similar to last year. Drive by and part virtual. Tentative date Thurs June 24. Not finalized yet. Because virtual school having own grad. Virtual students are invited to both. Grad photos happening March 16.

Community Building

Pink Shirt Day Feb 24, Black Shirt Day March 1, Green for St. Patrick's Day (or rainbow).

Continuing with Rads. World Autism Day on April 2, which is Good Friday, so our board is doing it on April 6 the Tuesday after Easter.

Health and Safety – morning announcements. Washing hands. Masks. Zones in yard. Had to close parts of field so have had a few days where whole field closed. Last week we had to close half the field. Halton Regional Police is starting to give schools safety documents to share with community. Topic was pick up and drop off last week and this week seatbelt safety.

Family of Schools of STA COVID Testing for Asymptomatic – March 17 for St. Vincent – Ministry initiative. Asking for registration. 2-8pm.

Public Health Update-back to school. Siblings must stay home when one sibling has a symptom. Enforcing that. All siblings home with letter. Telling when they can come back. Staff wearing shields and goggles within two metres of students.

Fundraising - We have purchased everything we raised \$\$ for. Equipment. Money set aside for upcoming events like Grad and liturgical celebrations. Meeting with Fr. Con to find out when First Communion and Confirmation taking place. Other good news with finance, every year the Ministry gives Outdoor Ed money to schools. Usually, we always have to use it for Juniors – Camp Brebuf. But because of COVID we cannot travel or have speakers in, so they are allowing us to buy outdoor equipment - \$1000. Putting a list together.

Registration 2021 update – at home or in class... Ms. U not getting any feedback from poll. No info until June. Same number of JK registrations as we had last year – around 9. But we do have 39 Grade 8s graduating.

Anything else? Is there a date for Staff Appreciation? Usually during Catholic Education Week. No date for that yet.

Council Chair's Report (RD) – And Council of Chairs' Meeting Update

Attended the Council of Chairs meeting – Regina and Ms. U – human rights and diversity and inclusion presentation was done. Regina will forward. Diversity training. Indigenous community. Woven into the curriculum for students to learn from a young age about inclusion. Some schools have started having a diversity rep on school council. At school level, we have a staff member who is diversity lead, Ms. Lewandowski.

CPIC elections coming up. Anyone who wants to apply. Regina will send out process for nomination. Liaison between board and parents and council. Roundtable at 630pm for networking and meeting starts at 7pm. You log in for first half hour. This time what they did was breakout rooms by family of schools. So, you could talk about what was happening within our family of schools. One topic was mass. Since we are not going to mass and priest cannot come into schools. Feedback from schools... St. V talked about how we have virtual liturgy with Father Con. Many schools are not doing that. And what are we doing for fundraising? We spoke about the read-a-thon was well-received. And generous donation of gingerbread kits from Longos family. Some schools are not doing fundraising this year all together as community really suffering with COVID. Some schools are doing trivia night. Some schools are not as

concerned with safety and are allowing things into the schools from the outside. There is some parental fatigue around COVID, and we agreed to keep things simple.

Volunteer Coordinator's Report (CH)

Lenten Initiative – Ms. Tabrizi is working on the cards for the seniors at the LTC home.

Graduation Planning – Carolyn asking is there anything we can do to pivot? Some parents have come to Carolyn about some ideas. We can have 100 people on our field if we are green, yellow, or orange zone. We have 40 students. 20 from each class including virtual students. If we wanted to do something outside. We could do tents. We could do two small grads with guests. Utilizing whole back field. Talked to Sonia G about possibly getting wood from community and Tony Kukolic could build us a stage. Ms. U said the board said a hard no to any outdoor gatherings.

Parish Report (SG) – nothing new.

New Business - The extra money for outdoor equipment. Sonia asking if it is needed for outdoor equipment or is it needed for anything else? Ms. U said it must be for outdoor equipment. Very tight guidelines. Shot puts, soccer balls, nerf footballs, outdoor playing items.

Next Meeting Review

- Next meeting is Monday, May 17.

New Business (RD)

Closing Prayer (GM) (Grade 3)

Next Meeting: Monday, May 17, 2021 @7:00pm