

St. Sebastian Catholic Elementary School CSAC Meeting

Wednesday, April 28th, 2021 @ 6:30pm

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Angela Longerich (Treasurer)
Dion Marchand (Principal)
Denise Osagie (Parent at Large / voting member)
George Ling (Parent at Large)
Jeff Daly (Vice-Principal)
Jennifer Ciccone (Parent at Large / voting member)
Jotsya Gasper (Parish Rep)
Marisa Gentile (Fundraising Chair)
Matthew Trudgill (Parent at Large / voting member)
Moya Marr (Chair)
Rachael Di Clemente (Parent at Large / voting member)
Samantha Welch (Parent at Large / voting member)
Sharon Hobin (Trustee)
Tosin Duru (Parent at Large / voting member)
Vesna Zovko (non-teaching Rep)

Regrets:

Carmela Moody (Teacher Rep)
Vanessa Menszies (OAPSE Rep)

OPENING PRAYER

INTRODUCTIONS

- The CSAC has no appointed Secretary at this time so Meeting Minutes for this session will be recorded by Samantha

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Approval of current agenda by Marissa

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes from previous meeting approved by Marissa
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UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR:

- Message from the St Sebastian music teacher
 - o Working on a presentation for Catholic Education Week to demonstrate examples of 'Nurturing Hope' at our school
 - o Call for the council members to send her some audio or video clips through email
 - Demonstrating a way that St Sebastian School has ignited hope in your children
 - Reference sports teams, musicals, extra curricular activities or anything they have been involved with and inspired by
 - Send by Friday, April 30, 2021

UPDATE FROM THE TREASURER:

- Bank balance at the end of March: \$18,149.47

UPDATE FROM THE PARISH REP:

- First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion has been postponed due to Covid-19 lockdowns
- Confirmations have been postponed as well
- At this time, no dates have been communicated for rescheduling; once lockdown has been lifted, we may know better information including if these will be moved to the summer
- The Merciful Redeemer Parish bulletin will now be including school news in the weekly bulletin. Anything related to our faith can be submitted for inclusion

UPDATE FROM THE FUNDRAISING CHAIR:

- Nothing to report

UPDATE FROM THE OAPSE REP:

- Nothing to report

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**Academics:**

EQAO No updates yet as to what we can expect for grade 3 and grade 6 students.

Catholic Education Week:

Begins May 2nd, 2021: Theme is "Nurturing Hope" the sub themes for each day are as follows:

May 3rd, 2021: "Preparing the Earth"

May 4th, 2021: "Sowing the Seeds of Gratitude"

May 5th, 2021: "Cultivating Relationships"

May 6th, 2021: "Harvesting New Fruit"

May 7th, 2021: "Marveling in Wonder"

Mrs. Marr is preparing some daily activities to focus on Catholic Education week and she is trying to incorporate all the classes as part of the weekly events. Very difficult to coordinate given we are learning online.

Graduation updates:

During the day students will pick up their awards and diplomas and, in the evening, there will be a graduation power point that celebrates the graduates and their accomplishments. A letter will be going out to parents next week regarding the plans. A program and invitation keep sake will be created. A small gift, Diplomas, Awards, and a banner for outdoor pictures to be taken.

May 31st is a tentative date for Grad photos in the school or parents will have an option to book their own session with EDGE imaging.

Parish News:

All First Communion and Confirmation ceremonies have been postponed until the restrictions have been lifted. Please contact the Parish for any updates. The EDGE will be running some virtual activities during the month of May and they are uncertain of the summer EDGE camp at this moment but more information will be coming out in the May newsletter and in the Parish bulletin.

Health & Safety:

We will continue to report positive cases when we are made aware of them to the community even if we are learning online. Parents may have noticed that we sent a community letter out recently reporting some positive cases. There is a pop-up Testing clinic being held at St. Sebastian School this week-end on Saturday, May 1st, 2021.

Important dates:

May 2 nd	Catholic Education week starts
May 5 th	Board wide Mass at 11:00am with the Cardinal
May 6 th	Journey into Learning FDK night 6:30pm to 7:00pm
June 7 th	PD Day Report card writing
June 9 th	Last CSAC meeting
June 22 nd	Report Cards go home
June 24 th	Graduation day: Students picking up their diplomas, certificates and awards from 9:00am to 3:30pm
June 24 th	Graduation liturgy Ceremonies at 7:00pm online
June 29 th	Last day of school for students

OTHER BUSINESS:**Report form our Trustee, Sharon Hobin:**

- 53,000 people have been tested through the board's asymptomatic clinics
- ICUs full and new variants causing unforeseen pressure on the system
- No solid indication from the minister on where we're going with virtual learning because no one really knows what to expect
- Funding model is pre-Covid; doesn't take all the PPE, deep cleaning, additional resources, technology, classroom size and increased staff, etc. into consideration
- Shortage of supply teachers and French teachers
- Trying to put the budget to bed without too much information from the government
- Thought Exchange available on the Board website to give thoughts on the budget
- All the devices/technology have been purchased and are in the hands of the teachers ~ 60,000 devices in the system – supported from the Federal government and through grants
- Still not every child has a device – we have about 77,000 students in the board
- Schools that required them now outfitted with updated HVAC and air scrubbers where possible. Spec Ed classes where PPE are not possible are primary focus
- Upto \$700-800 million that the board has received so far – federal money coming into provincial government
- Big push to have teachers and spec ed teachers vaccinated
- Black Advisory council underway with first meeting today
- Lots of exciting things happening in the schools. Shows signs of dedicated teachers and eager staff

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- By Marissa; seconded by George

Next meeting: Wednesday June 9, 2021 @ 6:30pm