



December 9, 2020, 6:30 pm

Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Michael Faught, Michelle Iliescu, Alida French, Paul Chaves, Jennifer McDonald, Nick Cotman, Stephanie Humphries, Susie Pereira, Mike Gundert, Nancy Hoogenraad

Student Reps: Madeleine Skebo and Caleb Bailey

Regrets: Lisa Lollar and Shelley Rizzo

1. Welcome: Principal Michael Faught
2. Prayer: Led by Nick Cotman
3. Students Council Update: Madeleine and Caleb
 - Caleb: Council has been working hard to give the students something to look forward to in each octomester. The focus this month has been on Christmas and they have tried to think outside the box to plan activities to involve all (in-person and online) students
 - “Elf (Crusader) on the Shelf” – chance for spotters to win prizes
 - Gingerbread house building contest
 - Door decorating contest
 - “Music Mondays”
 - Madeline: Christmas Spirit Week is next Wednesday to Friday (once next octomester begins)

- Non-uni days are red and green day, ugly Christmas sweater day and comfy day
- Council has partnered with administration to place a beautiful twelve foot tall Christmas tree in the front foyer this advent
- Council is currently waiting for spirit wear orders to come in

4. Pastoral Report: Nick Cotman

- Fr. Amato and Fr. Shea are doing classroom visits
- Focus these days is on Advent Collection. This year, no money is being collected from staff and students, instead, “Christmas Cheer Packs” are being made up from donated goods, and will be distributed next week to patients in long term care and retirement homes. Items which have been donated thus far include coffee, tea, mittens and puzzle books

5. Principal’s Report: Mike Faught

- Staff and students are adjusting to the challenges of the octomester system. The school board has decided that teaching will occur in that same format for the remainder of the school year, and a revised calendar to that effect may be found on the school website. “Reconciliation days” are new and are non-instructional days for students who are attempting to salvage a credit
- Some extracurricular activities have moved online, ie. DECA club and choir
- KASSAA has tabled a “return to train” proposal for athletics and are currently awaiting public health approval
- Lockers are still not available to students for safety’s sake.
- Staff has begun looking at the 2021-22 school year.

- Our Student Success teacher, Kristi LeSarge, has attended all elementary feeder schools and reports that the grade eight students are excited about attending Holy Cross next year.
- The decision has been made to hold the annual Grade Eight Parents' Night virtually this year. It will be live-streamed on February 10th at 6:00 pm from the Holy Cross YouTube Channel. An email with links will be sent out to all in the new year.

6. Teacher report: Jennifer McDonald

- Student leadership class has produced posters sharing mental health resources for students and these will be posted soon in student restrooms
- The Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) courses in Communication Technology and Environmental Studies are currently running, but virtually. Grade eleven students are currently being recruited for next year.
- In an attempt to boost staff morale these days, this week is staff spirit week. Staff have "enhanced" their PPE this week, and will have an ugly sweater day as well.
- The Christmas Coffee House will be held next week, virtually. Submissions by staff and students will be considered until the end of this week.

7. Community Report/Public Health: Lisa Lollar - deferred

8. OAPCE: Michelle Iliescu

Paul Chaves has agreed to be our representative. He advised that OAPCE had put out a return to school survey which is now closed for submissions. Paul will share results once they become available.

9. Chairperson/Vice Chair Report: Michelle/Nancy

Nothing to report tonight

10. The minutes of the October council meeting were approved and adopted, and will be posted by Mr. Faught on the school website shortly.

Next meeting date: Wednesday January 13, 2021, 6:30pm

Meeting ended at 7:00 pm

Thanks for coming!!