**St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Catholic School**

**School Council Agenda**

Virtual Meeting Set for Monday, October 26, 2020

6:30pm – 8pm

**Attendees:** Ana Rand, Carmine Minutillo, Andrea Fraser, Nicole Johnson, Joselyn Barrera, Heidi Gaudet, Nancy Cordeiro, Giovanna Crocco, Whitney Cosgrove, Shyla Patterson, Melissa Markotich, Courtney Bright, James Shannon, Carrie-Jo Popazzi, Sarah Lewis, Laurel Melo, Collin Breen

**PRAYER (SPECIAL INTENTIONS)**

**CHAIR/VICE CHAIR REPORT**

School Enhancement Project

* Families are asked to sign-up for a unique opportunity. We are asking families to take one of the acoustic tiles that line our ceilings and paint an inspirational or motivational refection.
* These tiles will become part of the SMB infrastructure – a Legacy Project
* The kindness and inspiration that will adorn our ceilings will inspire all of us.
* “All are welcome in this Place” calls us to welcome every person who we encounter in our school community and beyond. What better way to show our commitment then by ensuring that everyone feels welcomed, safe, and a feels a genuine sense of belonging.
  + A letter was sent out via email today. We hope everyone participates.

**PRINCIPAL REPORT**

Follow-Up Items:

1. Terry Fox
   * Raised $1,600 (goal was $1,200) and therefore went over $50,000 total over the years.
2. Financials
   * Money that was taken out of parent council budget was put back in. We currently have $9,187.29. Review of what the money is generally used for. How much we spend each year varies and depends on the needs of the school. Parent involvement fund $500 given again this year.
3. Yearbook
   * Lindsey McDonald and Kelly MacDonnell have been working on yearbook and is almost ready to go! Hopefully should have it by Christmas.
4. Remote/In-Class Learning
   * 425 students enrolled in school. 27 of those in remote learning. Little movement at last switch over.

New Items:

1. Progress Reports/Parent-Teacher Interviews

* Tuesday November 3, 2020. Interviews by request via online platform. Notification will be sent home tomorrow (Oct 26) and teacher will be in touch once the parent has indicated they would like the interview.

1. ALCDSB Multi-Year Strategic Plan ([https://www.alcdsb.on.ca/Board/Pages/Board-Improvement-Plan.aspx#/=](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.alcdsb.on.ca%2FBoard%2FPages%2FBoard-Improvement-Plan.aspx%23%2F%3D&data=04%7C01%7Cdesoana%40alcdsb.on.ca%7C4d2f217bc13d4aef3c8108d8744f80e3%7C04e36a796c9a424eaef567a4321604c1%7C1%7C0%7C637387232397715032%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=LmTcBxFdb9UvgvC456kTaRLaJmpRxVBCGBEVf%2BXgtGs%3D&reserved=0) )
   * Intent is to share with the everybody what the boards focus is over the next 5 years.
   * Review of four priorities (Faith, Equity and Wellbeing, Achievement and Innovation, Resource Management). Our theme is “All are welcome in our place”.
2. School Improvement Plan
   * Set priorities and what we would like to concentrate on. Work under the three pillars.
   * Would like to continue our community involvement (food drive, sock drive, visits to Trillium retirement home visits) as much as we can during this time.
   * Supporting mentally healthy classrooms. Minds Up resource with ECE Kendi Peck.
   * Universal design for learning (UDL). Opens up students to have some choice in learning.
   * Use of technology. D2L (Brightspace) is the new platform. Discontinued use with Fresh Grade.
   * Eco-school
3. Upcoming Events
4. Dress Purple Day – Oct. 27
   * Child abuse and violence prevention.
5. Orange and Black Day – Oct 30th
6. Remembrance Day
   * No school assembly. Hoping to have a video presentation to share with all students and parents.
7. Director DeSantis Visits SMB
   * Tuesday, November 17th.

Questions asked and answered:

1. Picture day
   * We were approved to have a picture day. May happen quickly.
2. First Communion
   * Has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 24th at 6:30 pm for those who missed last year at the Parish (grade 3’s who were in grade 2 last year).
   * Current grade 2’s will do it later in the year.
   * Confirmation dates will be announced later as well.
3. Graduation
   * No plans yet for graduation in June. Depends on what is happening with COVID.
4. No reading buddies this year as children are in covid groups (classrooms)
5. There are no sports this year as classes would have to mix. The direction was at board level.

**TEACHER REPORT** (Melissa Markotich)

* Most things were covered under Principal’s report.
* Teachers are doing their best to keep their cohorts together. Children have been doing great following rules and keeping their masks on.

**TREASURER REPORT** (Courtney Bright)

* Covered in Principal’s report. Question regarding hot lunch. We had a switch last year of vendors and the program continued to be a success. Money raised with hot lunch is used for special events.

**PARISH REP REPORT** (Heather Toffolon)

* No parish report.

**FUNDRAISING REPORT**

Poinsettia Fundraiser – Tania Laverty (absent).

* Carmine explained the procedures – contactless pick-up. Carmine will speak with Tania about getting the information out to parents.

Courtney Bright reviewed some upcoming and possible ideas for fundraising.

Indigo

* Instead of the in person event, which is not possible, we are doing an online event and you can buy gift cards that will give us back the 20%. We hope to make the equivalent as an in-store event. Proceeds are paid out in a gift card that the school can use for school resources.   
  <https://indigo.flipgive.com/teams/220422-st-marguerite-bourgeoys-catholic-school?utm_campaign=fundraiser&utm_medium=email&utm_source=postageapp>

Mabels Labels – 20% commission when we buy from Mabel’s labels under our school. Possibly in January when children have new items to be labelled. <https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/fundraising/support/> (then search for St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Catholic School Kingston)

“Un”fundraiser flyer (will need some tweaking once we iron out details on how payments will be accepted).

* Parents can directly donate to the school with various themes.
* Carmine will send Courtney the suggestions that were sent in the chat box. A reminder was made that we are only permitted to do two major fundraisers a year. The fun fair will not be happening.

Next meeting: Monday, November 23 @ 6:30 pm.