

Catholic School Council

Minutes for meeting 9 June, 2020 – Due to COVID 19 this meeting was held virtually via MS Teams.

Present: Lisa Gorrell, Pat Rampp, Jo Belanger, Brian Hearn, Lori Giacomuzzo (chair), 2 parents, 1 student council representative

Call to order at 1800 hours

Opening Prayer

From student Council:

- Student council has been working during COVID 19 to try and keep students engaged and informed, mostly via social media posts. Helpful information such as how to access folders containing important communications. They have had a few virtual contests and are planning a virtual student assembly on 22 June. They are currently inviting students to submit videos and pictures to put together in a slide show for the assembly.

From Principal:

- Learning at home is ongoing. Some teachers have tried to engage in synchronous learning. Challenges remain with respect to accessibility at specific times for all students.
- There are currently approximately 1600 credits ongoing with a very small percentage of these credits at risk. Teachers working diligently to engage all students and encourage success.
- Graduation parade is planned for graduation day 24 June. It will commence in the afternoon with students and their family members parading in their vehicles over a short route finishing at the school where Pat and Lisa will greet students at a distance from their vehicles. A commemorative picture has been prepared and each student will have one placed in their trunk at the culmination of the parade route. Teachers, safely distanced, will line the parade route as a congratulation for the students. A drone has been hired to take video footage to be showed at a future ceremony.
- Maranatha centre has been booked for Friday of thanksgiving weekend for a graduation ceremony.
- A video will hopefully be posted to social media page just prior to graduation day.
- New Chaplain has been hired for September as Jo Belange has announced her retirement; Congratulations to Jo, she will be missed.
- Work for organizing fall courses is ongoing.
- Both Food for Learning and Catholic Education Foundation have been of great assistance to so many students throughout the schoolboard this year. Both organizations do great work and are always worthy of our support.
- Recap of the upcoming locker clean out day and a note that any sports uniforms can also be turned in on that day.
- Report cards will be sent electronically this semester.

Other discussions:

- The COVID 19 situation has meant that plans for September are fluid and changing and at this time remain uncertain.
- Brief discussion about how other schools are proposing a model that would have students alternating days at home learning and days in school in an attempt to meet physical separation requirements.
- Discussion on synchronous and asynchronous learning models.
- Parents sharing their experiences of how their families are managing and how their students are doing.
- Chair expressed thanks to parents and faculty for their participation this year and indicated she would resume the chair duties for the next school year.

Meeting adjourned at 1929.