

Catholic School Council

Minutes for meeting 12 May 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), 4 parents, Call to order at 1800 hours

Opening Prayer

From Principal:

- Recap on COVID 19 initiatives and the effects on this school year.
- Learning at home is ongoing. Synchronous learning now taking place. Discussion about the difficulties with synchronous learning with respect to accessibility at specific times for all students.
- Students in academic danger of losing credits are being contacted. Specific plan for these students to succeed is being communicated.
- The format of final evaluations is an ongoing discussion.
- Decisions on how to proceed for the remainder of the school year are in the hands of Ministry of Education and announcements are ongoing.
- Continual efforts being made by teachers and Principal to ensure all students are engaging and connected. Reminder that the school WI FI can be accessed in the parking lot.
- Discussion about the Minister of Educations statements that student marks could not fall lower that they were the day class ended for March break.

Other discussions:

- Parents sharing their own personal family situation related to COVID and how their students are learning at home.
- Discussed issues with high speed internet and unreliable connections outside city.
- Everyone shares concern for student mental health and the effects of social isolation, lack of contact with friends, teachers and no sporting events.
- Difficulties for students who's course load is geared at hands on learning (particularly in trades) and the challenges to facilitate that type of learning virtually.

Next virtual meeting 9 June 2020. Lisa to send an MS Teams invitation.

Meeting adjourned at 1920.

