

## **Catholic School Council- April 20, 2022**

In attendance:

Lisa Romano- Principal

Phil Carney-Vice Principal

Madonna Howell- Chair

Cathy Pye

Elva Strome

Karin George

Ethan Gadon- Student Council

Nickie Harrison- Teacher Representative/Secretary for April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting

Approval of minutes from last meeting: Karin approved and Cathy seconded

### **Treasurer's Report (Karin)**

- No change since the last meeting
- \$4025.48 in account

### **Principal's the Report**

*Uniform Changes-* staff and students involved with some good meetings and ideas of suggested amendments to the school uniform:

Putting forward for approval:

- include an ankle boot either brown or black
- Extend summer uniform to end of November and start summer uniform at the end of March break
- Also asked to include a quarter zippered sweater to the uniform (may not be in place for Sept) but when McCarthy's can make it happen it can be introduced
- Tights with the kilts- was a footed tight, request is that we can include footless tights and then have to wear the same colored sock with that (i.e. black).
- Asked about uniform sale in the summer- currently no stock (some donations coming in, but likely won't have enough to do a sale this year).
- If we can continue to build our stock, maybe we can hold a sale next summer

"Live" (in person) event coming up: Parent Information Night for parents of incoming grade 7 students

- Learning Commons- Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 6pm
- Information sharing and then exploration of the building
- Anyone who can come to give a welcome from School Council – Madonna volunteered to try to attend as the CSC representative to welcome parents

**Phil:**

*Revitalization of security camera system-*

- thank you to Parent Council for your on-going support (most recently \$2000)
- It is efficient and easy to grab the information when needed, especially when it is reliable and up to date
- This makes a difference in getting to the bottom of issues and tracking what is going on with a clear depiction

*Data Collection in May*

- Student well being
- Insight into struggles students are experiencing
- COMPASS survey which allows us to track student data over time
- Helps to drive our SIPSAW (School improvement plan)
- Track across the whole board and gives great information
- Healthy living, drug and alcohol abuse, mental health, sedentary lifestyles, etc.
- This will happen toward the end of May

***“See Me in ALCDSB”***

- For the first time ever, our Board is doing a student census
- Student identify concerns or issues and/or identify race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation sense of belonging at school
- Gives us insight into who our students are and how we can serve them
- Arms us with data for the upcoming school year
- Securely stored information
- 3 different surveys: K-4, grades 4-8, + 9-12 with age appropriate language that reflects them
- Staff has been doing PD on equity and inclusion in our schools
- Working together and with some champions who work in equity, inclusion and diversity in Canada and throughout the world
- Rethinking how we broach concerns that are brought forward to us
- At the point now that student voice will be included in this
- We will be forming a student equity group (7-12) and they will participate in PD session with Dr. AB Campbell
- “ Dr. ABC” is a wonderful, energetic and engaging presenter
- The combination of surveys, staff PD and now student engagement/voice we are hoping that we can make the changes we need in our community and carry on a path of greater inclusion in our schools

## **Nickie Harrison- Teacher Rep**

### *SHSM Update:*

- Students have been able to get out into the communities to complete required certifications for our SHSM programs
- At the beginning of April Health and Wellness students went on a trip to St. Lawrence College
- Thursday April 14 students participated in a Portfolio Development certification with Mr. Corey Rump through myBlueprint
- Tuesday April 19, students participated in a full day of training in Ethical Considerations with our Child and Youth Worker, Amber-dale Hudson and Infection Control with Ms. Sara Minaker
- More activities are planned for the spring to help our students (particularly our graduating grade 12s to complete their required certifications through engaging and in-person activities

### *Eco Team & Earth Week:*

- Have a variety of activities planned (today we turned out the lights 2x for a half hour each time to contribute to energy saving
- Some classes have registered for webinars on Thursday concerning the environment awareness
- On Friday, we will participate in our annual “Trash Bash”
- Staff are invited to have their classes participate in the “Get me outside” initiative as a way to get students outside to appreciate the beauty of nature and our natural surroundings and enjoy some fresh air!

### *Camp Molly*

- is a summer camp from July 14-17 from 8am -4:30 p.m.
- Hosted by the city of Belleville Fire & Emergency Services partnered with Quinte West Fire Rescue and Hastings & Prince Edward Training Centre
- 30 spots available and provides training for young women from 15-18 years of age to be introduced to various careers including fire suppression, training, communications, fire prevention, investigations and code enforcements, etc.
- There is an online application and the deadline is May 20, 2022 to apply

### *Elections Ontario*

- Students are invited to register for paid positions with Elections Ontario coming up in June
- There are posters throughout the school encouraging students to sign up

### *MFRC- Pilot Project:*

- MFRC-is hosting a pilot project and St Paul has been invited to participate in “The Military Youth Ambassador Program”
- Looking for youth in grades 9-12 to join a new Peer Support Team (work on Peer Support, Social Event Planning, Mental Health promotion and awareness, welcome services and research and advisory positions).
- Please pass along the information to any interested St. Paul students (**attachment**)

### **Ethan Gadon- Student Council Rep**

- “Bacon and Eggert” for grades 7/8 delivered on Friday April 22 (prepaid through School Cash Online)
- April 28 will be offered/sold to high school students
- Planning to have Children’s Mental Health Awareness Week May 2-6
- Different activities in classrooms, homemade stress balls, art therapy
- The purpose is to help students to be more aware of their mental health and how they can manage it
- Dance coming up as well through another committee at the school

### ***Live the Garden Life- Elva Strome***

- Elva sent presentation and applied for a number of grants, but has not heard back
- Elva took applications to various local organizations/businesses still awaiting responses
- Other ways to do this – but we will have to be creative with it
- Free compost can be picked up in Bloomfield, but we need a way to transport it
- Free wood chips from area arborists but difficult because it depends on if they have a local job to be able to drop off the chips
- Not treated products therefore need to think of any potential health risks associated for students
- Does teach our students that there are ways to source things for free that helps our environment by reusing materials

### **Plan A:**

- triple mix and mulch would be donated by Strome family and ordered from Dibbits
- Decided to focus on the front of the school with minimal mulch this year
- Mulch- can be added over time
- Marigolds will look nice and are easy to maintain- lavender in the back (perennial shrubs) and marigolds in the front (annuals) + red flowers
- Elva has seeds if the Eco team is interested in growing the seeds and would look good into the fall.
- Lavender can be taken from Elva’s property but not until the fall
- Cat mint looks like lavender, but it blooms longer.
- Concern about attracting bees- (for students with bee allergies)
- could put in shrubs instead to avoid attracting pollinators (green shrubs would have to be sourced)
- The school could plant flower seeds every year and add new additions each year and experiment with colours and species

## **Plan B**

- Plant around the school and donate triple mix and mulch through Strome family
- Civvies day buy out to make money to purchase flowers or shrubs
- Shrubs will take longer to grow and fill in, but with patience will look nice

### **Follow Up:**

- Lisa Romano will present to Eco team to see if they are interested in working on seeding and raising flowers to be planted as well as the custodians and the Maintenance team at the Board- we must include them on this plan before planting
- We could also look at focusing on the Courtyard as the Board has invested money into this already so far. Additionally, our Life Skills Developmental class has a small garden at the back of the building too
- Lisa R will connect with Elva once she has more information

## **Catholic School Council Donations**

- 2 x \$250 grad bursaries- School council – Madonna motioned and Elva seconded
- \$1000 for Food for Learning- Cathy motioned, Karin seconded
- Will need to come up with a fundraiser for next year (with no uniform sale, our funds are dwindling)

### **Items for Information:**

- May 11- Speaker Series coming up
- Next meeting with be in September- no need for another one this year