

## **St. Paul Catholic School Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, May 19th, 2021**

**Present:** Pat Sukha, Suzanne Braithwaite, Madonna Howell, Nickie Harrison, Donna Power, Cathy Pye, Karin George, Lisa Romano, Phil Carney, Amber-dale Hudson, Ashling McGilly,

### **Presentation from Tagan and Louisa**

Tagan and Louisa are Grade 7 students who recently won several awards for their work in the science fair. The students shared their work which includes research related to learning styles in the classroom, how tests are administered, and teachers' approach to teaching and learning. The school has received funding from this work to support STEM projects in the school. The students are currently awaiting results of their science competition.

### **Approval of March Minutes**

Motion to approve put forward by Donna Power

Motion seconded by Cathy Pye

### **Treasurers Report**

Balance of the account – \$5, 111.48

Deposits: \$0

Debits: \$0

### **Principal's Report**

- Notice of virtual election for student trustees. Deadline is May 21. Two students will be elected to represent the east and west areas of the board. Obligations are listed in the communication that was sent home. Involves monthly meetings and committee representation.
- St. Michael school and the ALCSDB is presenting an evening with Dr. Clinton. The flyer will be sent home to families. Parents are asked to promote it. This is funded by the board.
- De-streaming. The ministry has decided to de-stream grade 9. Starting in September with math. The vision for de-streaming is to provide equity of access to pursue any postsecondary pathway and to be successful in their future careers. The shift has been recommended for children less than 15 years of age. The objectives of de-streaming are about removing barriers (removing systemic discrimination) and increasing opportunities. Benefits of de-streaming include bridging the gap between grade 8 and 9. New curriculum will be implemented; however, that date it will be released is not yet known. The new grade 9 curriculum will follow through from the new k-8 curriculum. There will be professional development to support staff who will be involved with this new approach. De-streaming might move to grade 10, but there are no dates yet.
- Grade 7 parent night. Typically, feeder schools would have a tour of the school and learn more about the school. With the current pandemic state, the event was offered virtually on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Close to 30 parents attended. The youth worker and a few teachers attended. Parents had lots of great questions verbally and through the chat function. Overall, the event was a success.

### **Teacher Rep Report – Nickie Harrison**

- Life skills developmental center teacher presentation (Ms. McGilly)
  - Students in the life skills program are currently learning in person. One activity they are working on is the Gilly LSDC Backyard Garden Creation. Students planned how to revive a garden at the school. Researched various plants and identified plants versus weeds. Math included measuring the garden area and coordinating how many plants would fit and calculated cost. This week all plants were planted. Next step is to create a wooden

cross to place in the garden. Ms. McGilly will send updated photos once the garden is complete.

- The CFUW supports local high schools with graduation awards. The school must put forward nominations. Students then have an interview and are selected by the CFUM. Both recipients put forward this year were successful.
- Request for CSC to support one additional CSC Graduation Award (total of 2 awards) this year only. Rationale: some charitable organizations who typically support graduate awards are not able to support this year. Graduate awards committee selects the student for the award.
  - Motion to provide a second CSC Graduation Award in the amount of \$250 put forward by: Donna Power. Motion seconded by Karin George. Motion passed.
- Student submitted a video for grade 12 physics course. Shared video as an exemplar. Video demonstrates physics principles using simple household items.

### **Guest Speaker Amber-dale Hudson**

- Amber-dale is the new youth worker at St. Paul. Students can work with the new mental health supports with and without parent permission. Faith has been integrated into the mental health supports as well. New supports include social worker, attendance counsellor, and addictions worker. Supporting remote learners using virtual options. This includes access to support seeking for mental health support. Ms. Hudson has a virtual room for students to join which includes various links to supports and resources available in the community. Communication regarding how to access the “classroom” will be communicated home to families. A new social-emotional learning program is being implemented at the board level.

### **Student Council Report**

- No report this month

### **Catholic School Council Business**

- CSC Graduation award for \$250
  - Motion to provide a CSC Graduation Award in the amount of \$250 put forward by: Cathy Pye. Motion seconded by Donna Power. Motion passed.
- Call out for used uniforms. Could be included in a newsletter. Students can drop off old uniforms at the school and CSC will assess it in the summer and add the student information (name, phone number and email address) to allow for students to receive some money in return for their uniforms. Not enough inventory to run the used uniform sale in July. May be able to offer it in August). Will wait for the academic schedule to be posted before scheduling the used uniform sale.
- St. Paul has connected with Naloxone Care to provide naloxone training to staff. Plans to potentially provide the training to students in the future, specifically students in SHSM programs.
- The question was asked if there is a possibility the students will go back to school this academic year. The school does not have any additional information regarding a return to school plan at this time. Any outcome is possible.

### **Next Meeting: September 2021**

- **Please contact Mrs. Romano or Mr. Carney if you would like to join the virtual meeting**