

St. Paul Catholic School Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 24th, 2021

Present: Pat Sukha, Suzanne Braithwaite, Madonna Howell, Nickie Harrison, Donna Power, Lori McCaw, Terry Quade, Cathy Pye, Karin George, Victoria Vajda, Lisa Romano, Phil Carney

Approval of September Minutes

Motion to approve put forward by Suzanne Braithwaite

Motion seconded by Donna Power

Treasurers Report

Balance of the account – \$6224.48

Deposits:

March 3 \$35 sale of used uniform pieces

Debits:

Feb.4 \$500 for 3D Printer

Principal's Report

- Preparing students for the OSSLT with the current field test
 - Orange workbooks were sent home with students in grades 9, 10 and 11 as they prepare
 - Mrs. Goyer working with students through their classes to prepare
 - Mrs. Reed is offering virtual after school literacy prep Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-5pm, running from March 23-April 22
 - Format has changed since the last time the OSSLT was offered online; not all at once, so as not to overload internet capacities
- “23rd Day” – last day of the octomester, half day will focus on literacy this time around
- EQAO Gr.9 Math – first group to go through happened during octomester 5
 - Major glitch, students could not get in due to upgrades on the EQAO end of things, but kids did end up completing the assessment over the following two days
- Amber Dale Hudson is the new Youth Worker at St. Paul
 - Letter shared from Amber, updating CSC about the Food for Learning program
 - Funding is not going to last, so a request for support from CSC has been put forward
 - Motion put forward by Cathy Pye to up the donation to \$1000. Motion seconded by Victoria Vajda
- Mrs. Romano was approached by a parent who is interested in school rings for graduates. Wondering if anyone on CSC knows of a jeweler who could make this happen?
 - Many CSC members recommend
- Looking for donations used uniform pieces from families, as students are always in need of replacements and some items are running low. Donations of used uniform pieces will be needed if CSC is to hold a used uniform sale again at the end of the summer.
- Asymptomatic Testing of students will begin on Tuesday, April 6th at St. Paul. This will start with grade 12 students and working down through the grades. This is voluntary, and a permission form will go home to parents, likely through School Messenger. One classroom will be the designated location, and students will be swabbed nasally (both sides of the nose, but the swab does not go as far back as the one at the arena). This is NOT rapid testing. Swabs will be taken to the lab, and students should receive their results within a couple of days. If a student's test

comes back positive for COVID-19, public health takes over and will provide the school and family with instructions about how to proceed.

- Board in the “research phase” of a 1:1 student laptop program. Part of this would involve a warranty on each laptop. A \$35 student activity fee per student could make a 1:1 laptop program possible. The \$35 would cover the warranty. The board & schools would have to figure out the rest. ALCDSB has Chromebooks and Windows10 machines in the hands of some students right now, collecting feedback about how well they work with remote learning and our Microsoft programs
 - Would this be something that CSC believes would work?
 - Would the \$35 fee be mandatory for *all* students, or could students opt in/out?
 - Nothing formalized yet – many different options on the table
 - Not sure yet whether this would be an annual fee, or a one-time fee
- Mr. Carney provided some updates to the School Improvement Plan for Student Achievement and Well Being (SIPSAW)
 - Highlights from the Lifeskills Developmental Centre, Student Success (digital portfolio planning), Support of the youth worker, Christmas Sharing, Sir James Whitney (Construction, Automotive, Hairstyling & Esthetics, Food Services centre)

Teacher Rep Report – Nickie Harrison

- Course selections were due March 12th. Mrs. Harrison and Mr. Devenish are meeting with kids as needed to go over these, make sure they have made appropriate selections, etc.
- QR code for scanning so that kids can make appointments with guidance. Also a link on student D2L pages for appointment booking
- Preparing for graduation already!
 - Looking for suggestions of places that could be approached for donations for awards
- Spirit week last week was a hit! Made the “non-break” more fun for kids
- Many thanks from Mrs. Kilbreath and the students who are currently taking Media Arts for the donation toward the 3D printer (see video link below)
- SHSM Information on the guidance page, with a Microsoft Form for students to use for enrolling in SHSM program for next year (gr.10 students)
 - Students with SHSM “red seal” on their diploma can apply for and qualify monetary grants from some post-secondary institutions
- Students in the Lifeskills Development Centre are creating their own transition plans with Book Creator, and are taking charge of their own meetings with staff

Student Council Report

- No report this month

Catholic School Council Business

- “23rd Day” of each octomester, you cannot report an absence using the app
- Any other days when students are writing exams in the morning, students are meant to be staying at school for the full day, as this is still considered instructional time, and there is still learning to be done, even if it isn’t being evaluated

SHSM video presentation by Tara:

<https://www.loom.com/share/5059bc9fda8345e79765835cf7634792>

Simple thank you video for parent council for the 3D printers.

<https://youtu.be/4oJfQ69SjoM>

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 19th at 6:00 pm

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