

CSAC Meeting # 3
St. Ambrose
January 19, 2022

Present: R. Liotta (Principal), Holly Trachsel (Chair), Y. Johnson, M. Garland, S. Davis
Regrets: A. Curry, A. Varughese, M. Korniienko, J. Maloney, A. Kirk, H. Bolles

Agenda Items:

A. **Welcome and Prayer-Father,** We thank you for the opportunity to gather today. May everything we do begin with your inspiration and continue with your help. We ask your guidance throughout this day, that all of our thoughts and actions would reflect your holy will, and that you would grant us the grace to love you and our neighbors more perfectly. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen

B. **Review of Previous Minutes-** motion to approve- Michael G. Second- Yvonne J.

C. **Principal's Report-**

Our Mission-We are a Catholic School Board. We serve our students, working with the home, parish and school community to:

- Nurture a Christ-centred environment
- Provide student-focused learning opportunities
- Support the growth of the whole person

School Improvement Planning-

-EQAO -Resources for teachers, parents, and students, including the user guides, Framework and sample tests, will be available on this website at the end of January (early February?)

-Remote learning experience- Your feedback- loved clear cut guidelines of how things were going to go, great job keeping everyone roped in, students need to understand their expectations, struggles with young siblings at home (parent management) and also to get student heard, beneficial for the EA's to have their own groups (voluntary or assigned)

Staffing- new educational assistant (Mr. Reece Tucker and Mrs. Samantha Masse). Nighttime custodian- Rhi Gross

--still in need of emergency Noon hour Monitors so please spread the word and send them to our office

- # of students: Remote classrooms- 12, in-person 179

Our Catholic Identity:

-DELAYED- Virtual Parent Night January 18- 7-8:30- guest speaker (Dr. Jackie Specht-Director, Canadian Research Centre on Inclusive Education-I was given a Parent Engagement Grant of \$640. We have \$340 to spend on incentives to get people to attend (brainstorm ideas)- Draw for technology, prizes for different age groups

-Lent- we will run another food drive

-Catholic Education Week- theme this year is Nurturing Hope: Rebuild, Restore, Renew Together

-Safe and Healthy School Committee:

-mandatory masking in kindergarten begins Jan. 24

-IMovie created by 2 Gr. 8 Students coming to a theatre near you soon! (A short video recording introducing educators and sharing the classroom set up)

-Board Employees- Tara D. (board employee)- she works with our classrooms to teach students a peer-mediated approach, support reciprocal relationships AND Social Emotional Learning or SEL coach (Rachel C.)also coming into classrooms.

-one day/week-Social Worker in building

-.75- CYW support 1 day /week in building

-OSNP, when will bagged breakfasts begin? Week of Jan.31-Distribute as needed

Financial Accountability

1. Budget- unchanged. CSAC also needs to raise funds for graduation (Approx. \$800), graduation committee
2. Possible fundraising suggestions, some to be kept on the back burner for future years when Covid is no longer an issue:

-YES- Plant your own vegetable and flower plots from seed. Purchase seeds, potting tray and you'll have a fresh garden to pick fresh veggies and flowers. (March/April -Michael)

<https://makeitsow.com/seed-kits/>

-Kindergarten yard spruce up, Is there a parent who can volunteer to get mulch from the dump when it is available? The kindergarten team is putting together a wish list of what they would like to see in this area to naturalize it.

-NO-Online Auction -Mother's Day-J. Maloney and A. Kirk to explore details of this (\$4000.00 goal)

-UNLIKELY-HPCDSB Baseball tournament booth (if it occurs)-(\$2000.00 goal)

-YES-Dominoes pizza night- (Int. Gaga pit revived)-**February** can we pick a Friday night?

-Holly suggested her brother's maple syrup sales (will it be supported as a healthy choice?), good profit margin, she will submit his price list-March delivery in April

-NO-Colibri reusable bags- as a fundraiser (possibly next year)

E. Next Meeting- April 21, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.

-graduation committee