

CSAC Meeting # 2
St. Ambrose
November 25, 2021

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

Agenda Items:

- A. **Welcome and Prayer**-Prayer of St. Francis to celebrate Peace and Kindness Week-
Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where
there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is
darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.
- B. **Review of Previous Minutes**- motion to approve- Yvonne Second- Holly
- 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 will be completely digital this year and in grades 3 & 6. It will take place in May. That is
all that has been communicated with school boards so far

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Staffing- we are stable and adding 3 Educational assistants as our needs in the building have
increased.

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

- # of students: Remote classrooms- 12, Homeschool-1, in-person 179

-Math-results of Early Numeracy Screening from 14 schools:

- Grade 1 students with an area(s) of concern: 74% (St. Ambrose 100%-13 students)
- Grade 2 students with an area(s) of concern: 59% (St. Ambrose also 59%-17 students)

■ The Math team will be working in classrooms with teachers to support the development of
conceptual subitizing.

District Data of Phonemic Awareness Skills:

Grade 1 - 68% of the district have Grade appropriate PA Skills/ St. Ambrose 67%

Grade 2- 55%St. Ambrose 47%

Our School Diagnostic Reading Data:

Gr. 1 DRA-12% At or above expectation

Gr. 2 DRA- 28% At or above

Gr.3 DRA- 53% At or above

-How are we supporting these students: Lexia, Empower, Mr. Sebben, Mrs. Zucca, E.A's, small group focus, literacy resource teachers from the school board

Our Catholic Identity:

- opportunity for a **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
- First Priest visits Nov. 30th, Virtual Advent liturgy Dec. 3
- food drive was a great success- St. Vincent DePaul- Next food drive will be during LENT
- Raised 440.50 for Terry Fox, \$150- United Way from our first Pizza Day Sales

-Safe and Healthy School Committee:

- COVID - 1 classroom closed in November. Managed this very well
- no meet the teacher night- Teams interviews tonight
- 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)
- milk & hot lunches have begun
- nutrition program -OSNP single touch items only are available to students this year & we are receiving fresh fruit and vegetables weekly, when will bagged breakfasts begin? Rebecca to inquire.

Financial Accountability

1. Budget- unchanged. CSAC also needs to raise funds for graduation (Approx. \$800)
2. Possible fundraising suggestions, some to be kept on the back burner for future years when Covid is no longer an issue:
 - Plantables-<https://plantables.ca/fundraising-program> (\$1500.00 goal) (March/April-Michael)
 - Online Auction -Mother's Day-J. Maloney and A. Kirk to explore details of this (\$4000.00 goal)
 - HPCDSB Baseball tournament booth (if it occurs)-(\$2000.00 goal)
 - Dominoes pizza night- (Int. Gaga pit revived)
 - 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
 - Colibri reusable bags- as a fundraiser (Hollis to look into this)

E. **Next Meeting-** January 19th, 2022 @ 6:30