

ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL



MINUTES: CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL - September 23, 2021

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| Principal: Rebecca Liotta Vice Principal: | Chair Person: Holly Trachsel | Teacher Reps: Sherri Davis | Members: Present: Y. Johnson, A. Currie, M. Garland, A.Varughese, M. Korniienko, J. Maloney, A. Kirk Regrets: T. Wallace, M. Carroll, H. Bollis |
| Secretary: | | | |
| Treasurer: | Community Rep: | Parish Rep: | |

| | Agenda Items: | DISCUSSION/ INFORMATION |
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| | A. Welcome, prayer | |
| B. Review of previous meeting minutes | | Minutes Read and Approved PRESENT: |
| C. Elections | Nominations: | Holly Trachsel has agreed stand as CSAC chair. Sherri Davis will remain as Teacher Rep. |
| 1) Principal's Report | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. School Information 2. School Improvement Plan 3. Fundraising | Our Mission-We are a Catholic School Board. We serve our students, working with the home, parish and school community to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nurture a Christ-centred environment Provide student-focused learning opportunities Support the growth of the whole person <p>Staffing-Welcome to our 2021-2022 Team-31 people</p> <p style="background-color: yellow;">-still in need of Noon hour Monitors so please spread the word and send them to our office</p> <p>- # of students: Remote classrooms- 17, in-person- 174</p> |

School Improvement Planning-

- EQAO results would normally be shared with you now but of course, EQAO did not occur this past spring and we have been notified that it will not occur again this school year.
- the school board has invested in a math program- **MathUp** and a support tool **Knowledgehook** that will be used to track progress...this is similar to the DRA tracking of student reading abilities
- HPCDSB has a **3-year Strategic Plan** which incorporates our spiritual plan (Encounter, Accompany, Transform)
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zNnCroYQc2gHoDg6xTnHrdFKRByEmOrH/view>

Our Catholic Identity:

- Welcome to our pastoral team of Father David and Father Donald
- no Monday morning celebrations, announcements including prayers are displayed in each classroom, no Masses, (liturgical celebrations that are pre-recorded ...no schedule at this point but will likely include all the 'high seasons (Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Closing school, Graduation)
- Sacramental prep: these past two weekends as catch up from last year, future TBD, trying to get back to retreats but no in-person visits to schools by the priests at this point.

-Safe and Healthy School Committee:

- COVID - big thanks to families for doing such an amazing job preparing their kids for the conditions of return to learn. It has been relatively seamless,
- no meet the teacher night, ideas for school community building? ???Members present suggested 1. Outdoor tables and timeslots to come to meet the teachers 2. A virtual setup where all teachers would be present 3. A short video recording by the teacher introducing self and sharing the classroom set up 4. Continue with the weekly FB and Twitter posts from last year of 'meet the staff.' Rebecca to take these suggestions to her educators and make a decision.
- milk & hot lunches hopefully to commence after Thanksgiving
- food drive begins week of Oct. 4- St. Vincent DePaul
- nutrition program -OSNP single touch items only are available to students this year & we are receiving fresh fruit and vegetables weekly

Financial Accountability

1. Budget- \$301.54 in the School Council General Fund. This is expected to be low at this time of year as money raised should be spent in the year that it is raised unless it is earmarked for a bigger project over multiple years. The teachers suggested

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| | | <p>fundraising efforts toward Materials for Daily physical activity & Outdoor equipment. CSAC also needs to raise funds for graduation (Approx. \$800)</p> <p>2. Possible fundraising suggestions, some to be kept on the back burner for future years when Covid is no longer an issue:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Plantables-https://plantables.ca/fundraising-program -Frozen cookie Dough -Valentine's Dance- hire a DJ, Glo event -Themed Basket Raffle -Online Auction -J. Maloney and A. Kirk to explore details of this -HPCDSB Baseball tournament booth (if it occurs) |
| <p>2) Reports</p> | <p>1) Chair Person's Report 2) Treasurer's Report 3) Teacher Report 4) Parish Report</p> | <p>. Next Meeting- Nov. 25, 2021 @ 6:30</p> |