



ST. MARY'S
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Date: Sep 21, 2021

St. Mary's Listowel CSAC Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Tuesday September 21, 2021 7pm via Microsoft Teams

In Attendance: Jane Hartin, Jennifer McGrath, Cheryl Weisher, Erin Stewart, Tanya Terpstra, Brenda Dumond-Novotny, Julie Murtha, Sam Bajtos, Ashley VandenHoven, and Mariska Pelkmans.

Regrets: No Regrets

Welcome Prayer – led by Ashley VandenHoven

Meeting was called to order by Jane Hartin.

Attendance and meeting minutes taken by Brenda Dumond-Novotny

Approval of Agenda:

Council was asked to approve the Catholic School Advisory Council's September 21, 2021 meeting agenda. Julie Murtha made the motion to approve the agenda and Brenda Dumond-Novotny seconded it. Carried.*

Approval of Minutes:

Council was asked if there were any errors or omissions from the May 18, 2021 meeting minutes before being approved. Tanya Terpstra expressed there was a spelling error of Father Ross' name and it was corrected. Sam Bajtos made the motion to approve and Tanya Terpstra seconded it. Carried.*

Election of CSAC Executive & Committee Positions for 2021/2022 completed.

Nominations took place for the following positions and all are filled except for two due to COVID-19 restrictions at this time, and will be determined at a later date should they be able to move forward.

Chair: Erin Stewart – with Ashley VandenHoven as a Liaison.

Nominated by Tanya Terpstra and Seconded by Brenda Dumond-Novotny. Carried *

Treasurer: Julie Murtha

Nominated by Erin Stewart and Seconded by Ashley VandenHoven. Carried*

Secretary: Brenda Dumond-Novotny

Nominated by Julie Murtha and Seconded by Erin Stewart. Carried*

Teacher Representative: Jennifer McGrath



Nominated by Brenda Dumond-Novotny and Seconded by Julie Murtha. Carried*

Staff Representative: Cheryl Weisher

Nominated by Erin Stewart and Seconded by Sam Bajtos. Carried*

Parish Rep: Tanya Terpstra

Nominated by Brenda Dumond-Novotny and Seconded by Erin Stewart. Carried*

Safe & Healthy Schools Committee: Julie Murtha

Nominated By Erin Stewart and Seconded by Brenda Dumond-Novotny. Carried*

Snack Program: TBD – no one named at this time due to COVID-19 restrictions
School staff has assumed this role at this time.

Lunch Program: TBD – no one named at this time due to COVID -19 restrictions
School staff has assumed this role at this time.

Fundraising Committee: Erin Stewart

Nominated by Sam Bajtos and Seconded by Julie Murtha. Carried*

It was noted that Erin Stewart is requesting someone to co-chair with her if possible as well as join her on the fundraising committee as needed. This request will be re-visited at the next council meeting. Ashley VandenHoven and Sam Bajtos expressed interest in helping with any upcoming fundraising projects if needed.

Treasurers Report & Business Arising from Report:

Jane Hartin shared on behalf of the treasurer that currently there is a total of \$3043.55 in the Advisory Council Budget. This has remained the same since the last council meeting.

Jane shared that the sound system is still on hold due to parts not being available because of COVID. This will be pursued again this school year.

Principal's Report & Business Arising from Report – Jane Hartin

Jane shared that it is “fantastic” to be back in the building with students! She indicated that there are around 300 students attending in-person school and that many of the students who were online with BCA (Blessed Carlo Acutis Virtual School) last year have returned. There are 13 classrooms at this time however that could change based on if the numbers of students change.

Teachers attended 3PD Day trainings prior to the beginning of school starting. Protocols for COVID-19 are very similar to what they were last year. The students appear to be adapting well. One big change is that students are allowed to remove masks outside once they are in their designated zones. And they need to be put back on when leaving those zones to line up and enter the building again. Jane shared she noticed that 95% of the students outside continue wearing their masks, and if not they have them very close. She expressed the students seem to have adapted very well.

Jane shared she was out to visit each classroom on the first day of classes to explain the protocols. Those visits went very well. Jane shared she feels the year has got off to great start. Jane indicated that families have been great at getting back the many forms that were asked of them to complete this year. The self-assessment tool compliance has been great, and families are either using the QR code or the link to complete the self-assessment tool daily before students arrive to school. Students are expected to stay home if they are unwell, or have any COVID symptoms. HPPH (Huron Perth Public Health) continues to



provide up to date information as to what are considered COVID symptoms. The school continues to share any updates from HPPH to support families.

The school will be having its first virtual celebration Mass with Father Ross and Deacon Wayne this week. This is very exciting, and all are looking forward to this.

St. Mary's will be recognizing Truth & Reconciliation Week (Provincial). September 30, 2021 will be Orange Shirt day. There will be education provided on this history and actions we can move forward with.

St. Mary's Terry Fox Run/Walk will be taking place on September 29, 2021. Within school virtual liturgies will continue. FIAT team will be back this year, however the events will take place in house through liturgy for now due to COVID restrictions.

Jane shared that St. Mary's is waiting on further instruction from the Board and from HPPH in regards to sports and extracurricular activities. For now that is at a standstill.

Jane shared they are looking forward to the Mental Health Leads coming in and assessing needs and providing support where needed. There are also behavioral specialists providing supports to students as well. Mental health is being monitored all the time and staff are ensuring students are identified and supports are in place for those children and families that are needing this. Jane shared there is a lot going on to support students mental health and wellbeing. She shared that staff are leaning in and holding kids where they are at, and helping them through as we remain in these difficult times.

Jane shared a great excitement to have students back and how great it is to watch them socialize and engage in learning, and expressed that being at school "is a great place to be".

Committee Reports & Business Arising Report –

There are no reports at this time from Safe & Healthy Schools which includes Snack Program, and Lunch/Milk Program. As well there were no reports regarding fundraising at this time.

Tanya Terpstra shared that any current grade 3 students who have still not been able to make Holly Communion can contact Father Ross as they are still trying to get to all students. As well Confirmation is being looked at as well.

Other Business-

Julie Murtha asked about playground needs. This will continue to be discussed in future meetings. Jane shared the Peace Garden has been updated. Julie also asked about the painting completed on the tarmac out back. Jane shared that it was re-done in the early spring with the hopes that the students would be returning in June of 2021. There are new painted lines for games (4 square, obstacle course etc.) as well as an additional tetherball post put up. Ashley VandenHoven shared a concern about Poison Ivy near the wooded area of the church where students play. Jane shared she would share this with staff to look out for.

Set new meeting dates for this school year. They are as follows:

- October 26, 2021 at 7pm via Microsoft Teams



- November 23, 2021 at 7pm via Microsoft Teams
- February 15, 2022 at 7pm via Microsoft Teams
- May 17, 2022 at 7pm via Microsoft Teams

Please note these are **Tuesday** Evenings

Closing Prayer –

Led by Jane Hartin (Our Father)

Meeting Adjourned at 8:08pm

