

Sir Edgar Bauer Catholic School



Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC) Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2021

Present: Bianca Prince Bechtel, Cheryl Beaupre, Doreen Weise, Eric Thuss, Jason Gorrie, Krista Mooney, Lanette Kym, Melissa Skanes, Mary-Lynn Wettlaufer,

Regrets: Fidelia Ukueje, Ian Sine, Linda Kawecki, Sara Kaptein, Natalie Ferrier, Dina Guajardo

Meeting began at 6:00pm

Agenda Items:

- Welcome/introductions (All)
- ☒ Territorial acknowledgement and prayer (Krista)
- ☒ Review of minutes of last meeting (Cheryl)
 - Minutes approved
- ☒ Parish update (Krista)
 - Krista reports that St Mike's is going ahead with Sacrament Prep and has planned for tentative dates as of current covid status
 - First Communion – May 2 and 16
 - Confirmation – May 19
 - Dina will work with teachers to prepare students virtually
- ☒ SEB school update (Krista)
 - Krista reports that SEB will be getting capital improvements over the next few months; goal for it to be finished by the time the kids return to school
 - New painting on the outside blacktop – new games that require no equipment
 - Installation of new basketball nets; movement of triple hoop nets to ensure they are accessible
 - New scoreboard for the gym and repairs to the stage area (including curtains, lighting and front façade)
 - All hallways and main areas of school to be re-painted; movement and reinstalment of new bulletin boards
 - Cabinetry and shelving for classrooms from the “older” section of the school that did not have them
- ☒ CSAC financial report (Bianca)
 - \$3491.49 is account balance – in November mtng, \$2200 was earmarked for playground and black top improvements; this is now part of capital project that SEB is able to receive funds for from WCDSB

- This earmarked \$2200 to be diverted to time capsule initiative – see next agenda item
- ☒ Yearbook update (Doreen)
 - Group decided not to move ahead with an official yearbook that students purchase
 - Discussion about using a “Time Capsule” and be more of a student filled in memory book about the pandemic and what that meant for the year
 - Parent council funds would pay for one for each student and also the students at St Isidore that are from SEB (approx. 400);
 - Doreen to lead gathering a few ideas, and members to assist with taking on pages
 - Doreen to seek quotes for printing and will send info to group via email given that our next mtng is in May; group to approve via email
 - Goal to have it completed by mid June in hope that kids could do it during school time (again this will depend on status of covid in the Region, as of this meeting date, school is learn-at-home)
- ☒ Winter/spring 2021 priorities and events: discussion (All)
 1. Community Building
 - a. given current on line learning, discussion of further on line-activities was not favored but Cheryl will connect with Natalie Ferrier to see if we could do some type of “I made it” contest to show off something that students have made/done/created over the learn at home period; council would support prizes if that is determined to fit the event; information to go out on Newswire again and timing recommended to be over more than one weekend.
 2. Community donation (Tiny Home Takeout)
 - a. Cathy and Krista review project that WCDSB is being asked to support; Tiny Home initiative is project by where community members built “tiny homes” that have electricity and heat and were provided to homeless people in our Region. They are placed at Lot 42 lot in Kitchener and is named “A Better Tent City”. WCDSB High School students were involved to build several of them along with St Mary’s Parish in Down Town Kitchener
<https://vimeo.com/486941338/b087a1c51a>
 - b. Council approves donation of \$1 per student to be donated to the Tiny Home Initiative (\$375) – Newswire to be sent out to let families know about the donation and will include a link to a resource of DownTown Kitchener Tiny Home that is serving pizza/soup dinner for families Monday-Saturday that some SEB families may be able to take advantage of (Cathy and Krista)
- Other Business:
 1. Gingerbread house summary (Eric)

- a. Group discussion about how well the Gingerbread House Contest was received; 37 families participated with great creativity! Only challenge was many late entries after the deadline that Natalie could not put into the School Sharing PowerPoint, but all families got a certificate. Info was sent on Newswire

SEB Remote Learning Success Guide:

<https://siredgarbauer.wcdsb.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/43/2021/04/SEB-Remote-Learning-Guide-a-Review-of-Best-Practices-.pdf>

🕒 Adjournment approx. 6:50pm

Next Meeting: May 4, 2021 6pm

Meeting Dates: Sept 29, Nov 3, Feb 2, 2021, **May 4, 2021.**

Minutes by Cathy McDonald-Reis, Secretary

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