



## Sir Edgar Bauer Catholic School

### Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC) Meeting Minutes

**DATE Tuesday May 4 2021**

**Present:** Cheryl Beaupre, Doreen Weise, Eric Thuss, Jason Gorrie, Krista Mooney, Lanette Kym, Natalie Ferrier, Melissa Skanes, Andrea Boyce, Mary-Lynn Wettlaufer, Cathy McDonald-Reis, Sara Kaptein

**Regrets:** Ian Sine, Linda Kawecky, Dina Guajardo, Bianca Prince Bechtel

Meeting began at 6pm; Chaired by Cheryl

Agenda Items:

- Welcome/Introductions (All)
- Territorial Acknowledgement/Prayer – Krista Mooney
- Review of Minutes of Last Meeting
  - No corrections to the minutes; approved as sent out and can be posted
- Parish Update (Dina Guajardo – Lay Pastoral Minister)
  - Dina provided email/written update to Ms. Mooney; First Communion and Confirmation has been cancelled due to covid stay at home order currently in place
  - Dina has participated virtually with gr 2 and Gr 7 group to prepare for Sacraments (3 visits with each group)
  - Dina participated in Gr 4 bible celebration at SEB in March
  - Diocese to determine when Sacraments can be rescheduled – groups can be put together next year if necessary



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#### Krista SEB School update

- This is Catholic Education Week (May 3-8) – staff have done numerous community building events for kids – each day has a different theme through prayer, literacy (books) and activities
- Also incorporating wellness to honor Mental Health Week
- Priority for staff is to build a sense of community despite distance/on line learning
- Continued focus is also umbrella project – building resiliency skills and ways to cope
- Jump rope for heart is happening now – also tied to wellness and staying healthy (donation is available if you can, but that is not focus); Mrs. Coutts is lead for this
- Remote learning – this round has been slightly smoother given learning that occurred during first round, participation appears to be higher in general than first time at home
- 70 Chromebooks being given to kids/families and are always available if kids need them (need to call or email the school, or speak to teacher)
- Update on School improvement renovation – walls all painted in school, upgraded and refreshed bulletin boards, black top painting done after Easter weekend, score board is up and running in gym, gym was also painted and new velcro strips hung to hold mats, lighting improvements made on stage and curtains have been made operational (they are not new, just improved);
- Still outstanding as part of the capital renovations – movement of basketball nets; soccer nets, movement of triple hoop nets to Intermediate yard; new gym mats ordered but await arrival
- - Kindie yard got artificial turf installed
- Gaga ball pit will be put in the middle and will be assigned by grade per day

#### School Council (CSAC) Financial Report (Bianca)

- Bianca sent update to Eric
- 3 805.45 is in fundraising balance
- \$375 from Tiny Homes to come out still (has cleared)
- Outstanding payment from Gr 8 movie night 61.04 also outstanding from this amount (this is popcorn fee)

#### Yearbook Update (Doreen)

- Is close to having a mock up asap – has put together photos pages with Moss Zafarrino; being put together in book format now
- Printer has confirmed that it will be available for end of June
- Discussion – distribution given that we are currently in lock down; consideration given to mailing report cards so memory book can go with that, or if report card pick up happens can also be distributed

- Group consensus is Doreen will send to the group for review, but with a very hard and quick response deadline given the timelines – but Doreen able to move forward on her own depending on the timelines
- Doreen to put out a newswire to differentiate this book vs the annual yearbook that staff are doing and is being ordered from LifeTouch
- LifeTouch and staff working together to do a yearbook – this one will cost \$15 and is ordered directly through LifeTouch using the photos that were taken in the fall at school

☐ Other Business:

- Meeting dates for next year discussed – **Tuesday Sept 28/21 at 6pm** – tentative at this time and will be confirmed once school resumes officially (time can be adjusted also given in person vs on line meetings)
- Meeting for Chairs of parent councils from other schools in our Boards in March – Cheryl attended to represent us; almost every school participated

**Coming events**

1. May Family Spring ParticipACTION – sign up for free family activities through the month of May – guest speakers, paint night (2) and yoga  
<https://www.wcdsb.ca/may-participaction/>
2. May 18 – Nancy Revie motivational speaker event – “Hello Are You In There?” a lecture focusing on the rejuvenation of your mind body and soul
  - a. <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/1/?zx=8etct2d85h9q#inbox/FMfcgxwLtkcHzhmhtbqWVXfWLDfFnGxGg?projector=1&messagePartId=0.1>
3. May 17 – May 20 2021 - Virtual 2021 Waterloo-Wellington Children's Groundwater Festival, includes free videos and resources for educators and parents
  - <http://wwcgf.com/>
4. The “Parents4Parents Press – parent newsletter Association for Parents in Catholic Education
  - <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/1/?zx=8etct2d85h9q#inbox/FMfcgxwLtkcHzhmhtbqWVXfWLDfFnGxGg?projector=1&messagePartId=0.2>

**Round table Member Feedback:**

Krista – open to hearing new ideas for future meetings or newswires; acknowledges how challenging this year has been; noted thanks to Cheryl and Eric for leadership and council for their collaboration

Sarah – notes that teachers have done fabulous job in less-than-ideal situation!

Lynette – thanks to Cheryl and Eric and compliments efficiency; wants to be involved in planning events where we can gather and be together; compliments to teachers

Mary-Lynn – first year on parent council and compliments the collaboration between parents and staff

Doreen – thankful for the parent collaboration and for the commitment to SEB; compliments to teaching staff

David – notes the challenges and looks forward to collaboration in the next school year

Andrea – grateful to be part of SEB as staff this year (and thank you for being a guest book reader in Gr4 today Andrea!)

Melissa – enjoys being part of parent council – kids benefit from strong parent/staff collaboration

Natalie – appreciates that this group has pulse on the community of SEB and then responds accordingly to meet the needs of kids/families and staff

Jason – has been different in his role as parent with the St Isidore community and looks forward to returning to SEB family

Cathy – humbled to be your Secretary; so thankful for the opportunity to part of a group doing good things together

Eric – engagement with parents is key; recruitment for more parents to join us is important; let's be open to a hybrid model in the future so meetings are more accessible to parents (i.e.: some virtual and some in person), flexibility in start/end times

- Eric has received several emails from SEB parents of appreciation to Krista and staff for the hard work going on especially this year; has been handled well and school experience continues to positive; Krista notes the partnership between staff and parents is very strong

Cheryl – appreciates that we prioritize as a group being open and honest, we listen to each other and collaborate

Mrs. Mooney gives final thanks to the group for being part of the committee in such difficult times

□•Adjournment at 6:55pm

### **Next Meeting: Tuesday September 28/21**

Minutes by Cathy McDonald-Reis, Secretary  
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