

Sir Edgar Bauer Catholic School



Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC) Meeting Minutes

DATE: September 29, 2021

Present: Cheryl Beaupre, Eric Thuss, Krista Mooney, Lanette Kym, Natalie Ferrier (staff), Melissa Skanes (staff), Lindsay Egan (staff), Mary-Lynn Wettlaufer, Sara Kaptein, Melissa Skanes

Regrets: Bianca Prince Bechtel, Doreen Weise, Dina Guajardo, Dave Rozak

Meeting began at 6:00pm

Agenda Items:

- Welcome/Introductions (All)
 - Welcome to new members Lindsay Egan (staff) and Jelena Loncar
- Territorial Acknowledgement/Prayer
- Review of Minutes of Last Meeting
 - Minutes approved; to be posted on SEB website
- Parish Update (Dina Guajardo – Lay Pastoral Minister)
 - No Parish Update at this time
- Nominations for Chair/Co-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer
 - Cathy nominated for Secretary by Lanette Kym; Cathy accepts
 - Cheryl and Eric nominated for Co-Chairs by Mary-Lynn Wettlaufer; both accept
 - Bianca nominated for Treasurer by Lanette Kym; to be determined for next meeting
- School Council Financial Report
 - Krista reports that our current balance is \$4730; as far as we all are aware all invoices have been processed
- Principal Update
 - Meet the Teacher night will be virtual – presentation and photos being worked on now and info will be sent via NewsWire
 - Athletics have returned! Gr 7 and 8 only at this time (fully vaccinated students or those who agree to submit 2x week rapid testing to Principal); 3 pitch tournament was success despite presenting challenges and last minute planning!
 - No agendas this year, staff survey found that the majority felt that they were not being used – each class to have either a google classroom or D2L learning management system (LMS)

- COVID protocols continue to be in place; students saw daily slide show initially and now see it once per week. Handwashing, sanitising, masks indoors and distancing remain a priority
 - Some restrictions being loosened gradually – i.e.: sharing of some outdoor equipment for Intermediate students at this time (priority on handwashing before and after use); plan is that this will gradually be for other divisions as well, including the use of the creative playground (no timelines for this at this time for creative)
 - There was a probable positive COVID case at SEB for the first time; Krista acknowledges that communication was a challenge and there were many lessons learned; the new School Messenger system was also tested/used in addition to Newswire; Cheryl notes that any feedback she received from families was supportive of the school despite the concerns/fears around the circumstances
- Fundraising
 - Given our current balance of \$4730, the focus on fundraising is not a priority; however, some brainstorming discussion about possible events to continue to occur at each meeting given current covid/pandemic restrictions of parents/volunteers allowed into the school and class cohorts not being able to mix at this time
 - Krista anticipates that there may be some loosening of parent volunteer restrictions in schools to allow for some more involvement but currently there is no time line for this (and likely focus will be on reading programs and school lunches initially)
 - Krista notes that the “Lead” team has theme and spirit type days planned for classes again this year given that we cannot mix cohorts – parent council able to support these initiatives if necessary
 - Pancake Day is still a hopeful goal
- 2020/21 Priorities and Events: Discussion (All)
 - Brainstorming idea – individual classroom events such as bingo; parent council could support with prizes?
 - Brainstorming idea for outdoor equipment bins, which will now need more items given protocol restrictions – parent council could supply funds for this equipment?
 - Brainstorming idea – open up “not a fundraiser” fundraiser to cash-on-line to ask for donation to council
 - Krista to also canvass staff for a “wish list” as nothing appears to be left over from the list generated and completed via the Capital grant
- Other Business:
 - Discussion about feedback from other parents who are not on council – what do they need/want? How can we encourage more parents to join us? Newswire can also be used to ask parents to join our committee – virtual meetings might open up accessibility for some who could not make it as well
 - Brainstorm – gmail address to be generated and then we can consider a survey monkey; this can go via newswire
- Adjournment at 7:15pm

Next Meeting:

November 3 2021 6:00pm

Minutes by Cathy McDonald-Reis, Secretary

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