

Sir Edgar Bauer Catholic School



Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC) Meeting Minutes

DATE Tuesday February 8 2022

Present: Cheryl Beaupre, Eric Thuss, Krista Mooney, Natalie Ferrier, Melissa Skanes, Dina Guajardo, Lindsay Egan, Jelena Loncar, Linda Hayes, David Rozek

Regrets: Bianca Prince Bechtel, Lanette Kim

Meeting began at 6pm

Agenda Items:

- Welcome/Introductions (All)
- Territorial Acknowledgement/Prayer
- Review of Minutes of Last Meeting
 - No changes identified – minutes can be added to SEB Website
- St Michael Parish Update (Dina Guajardo – Lay Pastoral Minister)
 - Dina shares a new Mom’s Ministry – encouraging families and moms to join meetings, Next Mtng Feb 17 virtual; moms of all ages get together (moms and grandma’s) good conversation around faith
 - More info in Parish Bulletin
 - Prayer Ministry – on going – families are more than welcome to send intentions/prayer request through website; box also in front of alter for intentions to be included in prayer
 - Sacrament Prep – 26 SEB for First Communion and 9 students for Confirmation
 - First Reconciliation occurred last weekend in person at Church last weekend
 - Prep is virtual at this time for First Communion and Confirmation in school/class (last week was 1st First communion Mng; today was first confirmation mtng)
 - May 29/22 First Communion and May 19/22 for Confirmation are confirmed dates
 - March 2 is Ash Wed and St Mike’s is prepping for the community to come in person to mass
 - SEB families – can use the resources on the website – info on books/videos to borrow etc. See St Michael website
 - Ash Wednesday will be done by SEB outside of the Church for this year
- School Council Financial Report
 - Linda – got \$500 from Manulife in December on behalf of employee
 - Linda also submitted a grant for Walmart for \$1000 for informal and formalized play activities/games for Phys Ed (they review them quarterly)

- Linda will continue to look for other grants for us to take advantage of
- Principal Update
 1. Middle Development Inventory (MDI Survey) – Gr 4-8 School Climate
 - Ministry mandated however, provides valuable info about our school specifically from the student voice; examines school culture
 - Staff use the results to examine patterns, strengths, trends (between years is the hope) and helps to determine priorities and school improvement goals
 - 5 domains – social/emotional development, physical health and well being, connectedness, use of after school time, school experiences
 2. Student Equity Engagement Committee – 2 teachers and a few students focus on several projects to encourage equity; given covid direction regarding cohorts LEAD team is initial group; equity staff training/discussion continues monthly
 - Focus is wellbeing – announcements, bulletin boards, sacred space etc.
 3. LEAD Team – currently working on school spirit for Valentine’s Day (candy grams); slide show continues to be also a project they work on throughout the year
- Gingerbread House Activity Event (from December)
 - Cheryl showed us the Power Point from the submissions
 - 18 families participated and submitted
 - Thanks to Krista for making certificates
- CSAC Fundraiser
 - “Not a Fundraiser” Fundraiser – total of \$480 donated so far via school cash online
 - Games – many have come in! 17 classes, each got 3-4 games (or more!!); more also brought in recently
 - Students assisted to confirm pieces and distributed; 25 approx. to still distribute
 - Final Newswire to do last call and a formal thank you to be sent out
- Parent Feedback on School Communication
 - Newswire – requires that parents to register (via SEB website)
 - School Messenger – sent auto to families for more critical matters
 - SEB also uses Twitter to celebrate/showcase
 - Krista asking for feedback around all 3 platforms – open discussion to gather info about preferences/suggestions for improvement/efficiency

Other business:

1. Valentine’s cards – there has been some back and forth from Public Health but as of today, paper Valentine cards are allowed to be distributed in schools by kids and staff but treats/items are not
2. In the fall we approved up to \$200 for each classroom for teachers to buy something for their classroom – Eric showed us pictures from a few purchases that were made (some classes still have to make purchases and submit receipts – goal is to ask them to finalize by end of March)
3. Admin assistant switch has been a challenge, currently we have Suzanne who is a temp and doing a fabulous job; Andrea Boyce is returning to SEB in late Feb. as permanent!

4. We are not able to have pancake Tuesday this year due to covid restrictions

Waterloo Public Library – “Adding Parents to the Equation: Understanding Your Child’s Elementary Math” – sign up <https://calendar.wpl.ca/event/6016994>

*Catholic Community Foundation – parent night “Balancing Technology” presentation Thursday

- Adjournment at 7pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday April 12 2022

Meeting Dates: February 8, April 12, May 10 2022 6pm (virtual)

Minutes by Cathy McDonald-Reis, Secretary

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