

Sir Edgar Bauer Catholic School



Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC) Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday November 17, 2022

Present: Cheryl Beaupre, Eric Thuss, Krista Mooney, David Rozek, Jelena Loncar-Vines, Melanie Ainsworth, Melissa Wooster

Regrets: Doreen Weise, Lanette Kym, Linda Hayes, Haja Nabie, Andrea Boyce, Natalie Ferrier, Melissa Skanes, Dina Guajardo, Mike Holmberg, MaryLynn Wettalufer

*We received a regret from Bianca Prince Bechtal who has been part of council for four years and has been instrumental in many community building and fundraising initiatives. We wish Bianca and her family well!

In Person meeting began at 6:10pm

Agenda Items:

- Welcome/Introductions (All)
 - Welcome to Melissa Wooster, a new member to CSAC
- Territorial Acknowledgement/Prayer
- Review of Minutes of Last Meeting
 - Krista noted that top of Page 2 – Pizza is Twin City (not Twice the Deal)
 - Melissa Skanes and Doreen Weise will be removed from members present
 - Both of these were corrected and sent to Krista for posting on SEB website
- Parish Update (Dina Guajardo – Lay Pastoral Minister); Eric brings her update
 - Children's liturgy at both 9am and 11am masses at St Mike's. Link to register:
 - <https://www.stmichaelw.ca/childrens-ministry>
 - Youth Ministry is meeting weekly. Link to register:
 - <https://www.stmichaelw.ca/childrens-ministry>
 - Father was in to meet with Gr 7 for confirmation and will be back to do classroom visits again
 - Dina has also been in to help prepare the Gr 2s for Reconciliation and First Communion

- School Council Financial Report (Dave)
 - New Balance \$6885.71
 - Spookathon donations/fundraiser made just under \$5000 (\$4924.80 as of today)
 - One family was given a tax receipt – was this a barrier to people donating?
 - Some significant donors – thank you!!

- Principal Update
 - School Improving Planning
 - Covid has made timelines a challenge
 - Road Map of priorities and goals – data used to help determine what priorities need to be (EQAO used to be the only assessment tool that informed this plan; but now we also use report cards/progress reports as EQAO was not done during covid and the format changed this year, so not necessarily comparable to pre-covid assessments) The MDI data (middle development inventory) also informed this plan
 - 3 Domains of the over all plan:
 - Faith and Wellbeing
 - Curriculum and Achievement – Math and Literacy
 - Pathways, Engagement and Renewal
 - EQAO Information
 - EQAO results have come back from the 2021-22 testing and families will receive their student's feedback in the coming weeks)
 - Krista reviews that SEB Grade 3 is generally slightly higher percentage than the WCDSB Board Average and also higher than the Province in Reading, Writing and Math.
 - Focus for school improvement in Jr grades is math as data shows that SEB Gr 6 EQAO results are lower than the Provincial average in general (slightly above for reading and writing)
 - Lead Team continues to work on events – keep the peace week, announcements,

- Spookathon
 - Fundraiser raised almost \$5000! Thank you to so many generous donors
 - Issue a final newswire and close Cash on Line – Eric to help draft an announcement
 - Kids had so much fun! So nice to have an event return. Music and DJ was well received (thank you to Melanie!)
 - Intermediate kids did most of set up and tear down (hooray!)
 - Next year; consider re-freshing/adding decorations (kids specifically noticed that there was no large inflatable spider this year!)

- Bake Sale
 - Postponed for parent teacher interview night given the current health related concerns
 - Krista noting a high number of absences due to illness daily in the past few weeks
 - We will continue to keep this on the agenda and will do again

- Gingerbread House Competition/Other Christmas Events
 - Not sure about Christmas concert yet for early years/primary
 - Classes will be sure to have some type of celebration and Lead Team will have events throughout the week prior to Christmas
 - Krista to canvass the teachers to determine if school will offer a Gingerbread House Contest this year

- CSAC Funds Allocation Discussion
 - When teachers were surveyed about specific needs, feedback was that teachers appreciated the \$200 last year to buy what their classroom needed – all in agreement that we will do that again this year, for a total of \$4000 (19 classrooms and the “ToolBox” classroom)
 - Given that there not cash at school, we cannot sell pop/chips etc. at our events (movie and bingo for example) so we will need that to come out of our budget
 - Last year, Eric heard from parents that they appreciated the community charitable donation on behalf of the school council
 - The Group decides that a \$425 donation to be given to SEB family fund for support over the holiday season as a charitable donation on behalf of each student at SEB

*Thank you to the Ainsworth family who arranged a STAR mascot for SEB (and thank you to Gracie for modeling for us!)

- Adjournment at 7:30pm

Next Meeting: January 19 2023, 6pm SEB Learning Commons (virtual link available if requested)

Minutes by Cathy McDonald-Reis, Secretary

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