

Sir Edgar Bauer Catholic School



Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC) Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday

Present: Cheryl Beaupre, Eric Thuss, Jelena Loncar-Vines, Melanie Ainsworth, Melissa Wooster, Tanya Hunter, Melissa Kuntz, Lanette Kym, Rebecca Ernewein, Trevor Tiley, David Rozek, , Lindsay Egan, Haja Nabie

Regrets: Melissa Skanes, Kani Uhuotu, David Rozek

In Person meeting began at 6:00 in the Learning Commons at SEB

- Welcome/Introductions (All)
- Territorial Acknowledgement/Prayer
- Review of Minutes of Last Meeting
 - Minutes reviewed and approved to be posted on School Website
- Parish Update (Dina Guajardo – Lay Pastoral Minister)
 - Link for Children's liturgy – JK – Gr 4
 - Youth Ministry Gr 5-12
 - Registrations continue to be open for First Communion and Confirmation – available on the website
 - Tanya met with Father and Dina (together with St Nicholas' school Principal) – Mass encouraged to be at SEB in the gym to avoid the issue of bussing (cost and availability); one for Advent, one Lent and one Easter – official mass to be held all 3 times (not just liturgy)
- School Council Financial Report (Eric)
 - Current balance is 2,677.17 – note that it appears that some Spookathon fundraising may have started to come in already
- Principal Update
 - School Improvement Plan – Math and Language focus; equity and wellbeing are top priorities
 - EQAO:
 - Primary (Gr3 last year) reading 84% writing 82% math 74%
 - Jr (Gr 6 last year) reading 79% writing 88% math 56% (math up 20% from last year!!)
 - Students/parents received individual results this week
 - *Chart below for SEB's results compared to Board, Province – order is reading, writing, math

2023	School	Board	Province
Primary	84%, 82% 74%	75% 66% 62%	73% 66% 60%
Junior	79% 88% 56%	84% 85% 54%	84% 84% 50%

- Staffing – Thanksgiving is deadline for Board Office to move/switch classes – SEB did not have to reorganize!!
 - FDK classes are high, both classes at 28 but did not have to be switched/changed/moved
- YearBook – noted to be a big undertaking – is there anyone interested? Melanie A is interested – Eric to also reach out to the rest of the parents from the past as well
- All yard bins have been inventoried and topped up – items for kids to play with outside at recess
- “Shining Stars” – appear to be going well – students are “caught” doing well/good things and there is a draw at the end of the week
 - “left over ballets” are used as impromptu rewards (fun having by all!)
 - Tanya noted improvement in behavior – in yard, hallways etc.
- Healthy Schools – we have been registered with the Public Health Department Initiative to promote healthy living, healthy choices, healthy lifestyle etc. – Gr 6 students are involved; Haja is going to be our parent rep on this committee with the school staff
- Strong Start is up and running
- Choir – parent Stephanie Schmitke has offered to practice in the library for Gr 2-4
- Boys’ volleyball and Girl’s basketball also running right now
- Library Club and free play in the gym also running for Gr 7-8 – an “escape” for kids who may not want to go outside – variety of activities and options for them
- 2 guest speakers have come in already – Chris Grey (retired wrestler), motivational speaker for the Gr 4-8 and Steve Seftel spoke to kids K-Gr3 about worries, reaching goals etc.
- Fundraising
 - Cookie dough fundraiser is a go – Tanya will share info on Nov 20 (close Dec 6)
 - Proceeds from this to be used for volleyball nets which need replacement
- Candace is working on pizza lunches – she has sourced out compliance with the regulations – cost is 0.25 higher (\$2 per slice). Has gone out on Cath on Line for November (Kids are excited!)

Halloween

- Spooky door contest will run
- Pumpkin Carving contest to also run again
- Spookathon – Cheryl

- We all agree to finger lights (there should be some left from last year)
 - DJ – Melanie and her husband will provide the service again – we agree to pay her \$250
 - Decorations – we agree to earmark funds to update some things as have not purchased anything for many years (Melanie and Melissa to help with doing inventory for this); approx. \$250
 - Gr 7/8 students did put up and clean up last year and worked well – this can happen again (parent volunteers will be there to assist)
 - Budget - \$600 – all in agreement (we will also purchase \$5 gift cards (19) one for each class for a draw for kids who participate in the fundraising within this budget)
 - Tonya and Lindsay will work on a schedule for kids to participate
 - Melissa, Laynette and Melanie will be volunteers to help on that day
- New Agenda Item – Science Fair
 - Eric to take on planning this – for possibly January?
 - All grade levels able to participate – Tanya supports this being in the gym
 - Playground
 - Tanya reached out to Board Level Staff regarding playground being accessible – both structure and mulch do not meet accessibility standards
 - Mulch has been topped up for now as a short term solution to access the space
 - \$20-27,000 approx. cost estimate to “turf” the surface – that would include a fall absorption mat underneath – this will require planning given the cost
 - Discussion regarding the feasibility of updating the surface/access to the climber if the climber itself is not fully accessible to all children – group discussion about adding activities to the outside – Tanya will continue ask some questions and we will continue to talk about this as a goal – recognition that this would be a multi year initiative
 - We may consider BINGO Night in December – Ian Sine is currently back at SEB as a substitute teacher so we may take advantage him being back – Cathy and Lanette willing to run this if there is interest
 - Adjournment at 7:15pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday November 7 2023 6pm SEB Learning Commons

Meeting Dates:

November 7 2023

January 9 2024, February 6 2024, April 2 2024, May 7 2024

Minutes by Cathy McDonald-Reis, Secretary

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