

S.B.C.S.S – “A Celebration of People”
“Heart of the Community: Success for each -- a place for all”

St. Benedict Catholic School Advisory Council
Tuesday, January 21 2020

6:00

Room 111

Meeting called to order: 6:00

Welcome & Prayer: Margaret Ingoldsby

- **Principal’s Report** - Margaret Ingoldsby
 - With exams starting this week, there is focus on credits and cheating credits
 - Pastoral Plan Launch – Feb 19th at 4pm, St. Anthony Daniels
 - It will be a mass followed by a fellowship, parents from council are welcome to attend
 - SAC offered studying sessions for Grade 9’s and Grade 10-12’s
 - Grade 8 Night was a success – well attended
 - Mix-up with attendance for Parent council – make sure we are present next year
 - Do we know where our display board is ----- needs to be updated
 - Minutes will be placed on school website as a PDF under the Parents area
 - In the past there was a Google Docs document – decided not to continue using it
 - Bishop banquet is coming up on Tuesday May 5th at Resurrection High School
 - Waterloo Catholic Foundation host this event which is their biggest fundraiser (we received \$10,000 in sponsorship from them last year)
 - Offered to host the event – maybe next year, any ideas on a theme?
 - Director’s annual report can be found at the link below:
 - <https://www.wcdsb.ca/director-of-educations-annual-report-2018-19/>
- Introducing ‘40,000 Journeys’, similar to the ‘Carrying of the Cross’ journey that the schools participated in a few years ago. Stories from different schools will be highlighted weekly.
 - <https://www.wcdsb.ca/introducing-40000-journeys/>
- In our last meeting we discussed having access to Sharon Porty around arranging for a presenter – at this time she had no names to offer us
 - In the past, a health fair was put on with the help of Sharon incorporating community resources
 - Sandra, our social worker, is willing to team up with Sharon to create something similar for us

- **Chairs Report - Eric Vaz**
 - Attended CPIC meeting – there is an initiative to help parents help kids, what type of support do we need to offer
 - There are 3 ‘Financial Literacy Seminar’ being offered,
 - Session #1 at St. Benedicts on Wednesday January 22 – please send out as a Newswire to inform parents
 - Session #2 on Feb 4 at St. Mary’s
 - Session #3 on Feb 10 at St. David’s
 - Focus on removing barriers to learning – a living document of key indicators on how we can impact or make change
 - Survey was sent out to all the family of schools, only 12 people responded

- **Priorities and directions for Parent Portal - Anton Milardovic**
 - Focus needed on how to drive parent to go to the parents’ section
 - Is there a way to connect board/school/parents without duplicating work, for example linking to the Board website instead of duplicating the information?
 - Is there a parent on council that is familiar with Word Press if so, Anton can give access to help make updates to the website?
 - Need to review what is in the toolkit, duplicated information that is elsewhere on our website – link instead of it being a static document
 - Parent toolkit did what it was supposed to do for Grade 8 parents and students, now we need to modernize it
 - Documents need to be generic so that they do not need to be updates every year
 - Let’s get rid of the PDF’s and imbed the information
 - Calendar – any way to colour code entries, school/sports/clubs – short answer is no
 - Anton to reinvent Pathway document used in the past to help parents determine what information they may be looking for
 - Finally add a few more bullets under the C.S.A.C title to help direct parents
 - Also add somewhere regarding Used Uniforms – useful information for parents
 - Add the May 7 – Family of School Mass to council list of meeting dates

Next Meeting

- Revisit website – Anton to incorporate some changes – review before next meeting
- Update Council display board (located in the storage room attached to Rm111)
- Pro Grant

Meeting adjourned: 8:00pm

Next meeting: Thursday, February 27, 2020 6:00pm *note time change!**