

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

Thursday, February 27, 2020

6:30

Room 111

Meeting called to order: 6:30

Welcome & Prayer of Belonging: Margaret Ingoldsby

A. Principal’s Report - Marg

1. Job Action – Anton’s role part of action
 - a. Therefore, Marg sending Newswire instead of BENN
 - b. Please let other parents know anything related to job action and weather cancellations will come up on board website first
2. No progress reports if job action continues
3. See list of upcoming events on agenda
4. Special Olympics
 - a. SAC hoping to draft (sponsor) an athlete – up to 5
 - b. Board has link to special Olympics
 - c. Leadership group volunteering
 - d. Civvies Day money will go to it
5. Literacy Test scheduled, but may not go through depending on job action
 - a. Planning as if will happen
 - b. Is a ministry initiative and union is not supporting ministry initiatives at this time so working on solution
 - c. Board website has link
 - d. Literacy clubs (2) running at school, run by teachers who were hired for it through St. Louis so able to use the teachers from there
 - e. For those needing it, they can do it online now, or in summer if required – admin spoke to small group of students needing it to graduate this year. Trying to be pro-active
6. Parent teacher interviews TBD
7. Catholic Education Week/ Mental Health Awareness Week – activities being planned
8. Pastoral Launch was cancelled
 - a. “Gathered to Become” – be present to one another
 - i. Bob talked to students to challenge students to be present, listen to others, look up from phone, smile, be present
9. Lenten project – active living and grade 10 religion class working together on a “40 Days of Giving” initiative
 - Collecting donations for 3 organizations:
 - a. Children in Foster Care – Build-A-Bag Angels
 - b. Bridges Homeless Shelter
 - c. Cambridge Food Bank

10. Course selection – to be completed by Feb 28/2020

11. Job Action

- a. 1st stage no admin work – no impact on students
- b. 2nd stage – no impact to students, except things like ski trip because the ability to use on-call teachers to fill in has been withdrawn
 - i. Field trips we are reviewing every 2 weeks and cancelling 2 weeks at a time
 - ii. Sports teams for spring – do not collect money, but can start practice; do not pick team, but train so kids can still be active and if agreement made then have already started
 - iii. Did best to finish winter season of sports
 - iv. Strike day tentative on March 5

12. Budget survey – online – please fill this out because it is important to get feedback from parents

- a. On board website

13. Family of Schools joint initiative

- a. Teleconference meeting and decided Dr. Jenn from the Umbrella Project
- b. Talk about next steps for schools from what her
- c. May 7 – Mass at 6pm, Dr. Jenn 7:30-8:30

B. Student Council Update

SAC hosted many successful events in January & February

Some key events for February:

1. Valentine's events – carnation sales, matchmaker survey and candy-grams.
2. Civvies Day – \$ went to United Way
3. Pancakes for lunch on Shrove Tuesday
4. Ash Wednesday
5. Black history month celebrated

C. Chair Report - Eric

1. No CPIC meeting since last council meeting
2. Pro grants – application process with Mar 4 deadline
3. Parent Portal – at a stand still because of job action
4. Display board
 - a. Need for parent teacher interview night
5. March 26th next meeting instead of April 30 because Family of School's Mass is May 7. Will give us time to work on display board, discuss Bingo shirts, etc.
6. Would parents want to be part of volunteering at the school? We should make list of volunteer opportunities because there are many parents who have expressed an interest in volunteering but are unaware in which capacity there are opportunities

D. Bingo – Diane

1. Our first bingo assignment is Mar 3
2. Looking into possibly wearing Bennie's spirit wear as uniform for bingo. Carolyn is going to look into dress code since there was an indication that it would be changing in the near future

3. Laura is managing the volunteer schedule, so to add your name to the schedule, please contact her
4. There are extra assignments available every month for organizations to request to work. We collectively agreed to wait until we have been doing our regular schedule for a while before putting out the request for extra shifts
5. Charity Nights – Every 2 months the bingo hall puts on mandated charity nights. The way the event works is each organization advertises and recruits as many participants as they can to play bingo on charity nights. When the players purchase their playing package, they let the staff know they are there to support St. Benedict's. \$10 of every \$21.00 playing package purchased in support of St. Benedict's will go to our school. That money is not unrestricted, so the school is allowed to purchase whatever they wish without it having to fall within the usual guidelines.

March 26th – will be our last meeting of the year because May is the Family of Schools Mass

June 4th - year-end dinner

Meeting Adjourned: 7:40pm

Next Meeting: March 26 – regular meeting
May 7th - Family of Schools Mass
June 4th – end of year dinner

Minutes Submitted By: Diane Haddow