

Catholic Schools Advisory Council
St. Benedict Catholic Secondary School
Tuesday, December 8, 2020
Virtual Teams Meeting

1. Opening Prayer & Welcome - Margaret
Introductions

2. Territorial Acknowledgement - Margaret

I (we) would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather today is the land traditionally used by the Haudenosaunee, Anishinaabe and Neutral People. I (we) also acknowledge the enduring presence and deep traditional knowledge, laws, and philosophies of the Indigenous People with whom we share this land today

3. Call for Additional Agenda Items – Margaret

4. Minutes of Last Meeting/New Business Arising – Eric

- Motion to accept previous minutes by Eric, 2nd by Diane
- Parent corner – people at previous meeting were asked to bring any ideas forward
- Marg to ask Anton how many clicks the site gets to we know how relevant it is
- A lot of info now is from 2017, and has dates etc so going forward the content should be more generic and any content that has dates associated we are monitoring for relevance
- If no traffic, we will know there is little need
- A lot of content there right now represent regular school life, not our new hybrid, pandemic-driven school life
- Using Online to market our school
- Grade 8 portals points in other school sites eric visited
- We had talked previously as a group to Anton about some changes to make, so Marg will check with him as to what notes he has from that meeting, what the plan is for going forward
- Registering for next year – grade 8 night Jan 14 – so important to put a page online about that
 - Lesley O’Toole, head of guidance, is talking about getting future Saints Online presence
 - Has to work on what to put on it because things are changing so quickly and will therefore change the information we have
 - Going to different departments to interview and put video together
 - Launch Jan 14/2021

5. SAC Report – Colin & Karina

- Students without Instagram – how will they access the information? SAC has put ig widget on SAC page for the website which allows anyone to view it
- November
 - Wrapped up Halloween week – pumpkin carving, coffee house, scavenger hunt, virtual movie night

- Not a great response for scavenger hunt or movie night – so later in the month they released the TEAMS idea – TEAM A vs TEAM B – submit and get points for your team. Work towards earning the Cohort Cup
 - Spirit week – grad wear released
 - Among Us murder mystery game
 - Cozy day
 - Spirit blackboards – students paint on blackboards
- December 14-18
 - Kahoot – can log on any time during the week – will have leader board
 - Feedback from students was difficult to sit through long video, so will do 5 minutes videos for teachers to play at beginning of the week with interactive activities, etc
 - Ugly sweater day
 - Price is right interactive game
 - Christmas tree competition
 - Bennies mascot hiding and seek
 - St. Mary's friendly competition toy drive-donated to CTV Toy Mountain. Winning school will give their jersey's to St. Mary's to wear

6. Principal Report – Margaret

Attached slide show:



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Highlights:

- Safety, equity
- New Staff presented
- Public health updates – forefront of most working days
 - Remind everyone to do COVID screening every day
 - Continue checking website
- Communication updates
 - Important: Aspen account
 - Report card – is it necessary to mail rather than email to save the cost? Since it is a legal document it is mandatory to send via mail. Have been trying to find a way to get them to the students, but with the different cohorts it is a difficult process. Also, some ongoing challenges with the new student information systems we have transitioned to this year has impacted it.
 - Has been an astronomical amount of work, but everyone is working extra time to get the system working
- Transition to Remote Learning
 - Trying to make it work best as possible
 - 139 switched to online learning
 - 73 additional left in 2nd semester, and 10 returned to face-to-face

- Goal is to have students back in the building
- School has done an amazing job of making it safe for students back
- Inclement Weather Day
 - Schools will be closed on inclement weather days and will do asynchronous learning
 - Teachers will be available for students to contact
- Graduation Packages
 - January 6th will be last day for pick up – have about 100 more to give out
- Thought Exchange
 - Equity is main topic of staff development
 - More information to follow
- Wellness Staff and Students
 - Major focus for the school
 - “Name It to Tame It”
 - Many resources available and the school is trying hard to share them with the community
- Building Successful Students
 - Another focus for the school
 - Trying to establish supports
- Important Dates
- Grade 8 Information Night – Can council do something? Link to parent portal. Also, maybe a forum for parents to ask other parents questions
 - Frequent Q&A’s posted
 - Marg will talk to Anton about putting a link to a google chat
 - Could have a google forum and populate an excel sheet
 - Will have to happen within the next week
- Graduation pictures – school negotiating with the photo company regarding safety protocol
 - There are a lot of COVID considerations
 - Regular student photos are a little easier because they will not be sitting down, etc.
 - Yearbook not likely unfortunately, but will do the composite of photos hopefully

7. Budget – Eric

- Pro Grant – funnelled through family of schools
- We were refunded for the umbrella project that was cancelled last year
- Have about \$2000 between that and this year’s
- Marg will ask at the next meeting with the family of schools
- Anyone who has ideas can offer suggestion of what to put the money towards – lots of speakers are now transition to online presentations so more options

8. Bingo – Diane

- \$5247.20
- Diane attended Cambridge Gaming Association AGM December 2, 2020. They are looking for people to sit on their Board of Director’s.
- Put in next BENN for requirements
- Need BofD volunteers

- Andrew Renner – idea
 - Better engagement with online presence – have zoom cameras and constantly having problems.
 - Students much more adept
 - Equipment
 - Coffee house, virtual, but when we
 - Livestream liturgy from stage
 - Way to resurrect SBTV – ranger system which is a big network of tv's, but the equipment is from 1996 so many parts broken and parts can't be replaced
 - So have had to prerecord
 - Live component is missing – live is more compelling
 - Grade 8 parent night
 - Live stream events
 - Have great theatre equipment, and wireless equipment
 - Building an infrastructure – PTZ Network Camera – can move around the school as needed
 - Virtual assembly
 - When able to return to school, can livestream basketball games, etc
 - Can start doing it this year and will continue to be used
 - \$10,000 total
 - May collaborate to share with Monsignor Doyle
 - Angus audio
 - Motion to propose to City – all in favour
 - Andrew will send detailed info to Diane
 - **amendment: Purchase approved by City of Cambridge so it will move forward

9. Discussion – All

- Supporting families this Christmas
 - Supporting 48 families with Christmas gift certificates

Meeting adjourned: 7:25pm

Minutes submitted by: Diane Haddow

Next Meeting: February 3, 2020