

Catholic Schools Advisory Council
St. Benedict Catholic Secondary School
Tuesday, November 23, 2021 Virtual Teams Meeting

1. Welcome & Open Prayers - Margaret Introductions

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

2. Minutes of last meeting/ New business arising

None

3. SAC Report – Co-Presidents - Madison

- Summary of October activities: distributed candy, fall coffee house, mini amazing race, pumpkin party and movie night ----- all successfully executed and well received by the students
- November kicked off with Kindness Week/Anti-Bully week
 - Messages on mirrors in bathroom to encourage kindness
 - Input boxes around school – used to use a locker on the second floor but are converting to a paperless system. QR code is located on the input boxes that directs students to a google form to submit ideas to SAC
 - Friday is known as Cultural music – students can make suggestions on what music they would like to hear
- Christmas is around the corner with activities still in the planning stage. Activities that are planned to date include: daily assemblies, candy grams, Photo booth and Christmas Cheer Item drive
 - Christmas Cheer item drive is already underway – donate sanitary items or make a cash donation on CashOnLine

7. Principal Report

- Bell Time changes coming into effect November 29 by 5 minutes
- Lunch time process – 20 minutes in 1st period and 20 minutes outside is suggested
- Semester 2 – hope to be back to 4 courses but is depended on Public Health approval
- Reminder to students to wear warm clothes since teachers are doing fresh air breaks
- Rapid tests will be made available for students but is not mandatory for over the holiday break
- COVID-19 School & Childcare screen tool – very useful.
- Operational guidelines are being updated as changes are implemented. Check the board website for the latest tools.
- PD date for February is incorrect in the Benn Letter
- Grade 9 – Math & Science will be taught in a “De-stream” but English, Geography & French will be “One Stream”

- De-stream – curriculum will be re-written
- One Stream – curriculum will not be re-written and will use Academic
- Suggestion to have an expert to come to our next meeting to explain the philosophy behind de-streaming and one stream
- New Pastoral Plan to commence, “Sent to Build: Building Bridges to Unite Communities” – how to move forward and help our school community through these challenging times
- New Drop OFF Area – highly successful, the changes have shown a great deal of improvement on drop off and pick up times around the school.
 - Next steps – permanent signs from the Board and possibly painting curbs – red to indicate fire routes
- Fall Athletics were back at Bennies and very successful – a few D8 championships were achieved. Only D8 is under way, no CWOSSA or OFFSA being run at this time.
- Many different clubs for students to choose from
- Safe School Ambassador Program – 13 students selected from Grade 9-11, their objective to be advocates for a safe school. Preventing bullying, mistreatments and harmful behaviours from occurring. These students are trained on how to socially influence the students around them. Students typically hear about these incidents before the adults do.
 - <https://community-matters.org/programs-services/youth-empowerment-programs/safe-school-ambassadors/>
 - Not related to SRO-Policing program – no update regarding this program
- Guidance – Grade 8 visits will start next week – virtually as well as representatives to their schools

5. Other Reports

Bingo Update: (Diane)

2020 Total

\$7582.21

* we actually only worked one month prior to the lockdown, yet still received proceeds throughout the year which is amazing

2021 Year-To-Date Total

\$4659.67

Breakdown of Proceeds

Jan	\$505.97
Mar	\$306.47
Apr	\$644.09
Aug	\$617.10
Sept	\$1246.41
Oct	\$1339.70

Purchases

\$4997.99 towards live stream equipment in Feb 2021

Note:

- We will receive proceeds for Nov and Dec since we will have worked 3 assignments (2 in November and 1 in December).
- Going forward after Bingo returns to pre-Covid attendance and sessions it would be accurate to guess the proceed amounts/yearly proceeds will be higher, as you can see in the difference between earlier this year and the past couple of months
- At AGM – we are being encouraged to help our communities with some donations. All was in agreement to do donations to Bridges, Food Bank and St. Vincent de Paul. Will request approval for these donations

6. Discussion Items for Next meeting

- De-stream/One Stream discussion
- Update on BTE Engineering investigating into Traffic study
- Semester 2
- Discussion on how to use our Pro Grant money

Meeting adjourned: 7:25pm

Minutes submitted by: Nicole Carriere

Next Meeting: January 25th @ 6pm