

Catholic Schools Advisory Council  
St. Benedict Catholic Secondary School  
Tuesday, September 27, 2022

**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. Introductions**

**3. Elections**

Chair – Denise

Secretary – Nicole

Dianna – would consider to be Co-chair or do the finance for the bingo. Taken off-line to discuss with Denise

**4. Minutes of last meeting/ New business arising** - None

**5. SAC Report – Co-Presidents – Ethan and Jewel**

- September
  - Civvies day Sept 28 – money to go towards Nutrition for learning
  - Music playing Wednesday in the café
  - Thursday - Welcome back bash
- Student Senate – theme is “From the Ground Up”
  - 2 initiates, one for Elementary and one for Secondary
- October – Spirit Month
  - Oct 13 – Pep Rally (football game, lights out club and food trucks)
  - Oct 19 – Outside movie night
  - Oct 25 – Coffee House – 7pm-9pm, Mr. Renner is running
  - Oct 26 – Civvies days, pumpkin painting
  - Oct 28 – Haunted house, Cosmo department handles a lot
- November
  - Nov 3 - Home Coming Dance
  - Nov 14 – Club Fair ---- QR code to connect with the students
- Spirit Wear design contest --- design and have available for sale in November Spirit shop

**6. Principal Report**

- Covid Restrictions have been removed
  - Best tool is to use school screening application – updated according to latest guidelines

- School size has grown, approximately 1720 students, 105 teachers, 16 EA/CYW, 11 Custodians
- New Vice Principal Mr. Figueiredo
- Upcoming dates:
  - October 18 ---- Awards Night
  - Opening liturgy will be held before Thanksgiving. Grade 9's will celebrate in the gym with the rest of the school by live stream.
- School improvement planning
  - Faith & Well Being
  - Curriculum & Achievement
  - Pathways & Engagement
- Ministry of Education
  - Tutoring will continue at the school but how often still needs to be determined
  - Volunteer hours for Graduates are back up to 40 hours
  - OSSLT will continue to be ONLINE and can be scheduled easily, planning for a Fall date and Spring date
  - New curriculum
    - Revised Sci & Tech for grades 1-8
    - De-stream Grade 9 science course
    - Revised Grade 10 Civics & Citizenship course
    - Grade 10 math addenda
- Transportation Study - on hold
- Student pickup & drop off
  - Good process and works when drivers follow the guidelines
  - There are drivers that are creeping back to old habits and blocking emergency routes
  - New crosswalk installed and students are using that more often
- Communication
  - Due to privacy, staff list is no longer displayed on the website
  - Email address format is: **firstname.lastname@wcdsb.ca**
  - Parents should update the school with current email addresses, since this is one of the ways the school communicates information
  - Parents can have their own ASPEN account to access their student's information
- Emergency procedures
  - Same emergency procedures that exist at the elementary schools are also used at the high schools
  - Teachers are trained in these procedures and do practice them similar to the fire drills and lockdowns procedure that are practiced with the students
- CPIC - commissioning of Chairs is scheduled for November 4<sup>th</sup>

## 7. Other Reports

### **Bingo Update:** (Denise)

- Balance in account: over \$13000
  - Outstanding invoice for Benches not debited from account yet - \$2000
- Funds are to be used to benefit the community as a whole (school and could include surrounding neighbourhood)
- Municipality must approve any projects that use the funds that we receive

- Projects that have benefited from bingo funding:
  - 2021/2022 – funds were put towards the benches and we did donations to St. Vincent de Paul/Food Bank/Bridges
  - 2020/2021 – video streaming equipment
  - Need some project ideas on how to send our money
    - Bleachers for the track (permanent or rentals)
    - Electronic sign replacement
    - Any other ideas????
- Easy program to be involved if you have the volunteers
  - we had 4 volunteers at the beginning of the school year
    - recently added 3 new volunteers
    - 2 more have volunteered at the meeting
    - Interested volunteers need to do a 2-step training – online and shadowing for 1 shift,
    - One line training link: <https://www.charitablegaming.com/volunteer-training>
- Our bingo slot is on Tuesday from 9pm-11pm (changing in the new year to 8pm-10pm) and Fridays from 7pm-9pm
- Denise will send out a googles document that all can see with dates and who has volunteered
- **Upcoming Bingo dates:** Oct 11 (2 volunteers), Nov 8 (1 volunteers), Nov 11, Dec 6 and Dec 30.
- Uniforms will be required – casual dark pants (no jeans), navy polo shirts with school logo and closed toed shoes (no running shoes)
  - please let Denise know if you require a shirt

## 8. Discussion Items

- Parent teacher interviews ---- October 27
  - We should have a council board set up – with parents covering it
  - Marg to ask Hospitality to make coffee and cookies for us to have at the table
  - Denise to put together some slides
  - 2:30-4:30 and then 5:30-7:30 – needs volunteers to be at the table
- Guest Speakers or Presentations
  - Ideas: mental health/illness, re-integration, how to handle stress, equality
  - Marg to reach out to the other schools – see if we could join our efforts and have the presenters do multiple schools
- Permission to use parents' emails --- at the end meeting, parents provided their email address to Nicole so that we can email directly. Nicole to provide those email addresses to Denise and also will send out meeting minutes link once approved by Marg.

**Meeting adjourned: 7:45pm**

**Minutes submitted by: Nicole Carriere**

**Next Meeting: Nov22 @ 6:00pm**