

Catholic Schools Advisory Council
St. Benedict Catholic Secondary School
Tuesday, November 22, 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. Minutes of last meeting/ New business arising - None

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

- November
 - Monthly debrief 1st Wednesday of each month for each class
 - Nov 3 - Home Coming Dance – very successful
 - Nov 16 – Prep rally for Girls Basketball game – they won
 - Nov 18 – Club Fair in the cafe ---- QR code to connect with the students
 - Nov 30 – Civics Day – proceeds going to Fire Fighters/Salvation Army Toy Drive
- December
 - Dec 1 – Deck the halls – Christmas tree in Atrium and decorations around school
 - Student Senate initiative – Christmas Cheer –
 - focus will be Bridges Homeless shelter – request to send out the initiative by Newswire so parents are also aware of this event
 - to make it fun there may be a competition between all the high schools in the region ---- more to come
 - Dec 8 – Leadership conference that both Ethan and Jewel will be a part of
 - Dec 18-23 – schedule of different activities which are still being finalized
 - Dec 21 – Civics Day
 - Dec 22 – potential Assembly or Ugly sweater day – not finalized
- Semi Formal after Christmas break
 - Inquired about increasing the number of students allowed to attend
 - Much organization from SAC and volunteering from staff to accomplish event
 - No parent volunteering is allowed

6. Principal Report

- Best tool is to use school screening application – updated according to latest guidelines
 - No mandate to start wearing masks, there are both students and staff that have started to where them.
- Cash online is the wave of future – please encourage families to sign up if you know people who don't use it

- Bullying Awareness month
- OAPCE Waterloo meeting schedule for Wednesday November 23
- EQAO results will be shared at January's meeting due to time constraint
- Equity --- meetings are being held with Students to determine activities
 - Students and teachers have been working together to determine activities to increase the visibility of Equity in our school and community
 - In the new year the next step will be to include parents in these discussions
 - Tonight, there is a presentation in the café from Guelph Black Heritage Society as identified by one of our students
- Events completed
 - Night football game
 - Community Tree Ceremony
 - Awards Night
 - Parent teacher Interviews – back in person instead of online
- Upcoming Events
 - Advent is schedule to kick off this week in the school
 - Dec 1 - Grade 8 Night
 - DEC 8/9/10 - ELF the musical– tickets available on “Cash Online”
 - Dec 14 – Advent Mass – hoping to hold in the gym with the whole school
- Request to group our Pic Grant money of \$500 with our Family of Schools to bring in a guest speaker, Paul Davis
 - Paul Davis is highly recommended for both students and parents and focus' on online presence and safety
 - Schedule for May 4 which is during Education Week and will be open to all parents including parents from our Elementary Schools
- Chaplain Bob came into the meeting and introduced himself and what his role as Chaplain at the school is

7. Other Reports

Bingo Update: (Denise)

- Balance in account: over \$12,795 (balance should not exceed \$20,000)
- 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
- Need some project ideas on how to spend our money
 - Bleachers for the track (permanent or rentals)
 - Electronic sign replacement
 - Audio system in the gym
- Easy program to be involved if you have the volunteers
 - Interested volunteers need to do a 2-step training–online & shadowing for 1 shift
 - One line training link: <https://www.charitablegaming.com/volunteer-training>
 - Link to our online schedule:
[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/151xNibdiyWftvBYF-4kLf - A64M8ap121VVJAU7oH3M/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/151xNibdiyWftvBYF-4kLf-A64M8ap121VVJAU7oH3M/edit?usp=sharing)
- 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. Next Meeting Items:

- EQAO results
- Bingo Money Spending – discuss what to spend our money on

Meeting adjourned: 7:00pm

Minutes submitted by: Nicole Carriere

Next Meeting: January 24 @ 6:00pm