

Catholic Schools Advisory Council
St. Benedict Catholic Secondary School
Tuesday, February 7, 2023

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

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

- January
 - Coffee/cram event – very successful and thankful for all the teacher volunteers
 - Bell Let's Tall–step away from Bell centric and focus more on Mental Awareness
- February
 - Feb 2 – Semi Formal at Bingaman's
 - Venue was great, no behavioral issues
 - 500 attended between students, teacher volunteers
 - Not much on a wait list, believe more advertising helped
 - Require 1 staff member for every 50 students
 - Feb 7/8/9 – carnations went on sale, delivery to classes on Feb 14
 - Feb 8 – SAC debrief during 3rd period
 - Feb 15 – Coffee House
 - Feb 17 New semester Assembly
 - Replacement of Christmas assembly that was cancelled due to snow day
 - Pep rally that was planned – reschedule for spring
- Suggestion to use QR codes more often
- Christmas fundraiser was successful, there were some logistic problems with Bridges storing all the donation. Keep in mind for next Christmas
- Youth Creativity Fund – Jen Brunskill mentioned to Denise
 - Giving away \$1000, just need to apply
 - Grants are given for creating a solution to a problem
 - Ethan to bring to SAC and Margaret to bring to other clubs

6. Principal Report



SBCSS February
2023 CSAC Mtg.pdf

- Slide presentation
- EQAO results be viewed - <https://www.eqao.com/report/?id=267&mident=776726>

- Grade 9 math was 49% achieved level 3 or 4 – higher than the board
- Next steps will include how to shift our mind set to gain improvements
- OSSLT – 87% achieved success
- Graduation is scheduled for June 27 at the Forward Church, allocating 2 tickets per graduate - more information will be sent out
- Prom will not be run by the school – Student run
- School Improvement Planning lines up with the Spiritual plan
 - Awaken to belong, Ignite to Believe and Strengthen to Become (Spiritual)
 - Plans are fluid which enables them to change if required to realign
- Staff speaker on PD Day – Vicky Olatundun (Equity action)
- Upcoming Dates:
 - On-going tutoring – Monday, Wednesday and Fridays after school
 - Ach Wednesday Liturgy
 - Athletics Winter Seas finals
 - Grad Photos – Feb 15 (still spots available)
 - Report Cards – Feb 16
 - Next meeting – Mar 28
 - Parent teacher interviews – Apr 5
 - CEW – May 1-5
 - Speaker – Paul Davis is schedule for May 4

7. Other Reports

Bingo Update: (Denise)

- Balance in account: \$15,276.83 (balance should not exceed \$20,000)
- No sessions booked for February, please review the schedule and add your name if you have availability
- 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
 - Led Commercial TV – outside library trophy case – quote from Angus – apply to the city for approval
 - Bleachers for the track (permanent or rentals)
 - Audio system in the gym
 - Electronic sign ---- wait until traffic solution is decided before considering this
 - Speaker that is scheduled to come in Cara Filler
 - Originally scheduled for Grade 11 and 12
 - Considering opening up to Grade 9 and 10 – additional costs – can the bingo funds cover the additional costs ??
 - Follow up with Ms. Kreuger to determine if this is an option
 - Tentatively booked for May 31st

8. Next Meeting Items:

- Bingo Money Spending – update

Meeting adjourned: 7:40pm
Minutes submitted by: Nicole Carriere
Next Meeting: March 28 @ 6:00pm