

Catholic Schools Advisory Council
St. Benedict Catholic Secondary School
Tuesday, Mar 28, 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

April 5 – Council Booth at Parent/Teacher Interviews

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

- April
 - Easter - Easter egg hunt using a QR code to submit and prize (spirit wear)
 - Mental Health Day – week prior to Easter
 - Therapy dog days - returning
- May
 - Co-pres elections
 - SAC application submissions open
 - May 4 – Neon Night Dance – 6-9
 - May 18 – Indoor Movie
 - May 24 – Spark – SAC only event
 - May 31 – Cara Filler – 2 presentations planned
 - Asian Heritage Month – will do something similar to other months
 - Pep rally planned for the soccer teams – held outside with food trucks available
 - MOPA (Most outrageous paint activities) – date TBD
- June
 - Relay for life – co-ordinated by leadership team
 - June 16 – Year-end assembly
 - Coffee and Cram – date TBD
 - End of Year BBQ – talks have begun, still in planning stage
 - Athletic Banquet
 - Many different Cultural Days – planning days that will focus on each culture
 - Planning a New/Gentle Used School Supply event
 - Planning stages of doing a Thrift Store partnered with Monseigneur Doyle
 - Clothing donations will be taken
 - Small price for items which will be donated to an ‘Environmentally Sustainable Group’

4. Principal Report

- Administration changes

- Mr. Stehik (VP) will be moving to Monseigneur Doyle
- Ms. Kamta will setup up as VP
- Progress reports are out week of March 28
- Parent teacher interviews are scheduled for April 5
- PD days coming Mar 31, April 21
- April 19th – Literacy test – Students writing the test will attend school that day others do Asynchronous at home
- Transition Meetings are under way for Grade 8's - team is out to our Elementary Schools to meet with teachers, students and parents
- Lenten Food Drive – focussing on cereal this year
- Parents page on our Board website – wealth of information
- Catholic Education Week is May 1-5
 - Speaker – Paul Davis is schedule for May 4 at 6pm in the cafeteria
 - Mass or Prayer to occur prior to Speaking engagement at 5:30
- Graduation is scheduled for June 27 – tickets will be available soon
 - 2 tickets will be available for each student
 - Ceremony will be streamed for viewing at home

5. Other Reports

Bingo Update: (Denise)

- Balance in account: \$17,257.57 (balance should not exceed \$20,000)
- Please review the schedule and add your name if you have availability
- Thinking of giving up June 30 and some of the summer dates if we don't get volunteers
- 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
- Approved items: (not deducted from our account yet)
 - Led Commercial TV – outside library trophy case – Ordered - **\$2395**
 - Speaker that is scheduled to come in Cara Filler
 - Update – 2 sessions booked and we were able to assist with costs - **\$3500**
 - Booked for May 30th or 31st
- Project ideas:
 - End of Year School BBQ held by SAC – determine if we can assist
 - Bleachers for the track (permanent or rentals)
 - Audio system in the gym
 - Electronic sign ---- wait until traffic solution is decided before considering this

7. Next Meeting Items:

- None

Meeting adjourned: 7:30pm

Minutes submitted by: Nicole Carriere

Next Meeting: May 4 @ 5:30pm (Liturgy-5:30, Presentation-6pm, Meeting- 7:30)