

Catholic Schools Advisory Council
St. Benedict Catholic Secondary School
Tuesday March 26, 2024 @ 6PM in room 111

1. Welcome & Open Prayers - Jordan

Territorial Acknowledgement – Jordan

I (we) would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather today is the land traditionally cared for 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. SAC Report – Jordan

- The SAC co-presidents were unable to join the meeting. Jordan provided a brief update on some of the SAC activities.
- Episode 6 of SBTV was recorded in February. Jordan shared this with CSAC via email.
- Among many other events, there was a staff/student dodgeball game and a movie night and paint night during February.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

- The minutes of the last meeting were accepted and have been posted to the school website.

4. Principal Report

- Policies and Procedures for semester 2 – Hall Pass and Plan for Lunch time
 - The new Hall Pass System was implemented at the beginning of Semester 2. This system is based on “respect, 5 minutes, same floor and washroom expectations”. Generally any student in the hallways during class time are required to have a hall pass. There are now 3 hall monitors – one on each floor.
 - There seem to be less disruptions in the hallways during class time as a result of this system. Jordan will continue to get feedback from both the staff and students.
 - The school is still evaluating modifying the schedule to include 2 different lunch periods. Two out of the five high schools in the board have gone to this model. With enrolment just over 1800, there would be many benefits of two lunch periods. This will continue to be evaluated for possible implementation in September.
- Grad Update
 - The liturgy/grad breakfast is scheduled for May 30th and convocation is scheduled for June 10th at Centre in the Square.
 - Hospitality will cater the grad breakfast. There are 415 to 420 grade 12s.
 - Payment for convocation has been open for the last month and closed yesterday. So far, about 330 grads have paid.
 - The facility can accommodate up to 1900 (including the grads). Once numbers are tallied, additional tickets will be offered if available.
- Cafeteria Update

- The board has tendered cafeteria services and this closes soon. Depending on the results of this tender, cafeteria services will begin in September 2024. St. Benedict will not be bringing any food into the school in the meantime.
- Uniform Update
 - The board has issued a tender for uniforms. A number of different companies have showcased what they will offer.
 - Once the company is chosen, individual schools will decide on various options. Joggers are being considered.
 - Changes to the uniform will not be implemented until January 2025 at the earliest.
- Round-About (public sharing)
 - The Region of Waterloo is hosting an open-house to present the outcome of the preliminary design study for the changes to the intersections at Franklin/Saginaw/Elgin Street.
 - This is scheduled for April 25th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, with a short presentation at 7 pm.

5. Other Reports: Budget

- BINGO program
 - The St. Benedict BINGO balance (as of the end of February 2024) is \$6,072.33.
 - During February 2024, \$9,746.25 of the BINGO money was spent on 3D printers for the school.
 - A number of additional volunteers were added as a result of the message put out via school messenger. Even more volunteers are appreciated.
 - St. Benedict generally has one shift per month and makes \$1,000 to \$2,000 for every shift.
 - The group needs to think about ways to spend this money so that there is a benefit to the whole school community.
 - Jordan will get a quote on bleachers.
 - Jordan spoke about the Communitech (or GIMI) project that will cover the cost of a mural for the outside of the school. The cost of mounting the mural will not be covered and it may be possible for BINGO money to cover this.

6. Discussion Items

- Staff appreciation breakfast in June
 - CSAC and SAC will organize a staff appreciation breakfast in June. A possible date of June 21st was discussed. This will be an exam day and the breakfast could occur following the exam period.
 - Kiera offered to lead this initiative.
 - Jordan has about \$800 in funding that can be used.
 - Dianna will reach out to Remember Me Inc. for pricing and to determine if there is a minimum spend.
 - The warm food could be ordered from Remember Me Inc. with other items purchased separately to supplement.
 - Chef D's could be a possibility for catering as well.
- Saints Fund Donation Link
 - St. Benedict has been set up with an account through the Catholic Community Foundation. This allows for individuals to make donations to St. Benedict.
 - There is now an active link for donations.

- The group can think about specific campaigns and perhaps something could be implemented close to Christmas next year.
- CPIC Events
 - April 9th – Presentation on cyber safety.
 - April 9th – presentation on human trafficking.
- Other
 - Jordan will speak to the family of schools about using funding from ProGrant to bring in a guest speaker during catholic education week.
 - The next CSAC meeting will be held during catholic week (week of May 6th) and will be combined with a family of schools event. More information to come.

Meeting adjourned: 7:30pm

Minutes submitted by: Denise Burgess

Next Meeting: Week of May 6th, 2024 - time/date TBD.