

Catholic School Council

Minutes for meeting 14 January, 2020

Present: Lisa Gorrell, Pat Rampp, Jo Belanger, Brian Hearn, Lori Giacomuzzo (chair), 3 parents, 1 community representative

Sign in sheet was circulated

Call to order at 1800 hours

Opening Prayer

From the Chair:

- History of school project. Chair has met that day with a former teacher who was involved heavily in the NCC 2010 fifty year anniversary celebration. A fantastic newspaper was produced for this event and some original copies have been excavated from Mr. Ramp's office. It will be great information for the project. In addition, a commemorative DVD was put together for the event which teachers are sure we can dig up. Two parents met last week to do some research at the library archives. Chair has been gathering other information from the internet and archives. Chair will make a visit to school in the next month for some photos and research. Reminder that anyone who has any information can send it to the chair. The project should be wrapped up by spring with the chair providing information to contacts at the board office.

From Principal

- Grade 7-12 model update: School board has provided no further updates or information on the proposal of the model since our last meeting. There have been several supervisory officer and other staffing changes at the board office recently and this might explain the lack of information/communication. It is becoming rather evident, given the lack of movement on this initiative that a September 2020 implementation is not likely.
- Several extensive architectural visits to NCC have occurred in the last few weeks, which could mean some work in the future.
- Principal will provide any updates on this issue as she becomes informed.
- NCC staff held a very positive meeting filled with discussions surrounding the proposed 7-12 model. Staff spent time discussing ideas related to the effects of the proposed model on stakeholders including all students, parents, community members, staff and faculty.

From Staff:

- OECTA job action is ongoing with full withdrawal of services expected for a day next week. Letter to all parents from the board office expected shortly. Currently No EQAO activity can be undertaken including prep and extracurricular EQAO. In addition report cards may be issued with no remarks or comments. Numeracy project with family of schools could be affected.
- 23 Jan starts exams. Contingency plan for inclement weather is that everything will shift by one day if there is a weather event to cancel busses. If only a few busses don't run, exams will go and those students missing exams will be slotted for exams at other r times.
- Christmas school diner was great success as well as spirit week and assembly.
- Teacher student basketball game was fantastic success and bleachers were full. Teachers won a well fraught for game.
- Spirit wear has arrived. This week, students instructed when to pick up items.
- Daniel Carrillo former Chicago Blackhawks player to speak on mental health issues to students on 18 February.

From Chaplaincy:

- 17 families assisted in the annual Christmas food sharing program. Very generous response by homerooms and students doing delivery. Jamaica mission set for March break. Students busy and excited as they received travel vaccinations today. Holding a fundraiser trivia night at Slapshots Bar on last Sunday in February. Social Justice club has some excellent activity this year with sponsorship of students in Nigeria and Kenya.

Round Table:

- Prayer request for staff and students as job action proceeds, for the Development and Peace organization as it undergoes some changes and challenges, the Australian flush fire situation, increased world tensions and travelling mercies.
- Will there be any strike action on exam day? Principle confirmed no there will not.
- Has NCC met their new neighbours at Grace Inn down the street? Principle said that yes a guidance councillor had visited the shelter to welcome them to the neighbourhood and had some good discussions surrounding opportunities for student co-op work.
- Chair is still looking for a volunteer parent to take minutes at meetings as she continues to play the role of secretary.

Next meeting 24 March 2020 6pm

Meeting adjourned at 1929.

