

Catholic School Council

Minutes for meeting 18 May 2021 virtually via MS Teams

Present: Lisa Gorrell, Graham Stuart, Mathew Snowdon, Brian Hearn, Lori Giacomuzzo (chair), 5 parents, and 1 student representatives

Call to order at 1800 hours

Opening Prayer

Welcome from Chair Lori Giacomuzzo

Student Rep update

- Instagram page for graduates to share plans for next year
- End of year videos and talent show planned
- Catholic Education week was a success
- Spring spirit wear postponed till fall
- Year book orders can be made now
- Still 86 orders short to make it happen
- Year books will be delivered in fall as usual
- Student senate arranging BINGO in cooperation with school board

Vice Principal Update

- New ASPEN system is in use, some growing pains expected
- He is the lead for the new system
- Grade 7/8 integration plan is progressing
- Renovations will commence for school to be ready in fall 2021

Chaplaincy Update

- Morning prayers via video are sent to each teacher to begin daily classes
- Reaching out to students via Instagram on continual basis
- Catholic education week was a success with theme of Christian hope
- Visited classes to discuss hope and why Catholic education matters
- Using visual pictures to engage students during class visits

Brian Hearn (teacher update)

- Ongoing challenges due to virtual learning
- Hoping for a return to real classroom in fall 2021

- Does not anticipate virtual learning has had a long term impact on students
- Teachers currently working a lot of one-on-one with students to facilitate leaning
- Feedback from students and parents very positive

Principal Update

- Success of Catholic education week
- Catholic education fund raised \$21000 in silent auction on line
- Octomester ends tomorrow
- Reports and comments will now be on ASPEN system
- End of June reports will be mailed out with all courses from this term on them
- Graduation plans will be dependent on current provincial lockdown being lifted
- No diplomas will be mailed out by ministry until decisions made on possible return to class
- Board wide survey on remote learning for next year is underway
- Remote learning will be possible next year but switching is only possible at the semester change
- Quadmester planned for September 2021
- Destreaming coming in fall 2021
- Fall registration has begun and is down from previous years
- Grade 7 and 8 plan is progressing to start in fall 2021
- Grade 7 and 8 students will wear full uniforms
- Lisa Gorrell announced her retirement for the end of this current school year in June 2021
- Announcements expected shortly on replacement

Other issues

- Chair Lori Giacomuzzo will not be returning in fall 2021 as her son is graduating this year

Adjournment 1920 hours

Next meeting Fall 2021