

St. Paul Catholic School Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 20th, 2021

Present: Stephen Amos, Pat Sukha, Suzanne Braithwaite, Madonna Howell, Nickie Harrison, Cathy Pye, Donna Power, Lori McCaw, Terry Quade, Lisa Romano, Phil Carney

Guest Speaker – Nancy Bettencourt, Public Health Nurse

- Reviewed case and contact management process
- Low-risk contact (caution, symptom awareness); High-risk contacts will be notified directly by HPE Public Health (advised to be tested within 5-7 days of exposure, isolate for 14 days after exposure)
- Contacts-of-contacts typically not asked to isolate
- Positive cases can come out of isolation after 10 days if symptoms are improving, no fever, etc.
- Outbreaks are different depending on the context (LTC – 1 case, School – 2 cases, one of which originated in the school/bus, and the 2 cases must be linked to one another)
- Vaccine coming in 3 phases; high-risk areas first + LTC residents and staff, Healthcare workers, Indigenous communities. Next frontline essential workers, industries, those with chronic conditions and their caregivers. Finally, anyone who wants to get immunized. Vaccines aren't "live," meaning we can't get COVID from the vaccine. Individuals must be 16 or older for one vaccine and 18 or older for the other at this point.
- A great selection of information at www.hpepublichealth.ca

Approval of September Minutes

Motion to approve put forward by Suzanne Braithwaite

Motion seconded by Donna Power

Treasurers Report

Balance of the account – \$6524.48

Deposits:

Dec. 1 \$1000 parent engagement grant

Debits:

Nov. 25 \$3000 for student laptops

Nov. 25 \$250 for Christmas Sharing food baskets

Principal's Report

- Proud of how quickly staff and students moved smoothly into remote learning, especially with Microsoft One Note, which puts everything at the students' fingertips
 - Mrs. Romano and Mr. Carney popping into classes – seeing student engagement and participation; lots of voices and participation in the chat
 - Students in the Lifeskills Development Centre have been learning at school for two weeks. Started with 9 at school, now up to 14 at school and 3 learning remotely.
- Students in our region will be returning to face-to-face school beginning Monday, January 25th
 - Re-launch of Suzanne Braithwaite's video as students transition back to mask wearing and handwashing

- New staff have joined since our last meeting due to placement changes and maternity leaves. Everyone is looking forward to meeting the new staff members in person!
- Hiring is underway for semester two which begins February 2nd
- Planning for 2021-2022 school year
 - Students have been working with Mr. Carney on a radio ad promoting St. Paul
 - Guidance busy putting together information about transitioning to high school for incoming grade 7 & 9 students
 - Online registrations for September have already started rolling in via the ALCDSB website

Teacher Rep Report – Nickie Harrison

- Student Success and Resource have been quite busy during this round of remote learning, supporting students to be successful with this mode of learning
- Youth Worker has been meeting with students remotely to support them
- Preparations are under way for course selections for next year. Information will come forward in a video format and posted so that students and families can review
- Mrs. McGrath & Mrs. Kilbreath looking to purchase a 3D printer for visual arts, design and communication technology. Looking for a \$500 donation from parent council to purchase cartridges.
 - Motion to donate \$500 from Donna Power, seconded by Suzanne Braithwaite

Student Council Report

- No report this month

Catholic School Council Business

- Madonna brought forward information about a program between the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board and Staples in Belleville so that parents can get a discount on Chromebooks. Is there anything like this deal available for ALCDSB students? Who would the contact person be at the board level for something like this?
 - Mr. Carney mentioned that this has been discussed at the board level. Mr. Carney agreed to follow up on this with someone from the school board office.
- Topics of interest: Bullying Prevention in Secondary Schools,
- Information about continuing as a remote learner should come out shortly

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 24th at 6:00 pm

- **Please contact Mrs. Romano or Mr. Carney if you would like to join the virtual meeting**